

Care Receivers Anna and Don say thanks!

Anna and Don of Bloomington have been receiving services from Faith in Action since June of 2006. Anna heard about us from a friend. "A nurse from Faith in Action came out to interview us, and you've been stuck with us ever since."

Faith in Action volunteers provide grocery shopping assistance every two weeks for the couple, as well as transportation to their medical appointments. "Since I had a mastectomy this summer, I've had more appointments than you can shake a stick at...the surgeon, the cancer doctor, blood tests....I'm hoping that's pretty well out of the way."

Anna states that FIA has been a blessing to her. "I am totally blind, and my husband is partially blind."

Don interjects, "I can see just enough to get into trouble, and she keeps me out of it."

Anna continues, "He has two children who live out of state, and we rely on Faith in Action for our independence."

Anna and Don married in 1993 after they met through a group of blind friends who would go out to eat in



Don and Anna



FIA Volunteer Mary assisting them

Chicago. They moved here in 1997.

Don has a collection of timepieces that includes a grandfather clock and ten cuckoo clocks which they enjoy hearing mark the time. The couple also enjoys listening to Don's collection of 3,000 classical records. Mary commented, "We also collect stuffed animals....I don't know how that got started exactly, but how could anyone say no to them when they just jump into your arms?"

Through the support of the volunteers of Faith in Action for grocery shopping and transportation to medical appointments, Don and Anna are able to remain in their own apartment, surrounded by the collections that they enjoy so much.

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**FAITH
IN ACTION**

Faith in Action Sunday is October 16 !

Our coalition congregations are asked to acknowledge "Faith in Action Sunday" in the fall of each year in some way within the congregation and to highlight the work of Faith in Action volunteers from the congregation during that weekend. Many churches choose to do this on Sunday, October 16, which is official "Faith in Action Sunday." Thank you so much for all of our congregations which support us so generously with prayer, financial support, referral of care receivers, and recruitment of volunteers.

Q & A with Director Linda Bollivar

Casseroles:

I heard Faith in Action was giving away casseroles. How do I get one?

Linda says: Thanks to the generosity of Red Oak Comfort Foods we have casseroles to give away each week to our care receivers. The casseroles are



frozen in a foil pan. If you receive one, store it in your freezer until you are ready to use it. If

the casserole makes more than you can eat right away, freeze the leftovers in individual portions. If you are a care receiver and have not had a casserole yet, please call our office and request one. Volunteers who know of a care receiver who might enjoy a casserole should contact the office. There is a handy check out procedure so we know where they have gone.

Transportation Timing:

Why do I have to request rides in 3 to 4 business days ahead?

Linda says: Our office coordinates rides for more than 350 care receivers, and matches them up with one of 250 volunteers. Care receivers may have

limitations on the size of vehicle they can ride in, whether they prefer a male or female driver, etc. The volunteers have limits on the days



they are available, what type of transportation they are available for, how far they drive, etc. We may need to make a dozen or more phone calls to fill your ride. So, we ask that you call

our office as soon as you make an appointment, and at least 3 to 4 business days before the ride is needed. We are open Monday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If we are closed, you may leave a message on our answering machine. We are sorry that we cannot cover last minute appointments.

Showing Appreciation:

I am so happy with the volunteers you sent. Can I pay them to thank them?

Linda says: We are very happy to hear that you are pleased with the volunteers from Faith in Action. However, our volunteers do not expect and cannot accept any payment! If you feel moved to make a donation, you can send it to Faith in Action, 410 N. Prairie, Bloomington, IL 61701. Donations help with our expenses such as phone, mailings, computers, etc. At the holidays, if you want to give your favorite volunteer a card, or something with a value of less than \$10, that is fine, but we never want you to feel like you owe anything to the volunteers or to Faith in Action.

Timesheets:

I love volunteering with Faith in Action, but I really don't like keeping track of my hours and turning them in. Why do you need that information anyway?

