

# Faith in Action of Edgar County

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## Volunteer Appreciation Banquet September 15, 2011



Faith in Action of Edgar County celebrated eight years of serving residents of Edgar County by honoring their volunteers through a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet with the theme **Volunteers –Light Up Lives™**. The dinner was held at Lake Ridge Christian Church Family Life Center and catered by McDaniel's Catering. Phil Goodman and Tammy Snyder along with a special appearance of Phil's mother, Rita provided inspirational music for the evening's entertainment. Each guest was welcomed to the banquet by receiving a Faith in Action of Edgar flashlight as a reminder of how they let their lights shine for others. Drawings for door prizes were held throughout the evening.

Nila Nugent, program director introduced special guest Dr. Marilyn Frey as well all the board of directors and staff, thanking them for their leadership and dedication to the mission of Faith in Action.

Approximately 85 Volunteers, Staff Members, Friends and Family attended the banquet. It was a great night of fellowship. We are so grateful and appreciate very much the faithfulness of all our FIAEC Volunteers.

On behalf of Cindy and Nila, we would like to say **THANK YOU** for your dedication, hearts for service and friendship throughout the years.



## *Nila's Corner*

What an exciting autumn it has been! The weather and fall colors have been gorgeous! It has also been a very busy time for FIAEC! September 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> Mayor Craig Smith declared the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> as "Faith in Action Week". Our Volunteer Appreciation Banquet was held on the following Thursday. On October 1<sup>st</sup> we spent a really fun afternoon at the United Way's first Annual Duck Scramble! What a good way to support the United Way and help all of the agencies of Edgar County!

Coming Soon in just a few days will be our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, October 28<sup>th</sup>! Then on November 3<sup>rd</sup> Faith in Action will host a Ministerial Fellowship Breakfast at the First Assembly of God Church. This will give us a great opportunity to meet with all the pastors of the area and share the ministry of Faith in Action. Working together we can and do make Edgar County a great place to live!

December 4<sup>th</sup> FIA will be hosting a very special motivational speaker! This is a great opportunity to be encouraged by one who has shared her enthusiasm with audiences all over the Country! This is a community effort that you won't want to miss!

Then on December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be gathering at Tuscany's for lunch to kick off the Holiday Season! This is always a great time of food and fellowship.

Wow busy days ahead!

**This will be our last news letter for 2011.**

**So with that thought, I would like to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving! A Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

**God Bless, Nila**

**THANK YOU** to all churches and individuals who have agreed to provide food items for our Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. **If you are providing food for the dinner or items for the auction, please have it at the office by 4pm Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> or no later than 10:00am at the church on the 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank You!**

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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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**\*Faith in Action Christmas Wish List \***

Faith in Action offers mileage reimbursement to our volunteer drivers and small gift cards from Wal-Mart or Casey's are a tremendous blessing! We are also always in need of Forever Postage Stamps and any and all office supplies.

Every Donation No Matter What it is....is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!



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*Nila Nugent ~ Program Director*

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**Calendar of Events**

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

- Oct. 5 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30am
  - Oct 24 - Pizza Hut Benefit w/ Karl Marshall
  - Oct 28 - Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction
  - Nov 1 - Card Angels Meeting at 9:30am
  - Nov 2 - Board of Director's Meeting
  - Nov 3 - Ministerial Breakfast at First Assembly
  - Nov 6 - Daylight Savings Time - Set clocks back 1 hour
  - Nov 24 - Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed
  - Nov 28 - Pizza Hut Benefit Night w/Judy Benton
  - Dec 4 - Vicki Hitzges Motivational Seminar 1:30pm
  - Dec 6 - Card Angels Meeting at 9:30
  - Dec 7 - Board of Director's Meeting 8:30am
  - Dec 9 - Volunteer Luncheon at Tuscany's 11:00
  - Dec 22-26 - Office Closed Merry Christmas!
  - Dec 26 - NO PIZZA HUT BENEFIT
  - Dec 31 - NEW YEAR'S EVE Happy New Year!
- Reminder: Volunteer's Monday Morning Coffee  
Break 8:30 - 10:00 each Monday morning



Please plan to support the United Way of Edgar County. Working together we CAN make a difference!

