

Faith in Action of Edgar County

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Nila's Corner

It has been a really great month for Faith in Action. We welcomed four new care receivers, two new volunteers and **Judy Benton** as our Volunteer Office Assistant! Judy is a transportation volunteer and in her "spare" time will be helping out in the FIA Office!

WELCOME JUDY!

Just a little heads up...due to the increase in postage the FIA Newsletter will be printed every other month. IF you would like to receive your letter via email, drop me a line at faiec@joink.com. Or, if you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact our office or drop us an email.

☺ COMING JUNE 1, 2009 ☺

The FIAEC office will soon welcome a second member to our staff! **Cindy Soughers** has accepted the position of **Office Assistant**. She has a big heart for the work of FIA and is truly an asset to the program. Please stop by on Mondays or Wednesdays and welcome Cindy to her new position!

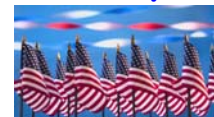
Have you considered your "margin"?----

Dr. Richard Swenson says, "The conditions of modern day living devour margin. If you're homeless we direct you to a shelter. If you're penniless we offer you food stamps. If you're breathless we connect you to oxygen. But if you're marginless we give you one more thing to do. Does this sound all too familiar? I am pretty sure we can all relate.

Marginless is being thirty minutes late to the doctor's office because you were twenty minutes late getting out of the hairdresser because you were ten minutes late dropping the children off at school because the car ran out of gas two blocks from a gas station and you forgot your purse.That's marginless."

You need margin in your life. When you're not hurrying and worrying all the time, you have time to think, time to relax, time to enjoy life. Time to be still and know that God is God (Psalm 46:10). We all need to make room for a little "margin".

Thank you for ALL you do! ~ Nila



Wishing you a peaceful Memorial Day.

Youth in Action



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Youth Group sponsored a 30 Hour famine the weekend of April 25th. It was a great weekend of enlightenment for the young people as they not only became familiar with the perils of the homeless, but also found the joy of reaching out to serve others. In the above photos, 28 young people and sponsors rolled up their sleeves to help residents of Faith in Action. Floyd Tresner and Catherine Sturgell both opened their homes and hearts to the young people. It was a great Saturday morning with everyone receiving a blessing from the adventure. Taking part in the service efforts were Tabi Wimsett, Haley Sears, Alex Sanders, Katrisha Sexton, Shelby Evinger, Adrienne Haupt, Rachel Givens, Megan Hale, Drew Harper, Abby-Gayle Coates, Ray Herrington, Aaron Gates, Cory Gundrum, Jr., Tosha Harris, Kristie Henson, Blade Hall, Katie Garver, Sarah Sablotny David Klein, Allison Pardi, Maddy Johnson, Luran Ricketts, Alison Asbury, Becca Sexton, and sponsors Carla Scott, Amy Sexton, Troy Sanders and Melissa Ricketts.

Thank you young people and sponsors for jobs well done!

FIAEC Pizza Hut Benefit Night ---Memorial Day, May 25th

We encourage you to attend our benefit Pizza Hut Night if you are looking for good Holiday Dinner away from home! There might not be a FIA representative there the entire evening, BUT coupons WILL be available at the counter. ...A BIG THANK YOU to ALL who support us during this event. Last month Pizza Hut donated \$89.66 to help the work of FIAEC! Those donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

See YOU at the HUT!

Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteers!

Helen Creed and Diane Mathews

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very happy to welcome our newest volunteers! Helen has been busy making new friends through her telephone visiting and Diane jumped right into helping out with transportation!

Both *Helen* and *Diane* are welcome additions to the ministry of Faith in Action!

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**Have you tried sending your timesheet from [www.fiaec.com](http://www.fiaec.com)? Go to the "Current Volunteer" section and click on ["Click here to report your volunteer hours"](#)! It is easy, fast and convenient!**

Faith in Action is now recruiting new volunteers! If you are not a present volunteer with FIAEC and would like to hear how easy and flexible it is, just give us a call at 466-6388. If you are a volunteer and would like to change your areas of service or times of availability be sure to contact us. **Also, if you are listed as a volunteer and would like to be removed from our volunteer list for now, please let us know.**

FIAEC is also looking to add to our list of **Prayer Partners**. Call for information.

Call Nila at 466-6388 for details on how you can join others who are helping FIAEC remain a strong outreach for residents in Edgar County who are living with chronic illness and physical limitations.



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*Nila Nugent ~ Program Director*

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#### Calendar of Events:

May 6 - FIA Board Meeting 8:30am

May 5 - Card Angels

May 25 - Memorial Day & Pizza Hut Night

*\*COMING in JUNE\**

June 3 - FIA Board Meeting 8:30am

June 12- 14<sup>th</sup> - Shrine BBQ Weekend-Bake Sale

June 22 - Pizza Hut Night with Linda White

June 23 - Card Angels 10am - FIA meeting rm.

June 24 - Board of Directors Retreat

September 17 - Volunteer Appreciation

Banquet

October 16 - Spaghetti Dinner and Silent

Auction

*Reminder: Volunteers Monday Morning Coffee*

*Break 8:30 - 10:00*

*each Monday morning*

**LIVE UNITED**



The Edgar County United Way supports Faith in Action. Please support the United Way!

#### FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEERS.....ON THE MOVE! MONTH OF MARCH 2009

| <u>Service</u>             | <u>Hours</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Transportation             | 144          |
| Visiting                   | 8            |
| Shopping/Errands           | 7            |
| Light Housekeeping         | 1.5          |
| Yard Work                  | 3.5          |
| Telephone Contacts         | 31.8         |
| Sewing and Mending         | 1.5          |
| Special Projects           | 62           |
| Office Assistance          | 93           |
| Board Meetings/Fundraising | <u>22</u>    |
| Total Hours                | 375 Hours    |
| Total Miles Driven         | 13,979 Miles |

37 Volunteers reported hours for the month of February!

190 contacts made with care receivers!

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

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