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Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

October 16, 2009



Thanks to the Edgar County Community the Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction 2009 was a tremendous success! We served over 300 people and heard nothing but raving reviews! It takes many people working together to make an event like this successful. I would like to thank everyone who stopped in to have dinner with us or picked up take-out. The dinner brought in a little over \$3,000 and we realized a little over \$2,700 after expenses! THANK YOU! This would not have been possible without all of the **churches**, **volunteers** and **friends of FIA** donating food, items for the auction, time and a whole lot of energy to make it happen. I would like to recognize a few people who were involved in the evening's success. *"My sincere apologies to anyone I may have truly unintentionally not mentioned on this list."*

They included: **The Planning Committee**

Judy Benton - Lillie Davis - Diana Acord - Linda White - Angel Templeton - Karen Littleton

Approximately 30 helpers worked throughout the evening - Diana Acord, Judy Benton, Terry Bergdolt, Norma Henson, Debbie McConkey, Karl Marshall, Rita Goodman, Lillie Davis, Ron Hensley, Charley White, Linda White, Cindy Soughers, Cleo Emrick, Ken Gough, Dick Hillier, Kathy Hillier, Edie Emrick, Karen Littleton, Angel Templeton, Ron Nugent, Nila Nugent, Katie Marlowe, Mary Lou Wilson, Ida Wilson, Rachel Givens, Julie, Jacob, & Aaron Garver, Peggy Drake, Nancy Jewell, Joshua Serie, Marion Davis and Kendra Simpson.

Churches who provided food and space for the event:

Bell Ridge Christian Church, Brocton Christian Church, First Assembly of God, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First United Methodist Church, Hume Christian Church, Kansas Christian Church, Kidley Church, Lake Ridge Christian Church, Paris Christian Church, The Presbyterian Church, New Providence Presbyterian Church, Nevins Christian Church, Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Success Christian Church, Vermilion United Methodist Church and Faith in Action.

Faith in Action of Edgar County has been a source of strength for 428 residents and their families, we have constructed 156 Wheelchair Ramps, Driven over 160,000 miles and shared more than 18,000 hours of service in helping others. We are easing isolation and loneliness!

Nila's Corner

Director's Corner - This was sent to me by Judy Benton and I thought it was too good not to share.

Sometimes we truly need to be aware of ...

"THE WINDOW THROUGH WHICH WE LOOK". - Author Unknown

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood.

The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging her wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean", she said. She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About a month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice, clean load of wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she's learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life. What we see when reach out to others and how we respond to what we see, depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

*Wishing you a very
Happy Thanksgiving
and a
Blessed Season of Christmas!*

Nila

Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteers!
~Wayne Keys~ ~Nancy Weger~ ~Dorothy Holt~

Faith in Action of Edgar County is very happy to welcome our newest volunteers! Wayne, Nancy and Dorothy are members of the VFW and Auxiliary. They are all retired and share an interest in helping with transportation! ☺ At this time transportation is one of our greatest areas of need.

We are very happy that you have chosen to join forces with Faith in Action of Edgar County!



HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!



VFW and FIA - Giving back to those who gave so much

FIA joins forces with the VFW and Auxiliary to help veterans who live with chronic illness and physical limitations. Both groups are working together to help veterans through the construction of wheelchair ramps/steps/and handrails, as well as transportation to medical appointments. Working together we can help make life a little less complicated for those who sacrificed their all for the freedoms we enjoy. Faith in Action is proud to be a partner with the VFW.
God Bless our Veterans!