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

**MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

<u>Service</u>	<u>August Hours</u>	<u>September Hours</u>
Transportation	128	115
Visiting	8	5
Shopping/Errands	9	5
Light Housekeeping	0	0
Yard Work	0	0
Telephone Contacts	4	6
Sewing and Mending	0	0
Respite	0	0
Meal Prep	0	0
Special Projects	103	154
Office Assistance	49	24
Board Meetings/Fundraising	11	8
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b><u>312</u></b>	<b><u>317</u></b>
<b>Total Miles Driven</b>	<b><u>3,140 Miles</u></b>	<b><u>3,100 Miles</u></b>
<b>Volunteers reporting hours in the month of Aug.</b>	<b><u>36</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>
<b>Contacts made with care receivers in</b>	<b><u>Aug 106</u></b>	<b><u>Sept. 124</u></b>

**THANK YOU FIAEC VOLUNTEERS!**

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

**Coming Soon to Paris ~ Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Vickie Hitzges**



**1:30 P.M. CST**

**KC HALL, 614 N MAIN, PARIS, IL**

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC BUT Registration is Required**

Call Lillie Davis at 217-251-0587 OR 217-466-4590

**First 70 to register will receive a free copy of Vicki's book "Attitude is Everything"!**

*Limit One per household*

Internationally known Motivational speaker for fortune 500 companies

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**"Faithful Friends"**

**Faith in Action of Edgar County**

Very soon we will be promoting another Faithful Friend Campaign. Flyers will be put in the Paris Beacon News and Chrisman Leader as reminders of this worthwhile fundraising endeavor. To date we have had 210 families take part in agreeing to make a one-time donation as a Faithful Friend or being a 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 more than 240 wheelchair ramps as well as steps and handrails. Faith in Action provides the lumber when the receiver does not have the means to do so. FIA offers mileage reimbursement for our volunteer transportation drivers. 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

**We are proud to be a United Way Agency and operate solely on fundraisers, individual, mission and charitable donations. All funding is used to provide services for residents of Edgar County.**



## We Need Your Help....

Do you have items...new or gently used, baked goods, crafts, or know of businesses that would be willing to donate to our Silent Auction for our Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction Fundraiser? We are hoping to offer a wide, interesting variety of items. Also if you would be willing to help during the night of the fundraiser we could use ~ Kitchen Helpers ~ Cake Cutters and Servers ~ Dining Room Clean-Up Helpers ~Spaghetti Servers ~ Auction Helpers ~ Dining Room Floaters. There are people assigned to oversee each of these areas. They will just need a few extra helping hands throughout the evening. If this sounds like fun to you ☺ call Nila, 466-6388 to let us know of your interest and time of availability.

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for dinner October 28<sup>th</sup>! It is one of our two biggest fundraisers of the year! Spread the Word!!**

**THANK YOU!**

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## Join Us for a Christmas Luncheon at Tuscany's!



**December 9, 2011**

**11:00AM**

**Faith in Action would like to invite all of our volunteers and guests to a 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 the 8<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas!**

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## Do You Like to Travel?

### Have you thought about visiting Branson Mo.?

Judy Benton, FIA Board of Director is a Tour Hostess with Diamond Tours, Inc. She has scheduled a bus trip to Branson that is very reasonable in price and includes: Motorcoach transportation, 5 nights lodging, 8 meals (4 breakfasts and 4 dinners), Admission to 7 Fabulous Branson Shows including: The Brett Family Show, The Red Skelton Tribute Show and the Duttons Show, The Acrobat's of China, The Hooray for Hollywood Show, The Jim Stafford Show and the Showboat Branson Belle. The trip will be five days and four nights, April 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> with the bus leaving from Paris at 8:00am on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. All of this is included in one low ticket price of \$489.00 per person! There will be snacks during travel, games and prizes as well as the bus driver's tip included in this low price. This is a great opportunity for Faith in Action as \$30.00 of each ticket sold will be donated to FIAEC to promote our work in Edgar County.

**CALL JUDY BENTON FOR DETAILS or TO RESERVE YOUR TICKET (217) 465-8169 or (217) 466-6388**