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Christmas at Tuscany's December 6, 2013



What a great day for a Volunteer Christmas get together! The conversation was light and joyful as volunteers, guests and staff of Faith in Action took a well-deserved break from volunteering and all the Christmas preparations. Thirty-Five Volunteers and guests enjoyed a great time of fellowship. This luncheon has become a yearly event and plans have already been made for next year's luncheon to be held December 5, 2014 at 11:00am.

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to enjoy a great group of friends for lunch next Christmas Season!



Faith in Action Transportation Volunteers



Our Transportation Volunteers Share Heart, Time and Miles

Each month our Transportation Volunteers are on-call to help our residents with many transport needs. These caring people give of their time and heart to help others remain active within our communities. While a lot of the scheduling is for local errands, shopping, and various appointments, the majority of the transportation requests are for medical visits. These appointments are not only for local facilities but for out-of-town appointments as well. This year we have averaged 75 transports monthly which involves approximately 25 Transport Volunteers!

Nilia's Corner

I can hardly believe the date at the top of this letter! *Where is the time all flying to?* When I look back at the beginning of our Faith in Action ministry I am amazed at how many ways God has blessed us. **We have grown from one Volunteer in September 2003 to 179 today, with 102 listed as active! We have grown from one Care Receiver to 749, with 279 currently active!**

Many lives have been touched and perhaps changed because someone cared to share a few minutes that was an invaluable gift to the receiver. If you are a Volunteer, thank you for being that someone! *We are always in need of volunteers who would be willing to visit one-on-one, help in the areas of transportation or ramp building. Should you be interested in plugging into any of these areas, call me and I will fill you in on how easy and rewarding it can be.*

This has been a very blessed year for Faith in Action! We can only look forward to the New Year with excitement and anticipation as we watch to see what God has in store for us in 2014!

Our wish for you is or a Happy, Safe and Healthy New Year! ~Nilia



Would you like to go to New York City?

Faith in Action is sponsoring a tour through Diamond Tours to spend 6 days and 5 nights in the "Big Apple" for ONE VERY LOW price of \$575! As a fundraiser FIA will receive \$30 for each ticket reserved. **The bus is beginning to fill up! A deposit of \$75 is being taken now with final payment due by 3/23/2014. Be sure to contact Judy Benton, by calling 466-6388 for more information or to reserve your seat on the bus.**



A few have shared with me the concern that their physical abilities or time is very limited. As much as they would like to be a part, they feel they have very little to offer as a volunteer. I remind them that prayer is the most powerful gift that could be given. **Our Prayer Partners are very valuable to FIAEC! To date we have 12 Volunteer Prayer Partners!!**

♥ **There is always a way to be Welcomed as a Volunteer!** ♥

THANK YOU for SUPPORTING FAITH IN ACTION!

As we begin a new year, I can't help but share my appreciation to all our many volunteers, congregations, donors and community supporters who have shared time, talents, finances and in-kind items both large and small, with our program. Thanks to our great community support, Faith in Action is growing and continues providing non-medical services for residents of Edgar County who live with chronic illness and/or long-term physical limitations. Our goal is to help our residents remain independently living in their homes for as long as it is safe and physically possible for them to do so.

Looking for Creative Ways of Sharing?☺

It is the generosity of this community that has made FIAEC a growing outreach program. Another creative means to help cut our expenses is through the donation of Office Supplies and Gas Cards. Basically any type of supplies used in an office setting such as reams of copy paper, 5160 Avery White, Easy Peel Address Labels, Forever Postage Stamps, etc. would be appreciated. Also \$10 gift cards from Wal-Mart or Casey's that are used for gas cards are very helpful. Faith in Action is a 501(c)3, non-profit, charitable organization. Therefore all donations are tax deductible.



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- Jan.8** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- Jan 28** - Card Angels Meet at 9:30AM
- Feb 5** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM
- Feb 14** - Valentine's Day
- Feb 15** - Chili Cook-Off 4:30PM - 7:30PM
- Mar 5** - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM

Reminder: Check us out on the WEB!
www.fiaec.com



The United Way Campaign 2013/2014
 is in full swing!
 Please support the
United Way of Edgar County

FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE!

<u>Service</u>	<u>October - November Hours</u>
Transportation	319
Visiting	9
Shopping/Errands	31
Light Housekeeping	8
Yard Work	0
Telephone Contacts	5
Sewing and Mending	0
Laundry	0
Meal Prep	0
Special Projects - (ramps/steps/handrails, etc.)	174
Special Care Receiver Event	0
Admin/Fundraising/Training	139
Total Hours	685
Total Miles Driven	4858

Volunteers reporting hours Average monthly: 26
 Contacts made with care receivers Average monthly: 95
VOLUNTEERS PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL-IN , MAIL or EMAIL YOUR SERVICE TIMES AND MILES ~ Thanks



We need Chili Chefs! Join the fun!