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Faith in Action

Nila Nugent ~ Program Director

Board of Directors

- Monte Reichenberg President
- Linda White Vice President
- Judy Benton Secretary
- Terry Bergdolt Treasurer
- Lillie Davis
- Rita Goodman
- Ron Hensley
- Norma Henson
- Diana Accord
- Karl Marshall

Calendar of Events:

COMING in November & December

- Nov. 4 Board of Directors Meeting
- Nov. 10 Card Angels
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 23 Pizza Hut Night w/Judy Benton
- Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving (office closed)
- Dec. 2 Board of Directors Meeting
- Dec. 8 Card Angels (10AM)
- Dec. 10 FIA Director locked up for MDA!
- Dec. 11 Christmas Dinner @ Tuscan's
- Dec. 24-25 Christmas (office closed)
- Dec. 28 Pizza Hut w/Rita Goodman

Reminder: Volunteers Monday Morning Coffee
Break 8:30 - 10:00 each Monday morning

LIVE UNITED



The United Way Campaign 2009 starts September 19th. Please plan to support the United Way of Edgar County.
 Working together we CAN make a difference!

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

	<u>MONTH OF</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>
Service	Sept. Hours	
Transportation	147	
Visiting	35	
Shopping/Errands	3	
Light Housekeeping	0	
Yard Work	0	
Telephone Contacts	8	
Sewing and Mending	0	
Respite	0	
Meal Prep	0	
Special Projects	42	
Office Assistance	55	
Board Meetings/Fundraising	2	
	Total Hours	Sept. 292
Total Miles Driven	3,430 Miles	
	Volunteers reported hours for the month of Sept. <u>36</u>	
	Contacts made with care receivers in Sept. <u>187</u>	

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

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



What are the signs and symptoms of H1N1 flu?

http://www.idph.state.il.us/h1n1_flu/

The symptoms of H1N1flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include **fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, and in some cases people have reported diarrhea and nausea.**

Like seasonal flu, H1N1flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

There are simply everyday actions you and your family can take to stay healthy.

- If you have a cough or sneeze, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol based hands cleaners also are effective when hand washing facilities are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are spread through such contact.
- Influenza is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

How long can an infected person spread this virus to others?

People infected with seasonal and H1N1 flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from one day before getting sick to five to seven days after. This can be longer in some people, especially children and people with weakened immune systems.

For more information on the H1N1 Virus and other health concerns, please visit the Illinois Department of Public Health Website.



“Nila”

FIA Director Locked up for MDA!

Thanks to an anonymous “Friend”...Thursday, December 10th I will be serving time to help raise funds for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. To help raise my bail I will be setting out two donations cans in our office. One will be a DONATE TO GET THE

DIRECTOR OUT OF JAIL! ~~~~ and the other

DONATE TO KEEP THE DIRECTOR IN JAIL! ☹

Any and all help to either *spring* me or *keep* me will be appreciated! ☺

To check out my “national jailbird news story” and my jail and or bail status....log on to:

<https://www.joinmda.org/2009paris/fiaec>



Thanksgiving Sharing



This poem was brought to the office by Dick Hillier ~ Thanks Dick

A Volunteer’s Prayer

I thank thee Lord as a volunteer, for chance to serve another year.
And to give of myself in some small way, to those not blessed as I each day.
My thanks for health of mind and soul, to aid me ever toward my goal.
For eyes to see the good in all, a hand to extend before a fall.
For legs to go where the need is great, learning to love – forgetting to hate.
For ears to hear and heart to care, when someone's cross is hard to bear.
A smile to show my affection true, with energy aplenty – the task to do.

**All I ask, Dear Lord, if I may,
Is to serve you better day by day.**

Author Unknown

The following are excerpts from a few letters and notes that we received from our care receivers and friends throughout the year.

..... Paris should be proud of the great job you and your volunteers do for the citizens of Paris. We certainly are.

Thank you all so much for the ramp. It is great to be able to go in and out alone. Words can't express my appreciation to you all.

Thank you to every person that has such a love walk that they have committed their time to helping others. All of you have made my situation with my mom and step-father so much easier. Thank You again for letting God use each of you to Bless Others.....

I just want to say Thank You again for all the help that everyone involved in building the ramp provided me .

Faith in Action of Edgar County, Thank You for all the help you give, the care you show, and the comfort that you bring to many people. Thanks for all the cards and concerns for us. We appreciate it very much.

Thank you so much for building the handrails at our home. It will make things so much safer. Thank you for your faithfulness.

May God continue to bless you in your community work. Thank You for all you do.