Linda says: Bless you for your service to others through Faith in Action! Although it might seem like a lot of work, recording your hours and turning

them in to the office helps us in many ways. When we want to measure the health of our organization, we look at the numbers of volunteers and care receivers, as well as the number of hours of service to see if we are growing, shrinking, or staying the same. Also, when we give presentations to potential donors, the number of volunteer hours is one measure that they use to see how much impact we are having on the community.



You can call in your hours, email them, drop off a form, or mail it in. But please, whatever you do, let us know how many hours you are volunteering on behalf of Faith in Action. And, if you are over 55, you can also turn your hours in to the YWCA's RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program).

Save the Date

**Holiday Open House
Meet the New Director
Nov. 19**



FIA Volunteers are invited to a Holiday Open House on Saturday, Nov. 19

from **10 a.m. to noon** at the FIA office.

Enjoy refreshments, meet the new Director, and sign holiday cards for our Care Receivers.

2012 Faith in Action Gala News

by **Michelle Schneider**
Chair, FIA Gala 2012

I'm Michelle Schneider, a volunteer for FIA from Second Presbyterian Church; and I am honored to be the chair for this main fundraising event of Faith in Action of Bloomington-Normal. I have a dedicated team of volunteers who are already working on all the details to make the evening a success: invitations, registration, decorations, silent and live auctions, sponsorships, publicity, finances, etc. These leaders have started the ball rolling. Now, here is how you can help!

DONATIONS

We are requesting the following donations:

TIME: For all of you who want to help, but didn't want to be "in charge" of something, it is time to step forward and make yourselves known to our committee chairs. They are counting on your support. Please contact myself or the office with the committee you are interested in helping with, and we will get you in touch with the committee chair(s).

TALENTS: Are you a master garden-

Mark your calendars now
4th annual Faith in Action Gala
"Music of the Heart"
February 11, 2012
It promises to be a wonderful evening
of dinner, beautiful music and
auction excitement.

er? Do you make the best pies in the county? Consider sharing your talents with the community while raising funds for FIA by donating services to our silent auction!

TREASURES: For those of you who would like to assist in another way, we are in need of quality items for our silent auction and high value items for our live auction. Please consider donating the following:

Beautiful and Unique Handcrafted Items, such as quilts, afghans, wood sculptures, blown glass, etc.

Gift Baskets from Tastefully Simple, Thirty One, Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, etc. Are you (or is someone you know) a sales rep for these products?

High-Quality Decorative Pieces such as Waterford crystal, Lladro figurines, Swarovski crystal, heirloom jewelry in

excellent condition that you own but are ready to offer for someone else to enjoy.

Gift Cards in any denomination from area merchants and restaurants.

(Please bring any item you are willing to donate to the Faith in Action office.)

GALA DECORATIONS

Jennifer Lumsdon, chair of the decorating committee, is looking for unscented, ivory candles in a variety of shapes and sizes. She will also need people to help bring all their decorating ideas to reality in the weeks leading up to the Gala and, of course, on February 11, as everything is put into place in the hotel ballroom. Last, but not least, we need a list of wonderful people who will help remove our things after the party is over. Let us know if you are ready to give a helping hand!

These are just a few of the ways you can assist our Faith in Action Gala team. If you have other time, talents and treasure you wish to share with us, please call me (660-3545) or the FIA office (827-7780). Thanks so much for helping FIA!

Invite FIA to your event!

Is your church or community organization looking for a speaker? Linda Bollivar, Director, and a growing number of volunteers are available to speak to your group. We provide information on Faith in Action and we also present the "Five Wishes" seminar. Contact FIA today at director@bnfia.org to schedule a speaker.

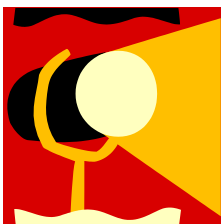


**October is Clergy
Appreciation Month**

Most of us have had a spiritual leader who helped us through a difficult time, taught us to be closer to God, or had just the right message when needed. Faith in Action would like to thank the Pastors, Priests, Rabbits, and other spiritual leaders of our community for all they give throughout the year.

Volunteer Spotlight on Joyce Moser

Joyce and Kurt Moser of Bloomington have been volunteering with Faith



in Action since its beginning. They were in the first training class.

