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Faith in Action Volunteer Appreciation *September 18, 2014*



Celebrating Eleven Years! *Serendipity!*

A dinner honoring our volunteers was held Thursday evening, September 18th at Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center and catered by McDaniel’s Catering. Kevin Levellie, minister of Nevins Christian Church shared his beautiful talent on the keyboard, providing music throughout the dinner. Entertainment for the evening was provided by the talented musical antics of the Jake and Dalton Variety Show. This is a young dynamic duo consisting of Jake Holt and Dalton Janssen, from Casey IL. Thanks to the expertise of Mike Step, everyone enjoyed a time lapse video presentation of the construction of a wheelchair ramp, built to the music of “Chariots of Fire”.

Nila Nugent, program director introduced all the board of directors and staff, thanking them for their leadership and dedication to the mission of Faith in Action. The Faith in Action Board of Directors include Linda White, President, Karl Marshall, Vice President, Diana Acord, Secretary, Judy Benton, Treasurer, Lillie Davis, Terry Bergdolt, Rita Goodman, Norma Henson, and Ron Hensley. Staff of Faith in Action also includes Cindy Soughers, office assistant. Nugent shared her appreciation for all of the Faith in Action volunteers, “Faith in Action would not be active in Edgar County without the dedication of all our volunteers. The program works and continues to grow only because of the strength we gain from our volunteers who unselfishly give of themselves to make lives easier for those who struggle to remain independent.”

**May God Bless our Faith in Action
of Edgar County Volunteers!**



Nila's Corner

The seasons change and so do the needs of many of our care receivers. We receive phone calls and notes weekly expressing to us how blessed they are to have a program like Faith in Action to call when they need a helping hand. Many have told us they don’t know how they could get through many of their days if we had not been there. God has blessed Edgar County with a great outreach program and I am thankful to be working with it and all of you. However, I also realize that volunteer’s availabilities, physical abilities and interests change as well. So if you would like to make any changes to your original information that you gave on your applications, please let us know. We want your experience with Faith in Action to be all you would like it to be!

We have jumped headlong into an exciting season! September 14th was Pray for Faith in Action Sunday. We encouraged all of our area churches to mention Faith in Action at some point in their services and prayer time. On September 8th Mayor Craig Smith declared the week of September 14th through the 20th as “Faith in Action Week”. Our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on the following Thursday. On October 17th we will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction! Information and a request for helpers is included in this newsletter.

This month we start a new fiscal year! God has done great things for Faith in Action of Edgar County and we look forward to another rewarding year of reaching out and helping those who struggle to maintain their independence due to long-term chronic illness and physical limitations. If you are not a volunteer and would be interested in joining us, please give our office a call at 466-6388. We would love to share with you the joys of volunteering!

Have a Wonderful, Colorful and Safe Autumn!

~ Nila



God Bless our Veterans!



Veteran's Day - November 11th

Welcome New Faith in Action Volunteer!

David Brown, Judy Fletcher, Judy Hall, Randy Limes, Nila Seales

We welcome our newest volunteers into our Faith in Action family! David is interested in being a Special Project Volunteer. Judy F., Randy, Judy H. and Nila are interested in helping with transportation and many of the other services that we offer! It is exciting to watch our Volunteer crew grow!

Welcome Aboard!



WE NEED YOU!



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



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Cindy Soughers ~ Office Assistant

Board of Directors

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Calendar of Events

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

- Oct.** 1- Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM - FIA Meeting Room
- Oct.17-Faith in Action of Edgar County Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction 4:00PM - 7:00PM
- Oct.28-Card Angels Meet at FIA Meeting Room - 9:30AM
- Nov.** 3-7FIA Hosted Bus Trip to Smoky Mountains, TN.
- Nov. 5- Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM -
- Nov.11- Veteran's Day
- Nov.27-Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed**
- Dec.** 3 -Board of Director's Meeting 8:30AM -
- Dec.5 - Volunteer Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's - 11:00AM
- Dec. 9- Card Angels Meet at FIA Meeting Room - 9:30AM
- Dec. 24-25-26 Office Closed Merry Christmas!**
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve - Happy New**

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

MONTHS OF JULY ~ SEPT

<u>Service</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Transportation	381
Visiting	2
Shopping/Errands	19
Light Housekeeping	14
Yard Work	0
Telephone Contacts	10
Sewing and Mending	0
Respite	0
Meal Prep	0
Special Projects	207
Special Activities	0
Office Assistance	120
Board Meetings/Fundraising	34
Total Hours	787
Total Miles Driven	7400
Avg. Number of Volunteers reporting hours monthly:	25
Contacts made with care receivers	336

THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!

