



# Faith in Action

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### ***Faith in Action***

is an inter-faith ministry that provides  
non-medical assistance to elderly and  
chronically disabled adults in our  
communities.

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- Faith in Action was given start—up funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1996
- In the past 25 years, FIA has provided over 30,000 hours of service .
- Volunteers transported care receivers 250 times, driving over 1700 miles in 2021.
- FIA provides services free of charge with the financial help from individual donations, grants ,civic organizations and church-es.



## Greetings from the FIA Board of Directors



Faith in Action has just completed 25 years of service to care receivers in Cabell and northern Wayne Counties in West Virginia and Lawrence County Ohio. As the newly elected president of the Board of Directors, I would like to share information about the Boards' priorities for 2022.

We look forward to celebrating the 25 years of service throughout the year, with several fundraisers, culminating in a larger event in December of this year. Watch the newsletter, social media, and news outlets for further information.

FIA has a dynamic Board of Directors that has a desire to see FIA flourish in coming years. Our standard and ad hoc committees are hard at work modernizing our services, and policies and cultivating sources of funding. The work of these committees will assure the ongoing viability of Faith in Action.

FIA provided new services to care receivers in 2021 and we hope to continue new ways to provide health and well being projects in 2022. With the help of grants and donations, we were able to deliver food baskets containing heart and diabetic friendly foods. In December, volunteers delivered baskets containing hygiene and cleaning supplies, each basket also included a hand made prayer shawl. The appreciation expressed was humbling. These were huge undertakings for the staff and volunteers, but the result was well worth the effort. We want to express our gratitude to the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington, The Pilot Club, the Teubert Trust Foundation, civic and church organizations, and all of our individual donors who make these services possible.

Please keep Faith in Action and its Board of Directors in your prayers.

*Peggy Brown, President*  
Board of Directors  
Faith in Action of the River Cities



### From a "Faith"ful Volunteer



"My name is Tom Pressman. I have been a volunteer in various capacities at *Faith in Action* for almost 25 years, serving in the capacity of Board Member, Board Chair and operational volunteer. I want to share with you the rewards of those activities.

The changes that have taken place in our community over that quarter-century have been astonishing. The stability of our community has been undermined and many of our elderly fellow citizens (I am 74) have been left without the network of family and friends. Mundane tasks like grocery shopping, medical appointments and shopping trips have become inaccessible to many of us. *Faith in Action* has helped fill in the gaps for many of these folks.

Currently, I help four people in ensuring that they will access the activities that make life easier and more "normal." It is a distinct source of pleasure for me to provide that help. I am continually astonished by the difference it makes in the lives of the folks I assist. The need for FIA services is growing. Won't you call Tina at (304) 697-1274 to see how you can help or to sign up for assistance. Either role provides ample rewards."

## Employment that can make a difference in the lives of others



Faith in Action of the River Cities, a non-sectarian service organization, is seeking applicants for the position of Development Officer. The Development Officer is responsible for planning, organizing, and directing all of *Faith in Action's* fundraising. Successful applicants should demonstrate excellent writing, verbal, social media, design, leadership and marketing skills.

Qualifications include a BA degree or equivalent in business or related field, at least one year of experience in fundraising, outside sales, or with a non-profit in a similar capacity, knowledge of community organizations and fluency in Microsoft Office suite. Interested persons should send a resume to

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## Happenings

### Holiday Gift to our Care Receivers



*In December, FIA had the privilege of delivering baskets filled with personal care items and cleaning supplies to our care receivers. Each baskets also contained a surprise gift of a handmade prayer shawl. The response from our care receivers was overwhelming and humbling. We received so many calls and thank you notes, most contained a special thank you for the "warm, beautiful shawl."*

*We received prayer shawls from Beverly Hills UMC, Johnson Memorial UMC, New Baptist Church, The Pilot Club (Delia Cline and Harriett Evans) Lois Broyles and Peggy Brown. The Staff, Board of Directors, and Volunteers of FIA want you to know how much we appreciate all the work of your hands and hearts. Your kindness through hope, love and faith in action helped provide a comforting embrace, warmth, and blessings to those we serve.*

*This project was made possible by funding from a Pallottine Foundation of Huntington grant.*

*We have been so blessed,*

*Tina*



FIA shared the love on Valentine's Day with our care receivers with help from Mary Dempsey's art classes at St. Joseph Catholic School. These beautiful cards, made by students in grades K-8, were part of our outreach to those who may be isolated, lonely or in need of a smile. FIA welcomes community involvement. If your group is looking for a service project, feel free to contact us. We also welcome referrals of those you know could use our services, volunteers, and financial support.