Joyce recalls learning about FIA through a friend

from her church. Joyce has been a lifelong volunteer, helping out in her children's school library, holding various offices in the PTA and spending several years as a hospice volunteer both in the hospital unit and in homes. Joyce was also a pre-school teacher at Playmates Pre-school for seven years.

When Joyce first joined FIA, she worked in the office, and helped with data entry along with phone calls to



Joyce Moser

Thank you to the Mosers and all of our dedicated volunteers for putting your Faith into Action!

before the database. We just had forms, stacks and stacks of them. I did that for about a year and then I wanted to start driving." When asked what appealed to her about driving, Joyce commented, "My parents lived in Iowa and they didn't have anyone to do this for them. I always thought it would be great if they could have that kind of service. I'm just so happy to be a part of this."

Joyce drives people to their appointments once per week, and says, "I feel like it is really more of a gift to me than it is to the care receivers. I enjoy visiting with them and getting to know so many interesting people.

Every person I drive is so grateful for FIA.

line up drivers. "It was really antiquated then," she remembers. "That was

The Welcome Mat

Welcome to our new volunteers. We are so delighted that you have chosen to join us in our mission.



(Since our last newsletter)

- Susan Andresen Jeffrey Maley
- Karen Davis Donna Mann
- Kaitlyn Goodwin Kim Moore
- Lori Harvey Rita Schmidt
- Debbie Hayek Alexx Triner
- Reagan Lloyd

New Intern: Kaitlyn Goodwin

Faith in Action has a new intern. Kaitlyn Goodwin is a sophomore at Heartland Community College and is majoring in psychology. Kaitlyn will be assisting with office work such as pairing care receivers with their caregivers, helping at the transportation desk, touching base with volunteers to see about their experiences, and checking with receivers to see if their needs are being met.



She is in a program at Heartland called the Community Scholars Program which allows her to gain the experience of working with different types of people in a volunteer setting.

Kaitlyn will be with FIA throughout the Fall semester. Interning gives her the opportunity to work with many people of different age groups. She loves volunteering at Faith in Action, she says, and looks forward to a great semester here.

Kaitlyn is from Quincy, Illinois but has spent most of her life here in Normal. She and her family attend Epiphany Catholic Church.

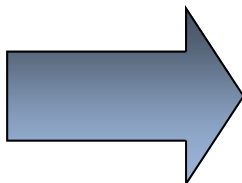
After Kaitlyn graduates from Heartland in May, she plans to transfer to Quincy University to major in psychology and eventually to get a masters in in counseling.

Eat at Chili's Oct. 16 to 23 to benefit Faith in Action

With the Pepper Partner Program, when you visit Chili's in Bloomington-Normal **October 16th - 23rd** (Dine In or To Go), bring this flyer and 10% of your purchase will benefit the Faith in Action mission!

Be sure to tell your waiter or waitress

that you are there to benefit Faith in Action, and present them with the coupon. As with all dine to donate programs, the flyer cannot be distributed in the restaurant or parking lot.



Pepper Partner Program

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

FAITH IN ACTION OF BLOOMINGTON NORMAL

Group/Charity

OCTOBER 16TH – 23RD

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

2107 N.Veterans Pkwy 309-663-8060

Chili's Location/Telephone

#99999000001694

Fundraisers Follow-up

Monical's: Faith in Action of Bloomington – Normal has just received a check for \$216.24 from Monical's for our July 19 "Dine to Donate" event. We offer a big thank you to Monical's, as well as to everyone who participated and helped promote this event. What a delicious way to support our Faith in Action program!

Cornbelters: We offer a big thank you to the 23 people who purchased tickets to the Cornbelters game tonight, contributing \$115 to the ministry of Faith in Action.

Contact AMBUCS for wheel chair ramps

Do you know someone who might benefit from a ramp? Homeowners in need of a ramp for their homes may contact Cornbelt AMBUCS at PO Box 981, Bloomington, IL 61702-0981, or go to their website at www.cornbeltambucs.org.

Cornbelt AMBUCS is a non-profit organization working to "Create Mobility and Independence for People with Disabilities". The third Saturday morning of the month is their standing day for building wheelchair ramps.

