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A Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. Publication



November 2021

Campaign update

In October of 2021, we announced a capital campaign to help meet the rising needs of our community. This campaign will allow us to build a facility to bring all Interfaith programs under one roof. To help us accomplish this, we received an extremely generous grant for \$800,000, from the Lunda Charitable Fund, matching all local donations. The response has been magnanimous!

Our campaign continues through the end of January, 2022. All funds will be used to support our new facility, and the program growth a new facility will allow.

We are excited to continue sharing this vision with our volunteers, care receivers, businesses, congregations, and community members who have made Interfaith as strong as it is today. In our 32 years, Interfaith has touched every corner of our county. Nearly every family that lives here, either through assisting a family member, providing volunteer opportunities, or working together with community partners, have all been important to our growth. Thank you for being a part of Interfaith!

If you would like more information about our facilities project, or a presentation for your business, church, or organization, we are happy to help you find ways you or your organization can help. Please contact Lori at 715-284-7058.

Good Neighbors Day



Each fall and spring, we are blessed with volunteers from area businesses, congregations, and youth groups who assist with our "Good Neighbors Day". Volunteers join us for a day of community clean-up, sharing their time with some of our neighbors with their fall and spring tasks. This year two area businesses raked, washed windows, cleaned, painted fences, and cut back perennials. Fifteen households or senior living facilities were helped. Thank you to Black River Country Bank and Co-op Credit Union for helping our neighbors age in place. Your dedication to community service and helping others is a testament to the wonderful community in which we live!

Pictured are some of the many volunteers from Black River Country Bank and Co-op Credit Union on Interfaith's Good Neighbors Day



We greatly value your support.

\$800,000 matching grant to support our facility needs.

All local donations received, up to \$800,000, will be matched by the Lunda Charitable Fund. Please return your donation by 12/31/21. Make check payable to: **Interfaith Caregivers** (write "Building Challenge" in memo line)

Name _____

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MAIL TO: Jackson County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers,
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Interfaith relies on the generous support of our community to continue our mission of helping health impaired older adults and individuals that are disabled. Without the support of our volunteers and our donors, none of this would be possible.

In lieu of thank you letters, we utilize our newsletter to recognize donations and memorials. Many families have requested Interfaith for their family's memorials. This edition, we thank the family of Mary Waughtal.

Interfaith receives many memorials, and "in honor of" tributes, which are given to Interfaith to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other happy occasions. Every effort is made to include all donations during this time period. If your name is omitted, please accept our apologies, and let us know so we can promptly correct our records. Donations included in this insert are from August 1st to October 31st.

We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the following for their support.

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All Volunteers

- Nancy Hindes
- John & Delone Hoagenson
- Jim & Kathy Mason
- Avonelle Tollefson
- Cal & Carolyn Burge's 45th

Wedding Anniversary

- Mary A. Peterson
- Co-op Credit Union Good

Neighbors Day

- Dave & Joy Fossum
- Gene & Judy Ransom

Kathy Dolesy

- Douglas Mason
- Jan Eckles
- Jerald & Cynthia Moore
- Marilou Peterson

Great Grandbaby Gianna

- Greg & Mary B. Hanson
- Millie & Nick Hagar's

Birthdays

- Marilou Peterson
- Vivian Heinz
- Jim Talley

Peter Hoffman's 90th

- Birthday
- Duane Bowen
- Mary L. Jacobs
- Peter Jacobs & Mary Beth White-Jacobs

Pam Johnson's Retirement

- Bob & Jan Eckles
- Delores Joten's 95th Birthday
- Darlene Lunde
- Tom & Linda Nehring

Bruce Lahmayer

- Dr. Al & Jeanette Lahmayer
- Jeanette Marie Larson
- Dale R. Olson

Roger Laufenberg

- Suzanne E. Renner
- Bill Potter's Birthday
- Bob & Jan Eckles

Steve Schreiber

- Renell Smith
- Jeanne Stalheim
- Richard & Barb Loomis

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- Mary J. Hansen

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- James Arneson
- Joanne Borreson
- Duane Bowen
- Ed & Vione Brauner
- Brad & Lori Chown
- Chuck & Marcia Devendorf
- Richard & Daina Dobbs

"For it is in giving that we receive." —St. Francis of Assisi

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"At times, our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." – Albert Schweitzer

Director's Report – Thankful for Jackson County



Jackson County is home to over 22,000 residents. For decades we have seen our community grow, with families moving here from bigger cities, or

different states to call this beautiful area home. Is it the abundant nature that draws them, the clean fresh air, or the small town feeling that makes our community feel so special? I think it is all of this and much more.

