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Faith in Action Volunteer Appreciation *September 19, 2013*



Faith in Action of Edgar County celebrated **10 years** of serving residents of Edgar County by honoring our Volunteers through a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet at Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center. The theme of the evening was “**Volunteers –Making Memories**”. Dinner was served by Catered Elegance with dinner music being provided Kevin Levellie. Paul Hinson played several music selections and educated the group on the complexities of the beautiful bagpipe.



Nilá's Corner

It's amazing to realize that we are approaching the end of another year! What a blessing this year has been to not only the people we have served but for all who are involved with the Faith in Action program. We are gearing up for a busy autumn! We enjoyed our Successful Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction! Next on December 7th Volunteers will be gathering at Tuscany's for lunch to kick off the Holiday Season! This is always a great time of food and fellowship. Faith in Action is growing and reaching out to more people in Edgar County who are in need. No other program offers as many services for residents of Edgar County, who struggle with chronic illness/physical limitations threatening their independence....at no charge!

Thank you for supporting our work as we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of others!

What our Volunteers are saying about FIAEC/

Evaluation Results for 2013 – (26 Reporting)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
My Volunteer experience with FIA has been rewarding				
2		0	3	21
7.6%			11.5%	80.7 %
I feel appreciated by program staff and BOD for the work I do				
2		0	3	19
7.6%		0%	11.5%	73.1%
I feel adequately prepared for my volunteer assignment				
2		0	3	18
7.6%		0%	11.5%	82%

To what extent does your involvement with FIA meet your expectation?

	Not at all	Slightly	Moderately	Completely
0		2	4	18
		8%	17%	75%

Comments: (Made by FIA Volunteers)

1. We've learned many people need lots of assistance. Both with physical and monetarily.
2. Everyone in office is always nice and so sweet when they call me.
3. Make the public more aware of services FIA provides. Some churches should display more information, as some have none at all.
4. I expected more sewing/mending would be needed.
5. My experience has been great. So far, all I have done is drive and pick up people doing dialysis in TH. I was recruited from our church United Methodist Men. That means of recruiting is probably as effective as any even if you only get one. As I move more and more into retirement, I will become more involved in FIA and other volunteer work.
6. Show me how to retire!!!
7. I really enjoy the prayer the ramp builders do, Amen. Maybe you can put more volunteer papers at churches.
8. FIA has blessed me. Love FIA.

THANK YOU to all volunteers who completed the Survey Forms. The staff and Board of Directors take all your thoughts and comments to heart and will be working on each suggestion. **Looking forward to growth in 2014!**

Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteer!

Charley White, Cindy Hargis and Pat McDaniel

We would like to welcome Charley, Cindy and Pat into our Faith in Action family! Charley is a Special Project Volunteer. Cindy and Pat are working with us to make handmade thinking of you cards and Pat also enjoys being an in-home visitor as well as helping with shopping and errands! It is exciting to watch our Volunteer crew grow!

Thank You Charley, Cindy and Pat! Welcome Aboard!

WE NEED YOU!

If you would like to help build wheelchair ramps, assemble steps and handrails and work with a great crew of buildersWE NEED YOU! MONTE REICHENBERG is the leader of this team and is in dire need of more helpers. Even if you have no more experience than a desire to help... WE NEED YOU! The on the job training is great and a whole lot of fun! WE ALSO NEED DRIVERS to help take residents to doctor's appointments and to help with shopping and errands! This is rewarding ministry and such a blessing to those who struggle because of chronic illness and/or physical limitation. Please call us today to see how easy it is to become a FAITH IN ACTION OF EDGAR COUNTY VOLUNTEER!