Visit us on online for up to date info!

Website: <http://www.bnfa.org>

Facebook: Faith in Action – Bloomington/Normal

Electronic newsletter: Send email request to david@bnfa.org

We're always updating dates and information on our website or our Facebook page. Click "Like" on our Facebook page, and you will get automatic updates when we post new information.

From Pat's Pantry Mock Apple Pie

Ingredients

- 6 cups zucchini (extra large because they are firmer)
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar
- 1 1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
- Dash of salt
- Dash of nutmeg
- Dough for 9 inch double pie crust.

1. Pare zucchini, wash and slice lengthwise. Remove seeds. Slice like apple slices.

2. Add a little water and bring to a boil in large saucepan, then simmer for 15 minutes until tender. Cool and drain well.
3. Add rest of ingredients and place into an unbaked 9 inch pie crust.
4. Cover with top pie crust and flute to seal edges. Cut slits into top of crust (for steam to escape).
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes.

Thanks to Our Dedicated Donors

Thank you to our wonderful donors who make it possible for Faith in Action to continue to serve the people of God each day. We are so grateful for your financial contributions to our work.

Since the last newsletter we have received donations from the following people:

Benefactor

\$1000 & up

Our Saviour Lutheran
Church

Partner

\$500-\$999

C. Arthur Riddle
First Christian Church
St. John's Lutheran Church

Advocate

\$250-\$499

Covell Community Church
Matthew Litwiller

Angel

\$100-\$249

Monical's Pizza (Fundraiser)
Rosemary Bryant
Linda Finefield
E. Joan Miller
James Miller
Wilma Miller
Robert Milligan

Friend

\$1-\$99

Betty Alvis
Edmund Anderson
Audrey Bishop
Joyce Blanchard
Linda Bollivar
Albert Crawford
Gerry Decker
Karen Donath
Josephine Duncan
Grace Gaither
Barbara Gleason
Jackie Gould
Mary Greenwald
Louise Harpster
Martha Hillmer
Sandy Holcomb
Mary Holm
Carrie Kemp
Jane Krummrich
June Ladwig
Sandra Liebolt
Nowell Locke
Jessica Mayo
Gloria McConnell
Evelyn McFaddin
Marguerite McGowan
McLean County Farm
Bureau
Jeannine Montgomerie
Judy Muck
Dorothy Neal
Linda Pendell

Rosemary Powell
Doris Ritter
Leland & Rita Scanlon
Michelle Schneider
Mary Jane Shutt
Louise Stillman
Elsie Stone
Bev Sweeney
Linda Sweeney
Linda Thomas
Evelyn Tosh
Margaret Tulloch
Joyce Vannice
Elma Voorheis
Kay Wertz
Louise Whiteman
Marcella Wilson
Jeannette Wood
Rita Yordy

In loving memory...

Mark Hettinger
by Linda Crowley

James Moore
by Helen Moore

In honor of FIA volunteer...

Henry Barnes
by Louise Barnes

Glenna Christmann
by Virginia Phelps & JoAn
Welch

Edith Phillips
by Vicki Krugman

Good Neighbor grant reminder for State Farm employees

If you are an employee, agent, or retiree of State Farm, your volunteer hours can help FIA financially. Through the Good Neighbor Grant Program, State Farm Companies Foundation awards a \$500 grant on behalf of each State Farm associate who volunteers a minimum of 40 hours per year.

FIA is an eligible non-profit organization. Turn in your hours each month, and when you reach 40 hours, you may designate Faith in Action of Bloomington Normal as the recipient of your Good Neighbor Grant. Just go to www.easymatch.com/statefarm and fill out an application and THANK YOU!

*Be certain that even if we have
accidentally forgotten your
name, God has not.*

Letter from Linda



There is a chill in the air, and the leaves are turning beautiful colors and drifting from the trees. As we turn the calendar to October, it is hard to believe that I have already been with FIA for three months! It is such a blessing to be a part of this wonderful interfaith ministry.

