



Angels On Assignment

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Message from the Director

Dear Friends,

I love that Faith In Action welcomes summer with an evening devoted to recognizing the dedication and generosity of our caregivers. Whether it's having a meal delivered, being driven to a doctor's appointment or getting help for minor home repairs, you know that the lives those they assist are improved by the wonderful, daily acts of volunteerism and caring. But the benefits go well beyond these practical areas—by showing others they are loved and are an important part of society; those being

helped are living happier and more peaceful lives.

We've talked about it before, but it continues to be true, the generosity of our caregiver's continues to



Cathy Lund
Director

not only enhance their lives, but the life of the care receiver and the positive impact they have on our

communities. Our hometowns continue to be better places to live because of caring individuals like our Faith In Action caregivers.

On page two please take time to read the article about our FIA Caregiver Recognition and hopefully, the next time one of these "Angels on Assignment" visits you, you will bless their day by taking the time to let them know what they mean to you!

Remember, it's easy to get involved with FIA; please call our office at 608 357-2361 or check out our website at faithinactioncc.com and now on Facebook.

Calendar of Events

June 15, 2011
June 16—August 4, 2011

June 16—19, 2011
June 17, 2011
July 4, 2011
July 20, 2011

July 29, 2011
August 17, 2011

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
Free "Concerts in the Park" series
Lawler Park Gazebo, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Annual Prairie Villa Rendezvous
Chicken Q Fundraiser
Happy Fourth of July!
ADRC Potluck Picnic, Seneca Town Hall
10:00 a.m.
FIA Golf Tournament, 1:00 p.m. Tee Off
Bereavement Service, Memorial Gardens
St. Feriole Island, 6:30 p.m.

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**Faith
In
Action thanks
all the
"Angels On
Assignment!"**

FIA Volunteer Recognition

Faith In Action caregivers, Board members, and guests were honored at the annual Caregivers Recognition Dinner held May 24, at the United Methodist Church in Prairie du Chien.

The evening kicked off with Faith In Action Board President Scott Kennedy welcoming everyone and thanking all the caregivers for their dedication to helping others.

The caregivers and guests were served a delicious meal consisting of pork sandwiches provided by Scott and Sherri Kennedy, along with an array

of salads and deserts provided by Board members.

After the meal, Cathy introduced the Office Angels to help caregivers recognize who they are talking to on the phone. Board members were also introduced and recognized for all the fundraising and the hours they spend behind the scene. Also, recognized were drivers for in-town and out-of-town trips.

Another special volunteer, Nancy Dowling, was recognized for all the help she provides to Cathy. Nancy helps with all the editing and

proofing of all the Faith In Action printed materials.

A special thanks to the United Methodist Church in Prairie du Chien for the use of their lovely fellowship hall!

It was a delightful evening of fun and fellowship for everyone attending!



**You Make All
The Difference!**

**If you need
rides to the
"Concerts in
the Park"
series this
summer, give
Faith In
Action a call
to schedule a
driver!**

Project Lifesaver Aims to Protect by Jim McGrath

Fear that a loved one might wander away can cause a family members considerable worry. A program available in Crawford County to locate persons who do wander aims to address that fear and save lives.

Project lifesaver involves the placement of a pendant on the wrist or ankle of a person who would be at risk for wandering. Such persons may include those with Alzheimer's disease, down syndrome, autism or brain injury. The pendant, which is about the size of a wrist watch, emits a silent radio signal that can be traced to law enforcement personal utilizing special antenna equipment. Each month the battery

in the pendant is change by a qualified person to ensure its effectiveness.

Members of Crawford County Sheriff's Department received training from a certified Project Lifesaver officer on the use of the equipment and on search techniques. Volunteers from Faith In Action also attended the training and will meet monthly with persons enrolled in the program to change the batteries in pendants.

"Faith In Action is excited to take part in this collaborative effort to bring this important service to the residents of the county," Cathy Lund, Faith In Action

Program Director, said.

Crawford County Human Services, utilizing funding established to aid those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia, is now able to offer financial assistance to persons interested in enrolling their loved one with dementia in Project Lifesaver.

Cost to enroll someone in Project Lifesaver includes a one-time \$99.00 enrollment fee and a \$30.00 monthly subscriber charge. Applications for Project Lifesaver of Crawford County can be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Aging and Disability Resource Center at 326-0235 or online at LoJackSafetyNet.com.

National Elder Abuse Awareness Day

The Crawford County Elder and Adults at Risk Abuse Committee would like to inform you that June 15, has been set aside as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

The following information will help inform you about Elder and Adult abuse.

What is Elder Abuse?

Elder abuse refers to intentional or neglectful acts by a caregiver of "trusted" individual that lead to, or may lead to harm of a vulnerable elder. Physical abuse; neglect; emotional or psychological abuse; verbal abuse and threats; financial

abuse and exploitation; sexual abuse; and abandonment are considered forms of elder abuse. In many states, self-neglect is also considered mistreatment.