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

LIVE UNITED



Volunteers - Provide "Serendipity"!

Appreciation 2014

We would like to thank everyone who shared their time in preparation for this wonderful evening! I would love to mention you all but I am afraid that I would miss someone and we appreciate each and every one of you! We also want to thank Lake Ridge Christian Church for letting FIA turn the Family Life Center into a menagerie of unique personalities as each Board of Director decorated their own dining table. They also served as hosts and hostesses at their tables to answer any questions or provide information pertaining to the ministry of Faith in Action.

We appreciate the talents of Kevin Levellie, as well as Jake Hoult and Dalton Janssen as they shared routines including Elvis and the Blues Brothers, as well as Country and Gospel Music selections. McDaniel's Catering provided a wonderful meal. We appreciate so very much the community for helping to make our banquet special by providing a variety of door prizes these included: MaryJane Dodd – Tupperware, Judy Benton, Terry Bergdolt, Lillie Davis, Ron Nugent, Norma Henson, Ron Hensley, Diana Acord, Linda White, AutoZone, Pumpkin Works, Napa Auto Parts, Steve Winkler, Inc., Brad's Florist, Monical's Pizza, First Farmer's Bank, Neal Tire and Auto Service, New Wave Beauty Salon, Dave Frisse Law Office, Precision Collision, Edgar County Bank and Trust, State Bank of Chrisman, Paris Family Restaurant, Dimond Brothers, Ins., Tuscany's Steak and Pasta and Robinson Accounting.

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Notes from our Friends...

Faith in Action,

*I think it is nice our mayor celebrated you and thought I would tell you how much I appreciate the help you give me. I also like the letters I receive once a month. Nila is a great person. Of course several people help her and I also think it is nice of them to help out. It takes a lot of hours of work to get done what you all do. THANKS TO ALL.... **Julia Moore***

Dear FIA,

Thank you so much for being so prompt and courteous in seeing to my needs. I really appreciate it. It suits my needs very well.

*Sincerely, **Thelma Fitzgerald***

I just wanted to thank Faith in Action & the "Ramp Fairies" for my ramp. It makes life a lot easier for me. You did a beautiful job & I really appreciate it and you.

*God Bless You All....
Joyce Marquis*

I wanted you to know how much I appreciated all your time and effort toward making transportation arrangements for Mr... Through your efforts and the time and resources of your volunteers, it is possible for him to be home. Please extend this thank you to your volunteers. Your services are much appreciated. May God bless you.

*Sincerely,
Amber Mershon, RN
Providence Health Care*



Faith in Action would like to invite our volunteers and their guest to our Annual Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's, on Friday December 5th, at 11:00am. The meal is Dutch treat and a relaxing, enjoyable way 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 great time spent visiting with friends!

Plan to join us by calling 466-6388 to make your reservation.

 Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, December 3rd. 



They'll Be on the Road Again!

Judy Benton, Board Member and Volunteer for Faith in Action, along with Diamond Tours will be leading a group of excited travelers to Pigeon Forge, TN for a week of Shows, Sightseeing, Shopping, Dining and FUN! Judy and her 45 travelers will be leaving Monday November 3rd and returning Friday November 7th. They will be traveling on a comfortable Diamond Tours Motorcoach and leaving from the former Bridwell's parking lot. Judy hosts these trips as a fundraiser for Faith in Action. Each ticket is very reasonably priced, all inclusive, and even includes a \$30.00 donation to FIA! These donations are used to help provide volunteer, non-medical services for residents throughout Edgar County who struggle to remain living independently due to chronic illness and/or long-term physical limitations.

Faith in Action would like to wish these travelers a fun-filled, exciting and safe trip as they enjoy a week in the beautiful Smoky Mountains at Pigeon Forge, TN!

Tips for PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS... on SAFE MEDICINE STORAGE



Every minute a poison control center answers a call about a young child getting into medicine, nearly 500,000 calls a year.

- Store all medicines and vitamins UP and AWAY and out of sight.
- Keep purses, bags and coats that contain medicines or vitamins out of reach and sight.
- Always lock caps tightly and put away medicines after every use. Remember that weekly pill reminder kits often don't have child resistant closures.
- Never leave medicines or vitamins out on a table, countertop or sink.
- Set a daily reminder to take your medicines and vitamins since they will be out of sight.
- Program the national Poison Help number, **1-800-222-1222** into your phone.

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