Faith in Action to Host 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off

This annual event will take place Saturday, February 15th, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. in the Family Life Center at Lake Ridge Christian Church, 122 E. Steidl Road, Paris. Chili makers are encouraged to enter their favorite pot of chili for competition. There is no entry fee! Each contestant will be asked to **provide three gallons** of their favorite chili. All who attend the dinner will cast a vote for the chili they consider to be their favorite. Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries receiving the most votes, in three categories of “Mild” and “Hot” and “Unique”. Medium will be categorized as “Mild”. The grand prize winner over-all will have their name engraved on a Grand Champion Chili-Cook Off plaque! This plaque proudly hangs in the FIA Office with the names of all former winners. The grand champion will also receive a trophy to commemorate their accomplishment. Each entry will receive a number the evening of the event. The entry will need to be designated as Hot, Mild or Unique. We encourage individuals, congregations, agencies, organizations, clubs and businesses to enter their favorite pot of chili and join the fun! We are limited to the first 18 entries.

So call soon to reserve your spot!

“Deadline for chili entry is Monday, February 10th.”

This is a great evening with light hearted friendly competition. It is also one of the two major fundraisers hosted by Faith in Action for the year. The GREAT CHANGE is that the fundraiser will be a DONATION DINNER! All you can eat Chili, Veggies, Hot Dogs, Cheese, Crackers, Drinks and Cookies will be included in your donation. The proceeds from this event will go to support the work of Faith in Action of Edgar County.

See and Share the enclosed Flyer and Chili Chef Sign-Up Sheet!

For questions, to enter your chili for competition or to receive information contact, Nila Nugent,



DID YOU KNOW?

1. To date we have had **179** volunteers who have enlisted as FIA Volunteers. Currently **102** are listed as active.
2. We have been an outreach for **749** residents and their families, with **280** currently listed as active.
3. Our Special Project volunteers have completed **330** wheelchair ramps for residents throughout the county. There is always a waiting list for Ramps, Step, Handrails and inside safety devices such as grab bars.
4. Since September 2003 Volunteers have driven over **321,500 miles** and shared more than **33,850 hours** of service by reaching out to neighbors who need a little help remaining independent.
5. Youth groups get involved, learning the joys of working together to help others with Spring and Fall Cleaning.
6. Services provided include Transportation, in-home Visiting, Telephoning, Sewing and Mending, Shopping and Errands, Yard Work, Laundry, Card Creating, Special Projects such as wheelchair ramp construction and minor home repair, and Clerical and Fundraising Assistance.
7. Services are provided at no charge to the Care Receiver.
8. Faith in Action is a Nonprofit, Interfaith, Volunteer, Care-giving program. All services are Non-medical.
9. We operate solely on donations, private grants, fundraisers, individual donations, congregation mission giving, and the United Way of Edgar County.
10. Faith in Action of Edgar County receives no government funding.
11. **31 congregations and 12 agencies partner with Faith in Action of Edgar County**
12. **Volunteers gain personal satisfaction knowing they are a valuable asset to their community by using their skills to help others who are in need.**

What You Should Know about the “Do Not Call List”

Has your evening or weekend been disrupted by a call from a telemarketer?

copied: <http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/do-not-call-list>

If so, you're not alone. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has been receiving complaints in increasing numbers from consumers throughout the nation about unwanted and uninvited calls to their homes from telemarketers. Pursuant to its authority under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA), the FCC established, together with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a national Do-Not-Call Registry. The registry is nationwide in scope, applies to all telemarketers (with the exception of certain non-profit organizations), and covers both interstate and intrastate telemarketing calls. Commercial telemarketers are not allowed to call you if your number is on the registry, subject to certain exceptions. As a result, consumers can, if they choose, reduce the number of unwanted phone calls to their homes.

Do-Not-Call Registry

You can register your phone numbers for free, and they will remain on the list until you remove them or discontinue service – there is no need to re-register numbers.

The Do-Not-Call registry does not prevent all unwanted calls. It does not cover the following:

- * calls from organizations with which you have established a business relationship;
- * calls for which you have given prior written permission;
- * calls which are not commercial or do not include unsolicited advertisements;
- * calls by or on behalf of tax-exempt non-profit organizations.

How to Register

For Consumers:

Subscribers may register their residential telephone number, *including wireless numbers*, on the national Do-Not-Call registry by telephone or by Internet at no cost.

Consumers can register on-line for the national do-not-call registry by going to www.donotcall.gov.

To register by telephone, consumers may call 1-888-382-1222: for TTY call 1-866-290-4236. You must call from the phone number you wish to register.

Filing a Do-Not-Call Complaint

In addition to complaints alleging violations of the national do-not-call list, you may also file a complaint against a telemarketer who is calling for a commercial purpose (e.g., not charitable organizations) IF:

- * The telemarketer calls before 8 AM or after 9 PM;
- * The telemarketer leaves a message, but fails to leave a phone number that you can call to sign up for their company specific do-not-call list;
- * You receive a telemarketing call from a company that you have previously requested not call you;
- * The telemarketing firm fails to identify itself;
- * You receive a pre-recorded commercial message from someone with whom you do not have an established business relationship and to whom you have not given permission to call you.

You can file a complaint by telephone to 1-888-CALL-FCC (1-888-225-5322)

If mailing a complaint, send it to:
Federal Communications Commission
Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints Division
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Faith in Action is a Service of the Heart

Happy Valentines Day!