

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## *Faith in Action Family and Friend Picnic June 29, 2013*



Even the threat of rain and an early shower couldn't affect the fun that everyone had at our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual FIA Family and Friend Picnic!** It was a really great time for everyone. A special thank you goes out to our picnic planner Judy Benton. We were all entertained by trivia, a spoon lacing game, and a unique construction build with marshmallows and spaghetti. The Highlight and Finale of our day took place when Rita Goodman shared her beautiful voice in a "Senior Version" of Julie Andrew's hit from the Sound of Music, "My Favorite Things". It was such a good time! Plan to join us next year in June for our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual FIA Family and Friend Picnic!**



Our builders....constructing Spaghetti/Marshmallow Towers! The Winners are on the right! Their Tower withstood the test of time!! Both were very unique and displayed contractor creativity!



### *Nilia's Corner*

This has been a very unique and challenging Summer! First of all I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers. Since April I have been dealing with a few health issues. Hopefully, by September things will be back on a more even keel and I will be running full speed ahead again! Just in time to gear up for all the exciting things that will be happening in Faith in Action in September! First of all we are looking forward to September 1, as it will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start-up of Faith in Action of Edgar County!! It is amazing to realize time has passed so quickly! I can honestly say that no two days has ever been the same. It truly is a unique ministry and I am so happy that I was chosen to a part of it! **Be watching for information pertaining to our Pray for Faith in Action Sunday and our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet!**

*Good Times are Coming!* 😊

**Have a Great Summer and May God Bless, ~ Nilia**

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**10**  
years

**Thursday, September 19, 2013**

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***Volunteer Appreciation Banquet!***

Mark you calendars for Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and plan to attend our 10<sup>th</sup> year Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. It will be held at the Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center. Dinner music will be provided by the blessed keyboard and vocal talent of Kevin Levellie, Minister of Nevins Christian Church. Then we will be captivated by the melodius sounds of the Bag Pipes presented to us by Paul Hinson, from Danville, IL. Once again a delicious dinner will be catered by McDaniel's Catering. The theme for our banquet is "Volunteers Making Memories"

**We have had a very blessed 10 years of ministry in Edgar County thanks to all of our Faith in Action of Edgar County VOLUNTEERS!**

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# Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteers!

Joan Brown and Ricky Arvine

We are happy to welcome Joan and Ricky into our Faith in Action family! Joan shares an interest in helping in a variety of areas as a Volunteer. She has recently helped with transportation and shopping which has been huge blessing! Ricky is a Special Projects Volunteer. Monte has already put him to work using his talents in wood working as a Ramp Builder. We are very fortunate to have both of these dedicated Volunteers working with us in FIAEC!

Thank You Joan and Ricky, Welcome Aboard!

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## THANK YOU to the FAMILY of VIRGIL HENSON

For hosting a McDonald's McEvent Night to benefit the Compassionate Food Pantry and Faith in Action of Edgar County! It was a great night! Your family's dedication to the nonprofit programs in Edgar County speaks well of your desire to keep the passion of "Big Virg" active in supporting organizations that do so much to help people in need.



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#### Calendar of Events

**\*COMING in \*July August September\***  
**July 3 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM -**  
**July 4 - Independence Day - Office Closed**  
**Aug.7 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM**  
**Sept. 1 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY FAITH IN ACTION -**  
**10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**  
**Sept. 2 - Labor Day - Office Closed**  
**Sept. 4 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM**  
**Sept 10 - Card Angels at FIA Meeting Room 9:30AM**  
**Faith in Action of Edgar County Week!**  
**Sept. 15th - Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Sept.15- Pray for FIAEC Sunday**  
**Celebrating OUR 10<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF SERVICE**  
**Sept.19- Volunteer Appreciation Banquet**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM-Lake Ridge Christian Church**  
**Family Life Center**

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**LIVE UNITED**



Support the United Way of Edgar County.  
Working together we DO make a difference!

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

##### MONTHS OF APRIL. ~ JUNE

<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Transportation	459
Visiting	12
Shopping/Errands	28
Light Housekeeping	11
Yard Work	10
Telephone Contacts	5
Sewing and Mending	6
Respite	0
Meal Prep	0
Special Projects	295
Special Care Activities	13
Office Assistance	167
Board Meetings/Fundraising	80
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1,086</b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b>8,939</b>
<b>Avg. Number of Volunteers reporting hours monthly:</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Contacts made with care receivers</b>	<b>357</b>

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

If you want to drop your timesheets after hours, use our little mail slot on the inside door.



