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From the Executive Director

Where did the summer go? It seems just yesterday that the trees were turning green and the flowers were budding. Now Labor Day has passed, we've had a few cool nights, and soon fall will officially be upon us. I hope that everyone had a good and a safe summer.



We're very glad to have a couple of long-time volunteers recuperating at home. Ginny Lee Hastings spent much of the summer down south at Duke Medical Center. Welcome home! Another volunteer, Charlie Brown, is recovering from cardiac issues. We all wish you a speedy recovery!

As most of you have heard (read) before, this letter is the part of the newsletter with which I struggle most. I never want our newsletter to be too dismal – never want it to be too full of needs/requests. But sometimes you just have to go with the flow: We need your help! Like most non-profits locally and nationally, the economic downturn has meant fewer donations. I know folks are inundated – I probably receive at least 3 requests for donations in my mail at home every week. That's why, as Director, I'm so thankful when I have a chance to "give back" to our donors. In this issue, you will find items about fundraisers that allow donors to give to FIA, while saving some money at the same time. Whether it be tax credits or giving while you shop, we hope you will take advantage of these opportunities. Thank you!

We in the office are also struggling to keep up with the rising demand for services. We receive several new applications every week, and we are not always able to fill all the requests. If you have ever thought about becoming a volunteer for a good cause, this just might be your chance. There's more about volunteering inside.

So, please remember these requests. And I sincerely hope that all of you have a beautiful and blessed autumn. - Rose

Inaugural "Sip & Savor"



Thank you to those who attended the inaugural "Sip & Savor" fundraiser on Saturday, August 28th. Creative Kitchens graciously opened their showroom for our use and 35-40 of our long-time supporters and new friends enjoyed the attractive surroundings. Greenbrier-trained chef, Christopher Bowling treated those present to an assortment of hors d'oeuvres, shared his recipes, and demonstrated his techniques.

Complementary wine pairings were also presented. The food and wine were wonderful; the setting was exceptional; and the company was

superb! Thanks also go out to the Board members who helped with set-up and clean-up duties; to Brunetti's Italian Bakery for the bread products; and to Mike at King Spirits for his assistance with the wine selections. We appreciate all your help! Although we had hoped for a larger attendance, the response was so favorable that we will be repeating this event. If you were unable to attend this time, be watching for the notice next time. Fundraising never tasted so good!

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

--- Sally Koch

SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS
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HELP WANTED

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We at FIA are always on the lookout for good help! If you or someone you know has a few hours to spare, why not think about becoming a volunteer with Faith in Action? Unlike some organizations, we don't require any minimum time commitment. If you can volunteer just one time a month, that may be the one day an elderly neighbor has a vital doctor appointment. We'll take as many or as few hours as you can spare. I am always amazed when I talk to volunteers, because they all say the same thing: "I get more out of helping than the people I help do." We will be holding new volunteer

trainings around the area in the weeks to come. Please think about becoming a volunteer – the rewards are out of this world.

Another volunteer opportunity is serving on the Board of Directors for FIA. We strive to maintain a balance on the Board of ministerial and business persons and geographic representation. At this time, we are looking for people willing to serve starting in January. Board members serve a three year term, meeting every other month. We are looking to increase our members from Ohio and outside the Huntington city limits, as we always want their perspectives voiced. Again, please think about whether this is a way for you to serve your neighbors.

If you have any questions, please call the office or visit our web-site for more information.

New "Go To" Team

Many thanks go out to the United Methodist Men's Group of Pea Ridge UMC. After I spoke at their regular monthly meeting in July, they volunteered to help with home improvement or safety projects for FIA care receivers.

So far they have built two wheelchair ramps and are currently working on a home in Barboursville. A fine example of their work is the ramp pictured, built for a care receiver in East Huntington. The gentleman is very happy to be able to get out in his yard.

Thank you so much for caring about your neighbors in need!



BORDERS Benefit Days

Here's a great way to help Faith in Action and get an early start on your holiday shopping as well. FIA is participating in the Borders Benefit Days on the weekend of October 23rd & 24th. All you have to do is present the voucher below at the time of purchase, and a percentage of your total sale will be given to FIA. If you prefer to shop online, there is a code on the voucher to use when completing your purchase. This is a great way to donate to FIA without spending any extra money. Now is a good time to stock up on books, movies, and music for the long winter evenings ahead. When you shop, FIA receives 10-15%. Be sure you have the voucher! If you need more, just call the office, we'll be happy to see that you receive them. Thanks for your help!!

Valuable voucher to benefit Faith in Action of the River Cities

Benefit Days – our way of giving back

a percentage of the net sales raised from this coupon will be donated to **Faith in Action of the River Cities**

valid 10/23 -10/24/10

Excludes previous purchases, gift cards, newspapers, magazines, coupon books, digital downloads, comics, special orders, video games, Smartbox products, Rosetta Stone software, and shipping. Void where prohibited by law. Any other use constitutes fraud. Cash value .01¢. Not redeemable for cash. Valid on 10/23 – 10/24/10

Cashiers: Ring items, select S3, select S4, scan or enter barcode #, select S1, enter \$0.01, and Total.

Note: if a customer presents a Total Purchase coupon, such as "\$5 off Total Purchase" or "10% off Total Purchase", use this barcode to ring that discount. Follow the instructions on the original coupon, but scan the barcode on the Benefits Day voucher. The register will only accept one barcode for Total Purchase coupons.

Borders Online Code:

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Announcing: NIP Tax Credits!

We have already received calls inquiring about Neighborhood Investment Program tax credits. The good news is – they're here! In the past, many of you have received NIP Tax Credit vouchers which "give back" half your donation on your taxes. We're happy to say that this year FIA received \$3563 in tax credits. For donations over \$500, you receive a voucher which is a credit against your WV personal or business income taxes. The donation still is fully deductible on your federal tax forms. If this opportunity is of interest to you, please call the office at (304) 697-1274 for more details. Hurry – they go fast!!

GIFT CARDS

Just a reminder that Faith in Action now has gift cards available for many of your favorite shopping or dining venues. When you buy them from FIA we get a percentage of each sale.

Contact the FIA office today about how to order.

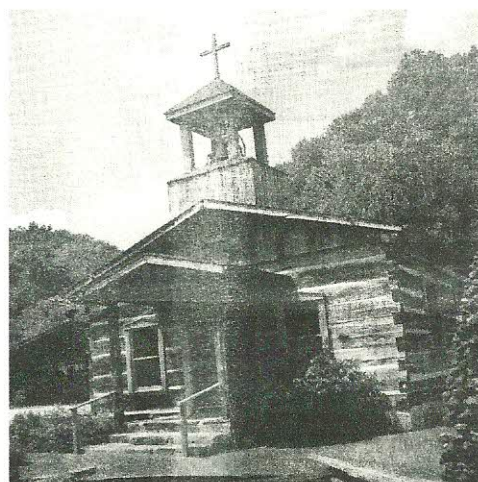
Orders placed by 10 am Thursday can be picked up Tuesday afternoon. It's a great way to donate without spending any extra!

Save the Dates

Mark your calendars now for December 17, 18th & 19th: the dates for Heritage Holidays Concerts at the Heritage Farm & Museum Chapel.

The theme this year will be "Christmas

Around the World" and will feature changes including a new group of musicians (some familiar faces), and an afternoon performance geared toward the younger members of the family. We think that all ages will enjoy this new version of a community tradition. More information will be included in the next newsletter.



"Seek always to do some good, somewhere. Every person has to seek in his own way to make his own self more noble and to realize his own true worth. You must give some time to your fellow man." - Albert Schweitzer