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Calendar of Events

***COMING in *Oct. - Nov. - Dec.**

- Nov. 6 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM - FIA Meeting Room**
- Nov.11- Veteran's Day**
- Nov.28 -Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed**
- Dec. 4 -Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM - FIA Meeting Room**
- Dec.6 - Volunteer Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's - 11:00AM**
- Dec. 24-25-26 Office Closed Merry Christmas!**
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve - Happy New Year!**



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

MONTHS OF JULY ~ SEPT

<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Transportation	559
Visiting	10
Shopping/Errands	30
Light Housekeeping	0
Yard Work	0
Telephone Contacts	6
Sewing and Mending	0
Respite	0
Meal Prep	0
Special Projects	300
Special Activities	0
Office Assistance	130
Board Meetings/Fundraising	34
Total Hours	1,069
Total Miles Driven	9,858
Avg. Number of Volunteers reporting hours monthly:	28
Contacts made with care receivers	326

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

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

*Thank You Edgar County
For a Successful Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser!
October 18, 2013*



Faith in Action is very grateful for all your help in making the FIA Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction a HUGE SUCCESS! It took an army of 37 people working in a multitude of directions to make it all come together. We appreciate each and every one for all that was done. Thirteen Congregations, the Board of Directors, Staff, and several individuals donated money, time, food items and cupcakes. We could not have made it happen without each of you!

To everyone who donated to our Auction...THANK YOU! The event raised approximately \$3,700 after our expenses! What a tremendous blessing this is to help carry on the work of Faith in Action this year in Edgar County!

Thank You Lake Ridge Christian Church for allowing us once again to use the Family Life Center!



Pictures upper left – Edie Emrick and Linda White (Chefs) - upper center, dining room crowd – upper right- kitchen helpers , Vicki Wilson, Rhonda Givens, Sharon Cash and Monte Reichenberg

Pictures lower left – Mary Lou Wilson, Kitchen Organizer – lower center – 2 of several auction tables – lower right – Greeters Jim and Diana Acord, Judy Benton



Faith in Action of Edgar County provides non-medical services to residents of Edgar County who struggle to maintain independence due to long term physical limitations or chronic illness. Services are provided at no charge and include but are not limited to Transportation, Shopping/Errands, Visiting, Sewing and Mending, Card Making, Telephone Reassurance, and Construction of Wheelchair Ramps, Steps and Handrails. Our volunteers have been a source of strength to more than 740 residents and families since September 2003!

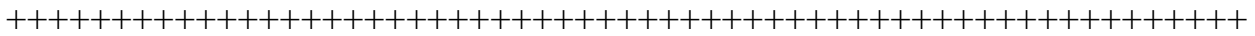
To receive information about becoming a FIAEC Volunteer call 217-466-6388!





Very soon we will be receiving calls for help with yard work and leaf raking. It is an excellent opportunity to plug youth groups into a morning or afternoon activity that is very worthwhile and very much appreciated by those who can no longer care for their own lawns. If you are a youth sponsor and would like to help out in this way, please call our office and give us your time(s) of availability.

If you would be interested in learning more about our outreach services...please give us a call 466-6388



Join Us for a Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's!



**December 6, 2012
11:00AM**

Faith in Action would like to invite all of our Volunteers and Guests to join us for our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's to kick off the festive Holiday Season! We can choose our lunch from the well-stocked buffet or order from the menu. Either way it is a good lunch and a good time spent with friends! Plan to join us by calling 466-6388 to make your reservation.

We will call in the count to Tuscany's on Wednesday, December 4th.

Merry Christmas!



Faith in Action of Edgar County Presents – New York City – “The Big Apple”



Judy Benton will be hosting a fundraiser for Faith in Action of Edgar County by leading a group of travelers to New York City with bus travel through Diamond Tours! Seating will be limited to the first 45 people to register. Registration has started with deposits being taken now and final payment due March 23, 2014. Deposits made prior to March 23rd. are refundable if your trip plans need to be cancelled. Faith in Action will receive \$30.00 as a donation for each trip that is scheduled. See the enclosed flyer for full details of this wonderful trip. Call Judy Benton – 217-466-6388 for more information or to reserve your seat on the bus!