# "Faithful Friends"

## Faith in Action of Edgar County

"Faithful Friends" is a way to donate a little to help out a lot! To date we have had 200 families become partners as Faithful Friends. It's very easy as you are never asked for your donation, but you agree to make a one-time donation as a Faithful Friend or being a 5-Year Faithful Friend by making a donation one-time a year for a period of 5 years. This effort is a tremendous help to the mission of Faith in Action. Our services are provided by volunteers at no charge to their receiver. We have built 312 wheelchair ramps as well as steps and handrails. Faith in Action provides the cost of the lumber when the receiver does not have the means to do so. FIA offers mileage reimbursement for our volunteer transportation drivers. Since we started providing service on September 1, 2003 our volunteers have driven 310,000 miles and provided 32,404 hours of a variety of services. We are reaching out and changing lives one person at a time. Please consider becoming a Faithful Friend or renewing your pledge today. For more information contact Nila Nugent, program director ~ 466-6388

A Flyer is enclosed in this newsletter. Should you want to join the Faithful Friends cut off the bottom portion and send with your choice of gift.

**We are proud to be a United Way Agency and operate solely on mission and charitable donations.**



### CHARITY CHOICE



Dr. Marilyn Marks-Frey is once again sponsoring this unique book sale each Saturday morning during the Farmer's Market on the Paris Square (weather permitting). She will be featuring an assortment of Military and History Books, Cook Books, Puzzles and Children's items. All books, games and puzzles are sold at an amazingly low price with all the money going to a local charity of the purchaser's choice! 100% of funds raised go to support the local charities in Edgar County. You get to choose the charity to receive the price of your purchase.

What a unique way to support the work of Faith in Action!



**I would like to share a letter we received from two former very caring volunteers. During their time of service with FIA, they were remarkable as volunteers as well as special friends to those who they shared their hearts. They are no longer able to serve, but they remain very dear to us.**

"Thank you so much for remembering my husband and me. It means so much. We received a card while here that is also meant for all of you in Faith in Action. I'm sending you a copy of it true, but it's meant from our hearts as well.

*"Somebody Loves You"*

*Remember this for it is true,*

*Your very special, somebody loves you.*

*Your name is called in countless prayers,*

*and that is because somebody cares.*

*Please don't forget, we hold you on high,*

*For God loves you and so do I.*

Thanks again for all you do for others and for remembering us for the years we worked with you. "

### *Notes of Appreciation*

**"Thank you so very much for a job well done in such a short time after my accident. There is no way I could get out with out that Ramp. A special thanks to Monte for a job well done in such a short time. You people are all the greatest. Thanks and God Bless."**

**"Thank you so very much for the ride June 17<sup>th</sup> to Danville, IL. It was so appreciated, more than words can say. May God Bless."**

**"Thank you for the ramp for my father. It has helped so much! The workmanship is wonderful. Thanks be to God for the service you provide!"**

**"Dear Friends, You'll never know how much I appreciate your having someone grocery shop for me. Simple yes, but hard for me at times. The lady was so very, very nice. Prayerfully...."**



**Faith in Action of Edgar County Bus Trip  
Washington D. C.  
April 18 – 23, 2013  
Judy Benton, Leader**



Early morning of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 34 excited passengers boarded the Diamond Tours Bus with Judy Benton as their leader and spent a very wonderful as well as educational trip in the Capitol City. They enjoyed two days of guided tours of the City as well as evening tours of the Memorials and Monuments. Judy is a Board of Director and Volunteer for Faith in Action of Edgar County. She leads these tours as a fundraiser for Faith in Action. Each trip is sponsored at a very affordable price which includes motorcoach, lodging, several meals, sight seeing and entertainment, gratuities as well as a donation for Faith in Action of Edgar County!

Her next Trip is coming in November! Sign up now to get in on the Holiday Trip to Nashville. TN!

**As Faith in Action of Edgar County Presents: Nashville Show Trip and Holiday Time!**

For an incredible price of \$506 per person, double occupancy you will spend 5 days and 4 nights in Nashville! This price includes Motorcoach transportation, lodging, 8 meals (4 breakfasts- 4 dinners), The Grand Ole Opry, Nashville Nightlife Dinner Theater, Exclusive Diamond Tours Dinner Party with Entertainment, Guided Tour of Nashville, admission into the Country Music Hall of Fame and Willie Nelson and Friends Museum, Tour of Belle Meade Plantation, ride on the Delta Flat Boats inside the Opryland Hotel, and much more! Call Judy today for information : (217)466-6388 or (217) 465-8169

**TRIP DATE: November 4 – 8, 2013**

*Friends Day - Out*



*May 30, 2013*

May 30<sup>th</sup> was a great opportunity to take a few friends out for the afternoon. This day was planned in honor of Mother's Day. Volunteers Judy Benton, Lillie and Marion Davis shared the afternoon with Linda Griffin, Charlene Ellington and Mary Duncan. It was a nice trip to the World's Largest Wind Chimes in Casey, IL. The group enjoyed a relaxing lunch at the Whiting Whimsy Restaurant. It was a good little afternoon get-away that created memories for everyone.