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Tri-Cities Area Faith in Action Quarterly Newsletter

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FROM THE COORDINATOR'S DESK

Happy New Year!!!



2016 is already here! I hope you had a very blessed and joyous holiday season. The holidays for Faith in Action were very memorable. I was able to show our volunteers how much they are loved and appreciated by treating them to a holiday meal at Ravanelli's (picture on next page). Another blessing was that Christmas cards came pouring in to the office from our Care Receivers and Volunteers. It made us feel so loved!

We are entering this new year with twice as many volunteers as last year, so let's hope for double the help for those in need this year!

Sarah Sanchez, TCFIA Coordinator

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A Big THANK YOU to St. Elizabeth's for putting a wonderful Faith in Action sign outside the building!



Tri-Cities FIA Volunteers at Ravanelli's

Miles & Times

Tri-Cities Area Faith in Action Volunteers give to this community in a special way. Our volunteer drivers use their own cars, pay for their own gas, and take time out of their own lives to make a senior in need a priority, and they ask for nothing in return. Faith in Action tries to compensate in whatever way possible, but it's very small in comparison to the huge sacrifice our volunteer drivers make, some on almost a daily basis.

For this quarter, the Faith in Action volunteers drove **3,305** miles and dedicated **663** hours of their time to assisting our care receivers. Way to go!!!



That's **11** volunteer drivers who drove

3,305 miles

to ensure that our Care Receivers got to where they needed to go! Thank you!

Donations Breakdown:

For this quarter,
Tri-Cities Faith
in Action
received...

\$875 from indi-
viduals in the
community

\$190 from
congregations

\$300 from
organizations

That's a total of
\$1,365 that is
helping us make
a difference for
seniors in our
community!

Thank You For Your Donations!

The following individuals, congregations, and/or organizations have made donations this quarter that help purchase gas cards for volunteers, help make the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon possible, and help keep Tri-Cities Area Faith in Action going so that seniors in our community who need help can get help. **THANK YOU!**

Johnson Rd. General Baptist Church

Naomi Russell

Kathaleen Andrews

Agnes Fryntzko

Lois Daniel

Ted Vrenick

Elaine Short

Calvary Life Seniors

Anna Mae Minks

Marie Crawford

Ministerial Alliance

Mary Michaels

Barb Modrusic

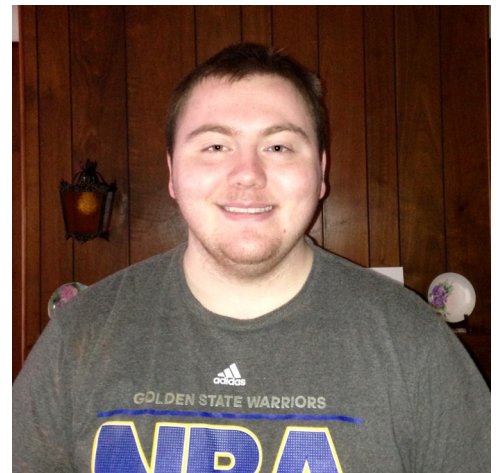
**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING TRI-CITIES AREA
FAITH IN ACTION!!!**

Tri-Cities Area Faith in Action Volunteer Highlights

TCFIA is happy to announce that volunteer **Nick Barth** was selected as this quarter's volunteer to highlight!

Nick Barth came to Tri-Cities Area Faith in Action as a Friendly Phone Caller volunteer in July 2015. Nick is our YOUNGEST volunteer—20 years old. He is a college student who attends SIUE. The fact that Nick chose to volunteer for us in his free time says a lot about his character as a young man. He has been described as humble, very friendly, personable, and compassionate. As a Friendly Phone Caller, Nick calls an 88-year-old senior to help the gentleman know he is still cared about and not forgotten. Here's what the senior had to say about Nick: "Nick is highly intelligent for his age. We both tell each other stories, but mostly it's me telling the stories. He's a good listener. I just lost 2 boys and a sister-in-law all within the last 30 days, so it's been consoling having Nick call me."

Even though Nick is still so young, he has done a tremendous amount of volunteer work, even before joining the Faith in Action family. He has helped to feed the homeless, has passed out shoes and socks for children in need, and has helped to feed women at a shelter. TCFIA is so blessed to have this selfless young man helping with our mission: to help senior citizens remain independent in their homes.



We appreciate you, Nick!

Welcome Aboard!

This quarter we are pleased and honored to have **6 new volunteers** join our family!

New Volunteers

Trudy Black—Secretary

Bridgette Sims—Orientation Trainer

Crista Harnetiaux—Local Driver

David Meyer—St. Louis Driver

Jeff Rains—Friendly Phone Caller

Lena Scher—Friendly Phone Caller

Unfortunately we cannot have new Care Receivers come aboard until we have enough volunteers to handle the needs. We have around 50 seniors waiting patiently to receive help from Faith in Action. Please help us help them and become a volunteer today!

We are grateful for you!

In Search of Volunteers

Volunteers are the HEART of Tri-Cities Area Faith in Action. We have so many seniors in need of help and not enough volunteers to serve those needs. Please consider joining our team and becoming a volunteer for TCFIA. There are many ways you can help make a difference in a senior's life. For more information about volunteering or to find out how you can make a donation to support Faith in Action, please contact us. You CAN make a difference!

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