Interfaith is a testament to what an amazingly unique community we have. Thirty-two years ago individuals came together to develop a program to serve

our elderly neighbors, while providing volunteer opportunities. The level that Interfaith has grown is a testament to the community that we have. A community that believes in serving to help others, taking care of their neighbors, giving of their time and talents, and donating their financial support. We continue to be in awe of the generosity of each one of you that call Jackson County home.

The generations of giving, the families that volunteer, and all those who send us your notes of appreciation. We are beyond thankful for each one of you.

With Peace and Love,
– **Lori Chown, Program Director**

President's Message – With Thanks and Gratitude



For over 30 Years, Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers has been a bridge to meet the needs of area residents. Our organization and group of volunteers has been

a blessing to so many individuals in our communities through volunteer service. None of this would have been possible without the gifts of time and talents of so many wonderful people.

What started as a group of neighbors helping neighbors back in 1989 has grown and not only provides volunteer opportunities for individuals, but also businesses, clubs, congregations and organizations. Jesus called us to serve. Interfaith is so grateful to all of you who have answered that call.

Interfaith is growing. We've outgrown our current space and we're in the midst of our capital campaign, *Giving In Faith*

to Serve with Compassion. This capital campaign will give us the opportunity to build a new home for Interfaith. We've gotten off to a great start.

With deep gratitude we thank the Lunda Charitable Fund for the \$800,000 matching grant for this project. In addition to the Lunda Grant, we've also had others pledge to make this new home a reality. The support has been overwhelming. While we are still in need of support, we are well on our way to making this new home a reality.

For thirty-two years our community has supported Interfaith. With deep gratitude for each and every one of you, we move forward to continue providing programs and volunteer opportunities to meet our evolving needs. "With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the Lord:" Ezra 3:11. Together, may we continue to sing this song for many years to come.
– **Marianne Torkelson, Interfaith President**

Interfaith Caregivers
Putting faith in action

Caregiving Services

- Groceries to Go
- Transportation
- Friendly Visits
- Light Housekeeping
- Lawn Care / Shoveling
- Library to Go
- Visually Impaired Program

Time for You and Support Services

- Group Respite Program
- Dementia Support Group
- Parkinson's Support Group
- Dementia Support Services

Volunteer Opportunities

- Putting Faith In Action
- Offering a sense of purpose
- Giving Help, Providing Hope

Community Enrichment

- Volunteer Training Opportunities
- Community Game Nights
- Combating Social Isolation
- Jackson United Mentor Program

Connect with us on Facebook

Follow all the wonderful ways volunteers are able to help. If you or someone you know is looking for assistance, call Interfaith at 715-284-7058 or email interfaith@jcivc.org. The Interfaith office is open Monday–Thursday, 8:30am – 4:30pm and Fridays, 8:30am – 12:00.

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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MISSION STATEMENT

Volunteers of Jackson County Interfaith put their faith in action by using their gifts and talents to serve those living in our area communities.

INTERFAITH'S *Time for you* RESPIRE PROGRAM

Providing stimulating activities for those experiencing memory loss, valuable resources for family members and a few hours of respite for caregivers.

Time For You offers individuals with early memory loss or dementia social interaction which helps them enjoy a better quality of life.

Families interested in participating or volunteers looking for a rewarding experience should contact Interfaith at 715-284-7058 or email interfaith@jcivc.org for more information.



Parkinson's Support Group

**Meets the
Third Tuesday
of each month**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pine View Terrace

404 County Road R
Black River Falls

Interfaith Volunteers is honored to offer a free support group to people diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, their family members and caregivers.



More information call Interfaith at
715-284-7058 or
email interfaith@jcivc.org

Dementia Caregiver Support Group



**Meets the First Thursday
of each month**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Jackson County Department of
Health & Human Services
421 County Road R, Black River Falls
*A monthly support group for individuals
caring for someone with dementia.*



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