I have enjoyed meeting liaisons from most of our congregations, as well as visiting several churches including Christ Lutheran, East White Oak, and First Presbyterian.

I am amazed by the blessings received in the form of generous donations and warm thank you notes. When it comes time to pay the bills, I am always touched as I remember that Second Presbyterian generously allows us use of their building.

I have enjoyed going to a plethora of health and service fairs, where I was able to meet many of our volunteers and care receivers, and recruit even more.

I have been amazed to watch as Gala Chair Michelle Schneider and her team work to prepare for that Feb. 11 FIA Heart of Faith fundraiser.

I have also had the opportunity to present the "Five Wishes" program on planning for the end of life. I look forward to meeting even more of our wonderful care receivers and volunteers as the year continues.

I pray that you have a blessed fall season, and that you will continue to keep our ministry in your prayers.

Sincerely in Service,

Linda Bollivar, FIA Director



Holiday Schedules

This is just a friendly reminder that the holidays are right around the corner. Please remember that time with family is important for our

volunteer drivers, office volunteers, and office staff.

Here is our availability:

Thanksgiving:

Wed., Nov. 23 – Office open from 9 – noon – no transportation after noon.

Thurs., Nov. 24 – Office closed – no transportation

Fri., Nov. 25 – Office closed – no transportation

Christmas:

Fri., Dec. 23 – Office closed, no transportation

Mon. Dec. 26 – Office closed, no transportation

Dec. 19 – Dec. 30, transportation will be prioritized by medical necessity, and filled accordingly.

New Year's:

Mon., Jan. 2 – Office closed, no transportation



A few friendly reminders for our wonderful drivers:

- DRIVER SIGN:**
If you don't have a "Faith In Action Driver" sign for your dashboard, stop by the office or contact us at David@bnfia.org to get one.
- CALL 2 TIMES:**
Please remember to call the care receiver within 24 hours of taking a ride assignment, and again the day before the appointment.
- PARKING AT APARTMENTS:**
Apartment managers really appreciate it whenever we can follow the parking guidelines. Please avoid parking in bus lanes, fire lanes, etc. Call us if you have any questions.
- NAMETAGS:**
We ask all FIA Volunteers to wear their name tags to help our care receivers feel more comfortable with the fact that they are being provided services by someone reputable.



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A neighbor's
independence
depends on you.

FAITH
IN ACTION

**PEPPER PARTNER
FIA FUNDRAISER!**

Chili's



Oct. 16 - 23



FIA Holiday Hours
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Our Mission

FIA provides spiritual, physical, and emotional support to seniors 60 years and over and their caregivers to maintain independence, dignity, and improved quality of life. We accomplish this through an interfaith network of volunteers, congregations and community organizations.

Upcoming 2011-12 Events

Day/Date	Time	Topic	Location
Tues. Oct. 11	5:30 pm	FIA Liaison Potluck Meeting	Calvary United Methodist
Sun. Oct. 16	Varies	Faith in Action Sunday	Various congregations
Oct. 16 – 23	Varies	Chili's Pepper Partner Program	Chili's restaurant
Tues. Oct. 18	3:00 pm	Volunteer Orientation	FIA Office
Tues. Oct. 25	Noon	FIA Board Meeting	2 nd Pres.
Tues. Oct. 28	9:15 am. - 3:15 pm	Spirituality & Aging Workshop	Advocate BroMenn
Mon. Nov. 7	Noon	FIA Office Staff Meeting	FIA Office
Tues. Nov. 8	9:30 a.m.	Volunteer Orientation	FIA Office
Sat. Nov. 19	10 – noon	Volunteer Holiday Open House	FIA Office
Wed., Nov. 23 – Fri Nov. 25	Starting at noon Nov. 23	NO FIA Services / office closed	Happy Thanksgiving
Tues. Nov. 29	Noon	FIA Board Meeting	2 nd Pres.
Thurs. Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.	Volunteer Orientation	FIA Office
Fri., Dec. 23, Mon Dec. 26	All Day	NO FIA Services / office closed	Merry Christmas
Mon. Jan. 2	All Day	NO FIA Services / office closed	Happy New Year