Who is at Risk?

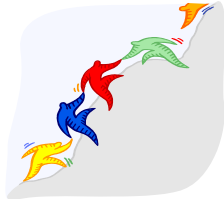
Elder abuse can occur *anywhere* in the home, in nursing homes, or other institutions. It affects seniors across all socio-economic groups, cultures, and races. One thing is for certain: elder abuse can happen to *any* older individual—your neighbor, your loved one—it can even happen to *you!*

What Should I Do if I Suspect Elder Abuse?

Report your concerns! Remember: Most cases of elder abuse go undetected. Don't assume that someone has already reported a suspicious situation. In Crawford County report any concerns to Crawford County Human Services 608 326-0248. If you or someone you know is in a life threatening situation or immediate danger contact 911 or the local police or sheriff.

Let's remember that together, we have the power to prevent elder abuse!

Who YOU are makes a difference!



Who
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makes a
difference!

Do you enjoy helping others?
Are you looking for a great way

to serve individuals needing help in your community? Interested in driving an elderly or disabled person to an appointment? Or, maybe you enjoy doing home visits, or helping with light housekeeping? If you answered yes to any of these questions,

Faith In Action could offer you a great opportunity to lend a helping hand to neighbor in need.

Stop in, call or visit us online at faithinactioncc.com to get an application. It's time to...

Get Involved!

**Give
us a call
and get
involved
TODAY!**

Upcoming Chicken Q and Golf Tournament

Faith In Action is offering a number of fundraising opportunities for you and your family in June and July.

June 17, Faith In Action will be hosting a drive-thru Chicken Q from 11:00—6:00 p.m. at the Rickleff's Parking Lot, 100 North Marquette Road, Prairie du Chien. Dinner includes, grilled 1/2 chicken, potato salad, baked beans and a dinner roll for the low price of \$8.00 per meal. Prearranged lunch deliveries are available between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tickets are still available at the following locations, Faith In Action, Home-

ward Bound and both Peoples State Bank locations. Pre-purchased tickets are not required but strongly encouraged to reserve your meal. Meals provided by Rooster Andy's. Hope to see you on the 17th!

July 29, will be the 6th Annual Golf Tournament at the Prairie du Chien Country Club.

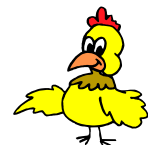
This 18-hole tournament will be a fun day topped off with cash prizes and contests on the course. Golfers can register beginning at 12:00 noon with a tee off at 1:00 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$60.00 per guest, \$40.00 for

members without cart privileges, \$30.00 for members with cart privileges. Tournament fees include 18 holes of golf, golf cart, and supper consisting of sandwiches, salads, desert, served at the end of the tournament.

Please contact the Faith In Action office at 357-2361 to purchase your Chicken Q tickets and to register for the golf tournament.

Also, give the office a call if you are interested in helping with any of these fundraisers.

**Chicken Q
June 17!**



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This Faith In Action Newsletter is sponsored by the **United Way!**
(Please let them know you appreciate their support—their annual campaign is held in October each year.)

Remember Faith In Action in your end-of-life planned giving!

Your financial support will allow Faith In Action to continue to meet the needs of seniors throughout Crawford, Grant, and Clayton counties. What a great way to lend a financial hand and ensure that others in the area will continue to receive the help needed! Call the Faith In Action office at (608) 357-2361 for more information.

Gracious Givers

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the following donors for their recent contributions to Faith In Action.

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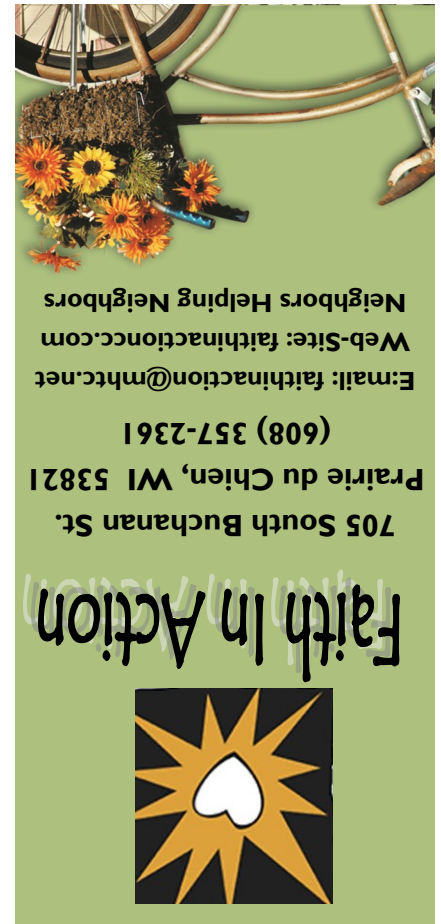
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