

Faith in Action of Bloomington-Normal "Legacy of Serving Seniors"

A Letter From The Executive Director

Greetings,

I hope during these cold days you are staying warm in your home. If you are struggling with heat or air conditioning, issues and have AmerenIP and NICOR, please call 309.429.6608 as an energy savings program is available to most and may cover a considerable amount in improvements.

With the change of the year, we are saying our goodbyes to a few and welcoming others to the great work of Faith in Action.

Goodbye to...

- Lynda and Tim Arnold have volunteered extensively over the years. They are moving out of state. Lynda has overseen our Care Receiver onboarding process.
- Several FIA Board Members are ending their terms. We thank Bob Hilmer, Karen Coughlin, Laura Knoblach and Darla Heath.
- Esther Brokaw, who has led efforts with friendly visits/calls for 9+ years, is retiring from her role. She is behind many great connections and friendships.
- And I have decided to retire. It has been a wonderful experience to be at Faith in Action doing such important work. I plan to volunteer and will certainly support the new director in their success.

Welcome to...

- Carolyn, a volunteer who is now a part-time employee overseeing Care Receiver onboarding
- New Board members are currently being selected and will be announced later in January.
- Darla Heath has been named the new Executive Director. She most recently worked at Evergreen Village but has worked with older adults for decades. She will be starting mid-January and will be a great addition to FIA.

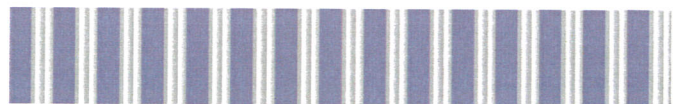


Blessings,

Pamela Sweetwood



Our 2022 Annual Appeal Campaign is wrapping up. If you would like to still make a donation, there is a gift envelope included in this newsletter. Thank You!





Lynda A with her decorated tree.

FAITH IN ACTION NEWS

We are so sad to see Lynda A move out of state. She has been an incredible volunteer serving as a driver, a transportation desk volunteer and most recently helping on-board all new Care Receivers to our program. Lynda is quick to help out however she can. We wish her and Tim much happiness in their new home.

We added a Care Receiver Coordinator position to our staff. Welcome Carolyn W, a past Volunteer Coordinator and a current volunteer driver and Church Liaison for First Baptist.

Carolyn W.



REMINDERS

Inclement Weather: Faith in Action will not provide transportation or other services in the event of dangerous weather. It is up to the discretion of the volunteer and the office to decide if the ride is a danger to both parties. The volunteer will call you to cancel the ride if necessary. And, of course, you can cancel your ride if you do not want to go during inclement weather. Faith in Action aims to always keep both parties safe.

Appointment Requests: All requests should be made at least one week before the appointment time. The sooner we have an appointment, the more likely we are to have time to find a volunteer. Appointments can be made up to one year in advance.

Do you have internet and an Amazon account?

If so, we have a FREE echoshow, a hands-free speaker and virtual assistance device. Just call the office at 309.827.7780 to request one.

Are you a Walgreens customer?

If so, Walgreens has selected Faith in Action for their rewards donation program for December/January/February. You can select Faith in Action on the application or website.

FAITH IN ACTION NEWS

McLean County Veterans Assistance Commission

The McLean Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) assists indigent veterans and their families with limited temporary emergency financial aid. They also have information for health benefits and burial information. With the PACT Act passing there are more benefits available to Veterans who were affected by burn pits, Agent Orange, and many other toxins. This office also maintains a food bank for Veterans and Veterans' families. Recently the Caregiver benefits too have been expanded to Veterans with 70% disability. Give VAC a call to see if they can help and to explain who can 309-888-5140 Office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 - 4 PM

Art Rodriguez, Normal Township Trustee, Chairman McLean County Veterans Assistance Commission, Senior Vice Commander District 17 American Legion, AMVETS Life Member

**Just a few
of our elves
signing
holiday cards...**



Above from left to right: Judy S, Diana N, Betsy H, Sharon H, and Sue M.



From left to right: Mallory W, Tina Z, Jennifer C, Maerilee H, Dan F.



NEW VOLUNTEERS — October 2022



Allison T - Diann J - Elizabeth S - Ellen A - Nancy Z



Rita C - Roxanne C - Rusty S - Angela M - Angela W



Betsy W - Charlie M - Diana W - Frankie L - Jerry G



Kevin W - LeeAnn G - Randi M - Traci L

REMINDER:

- ◆ All calls should go through the Faith in Action Office, 309-827-7780.
- ◆ No calls should be made directly to the Volunteers.

NEW VOLUNTEERS — November/December 2022



Deb M

Jim S

Linda C

Linda D

Marcia F



Mike R

Tim B

Bob C

JoAnna C

Carol T



Diane M

Florence B

Janelle M

Jennifer J

Larry C



Peggy B

Peggy C

Sandy D

Welcome!

Our volunteers
are the best!

Thank you for
choosing Faith in
Action!





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 Return Service Requested

FIA Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:

9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Closed Saturday & Sunday



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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FAITH IN ACTION IN 2023!

