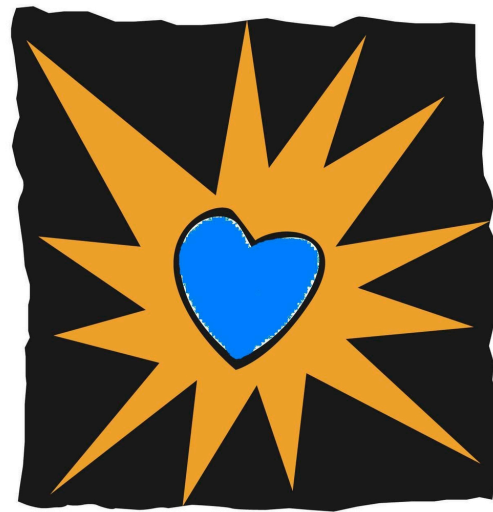


FALL NEWSLETTER

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Fall has arrived; it's my personal favorite season. Crisp leaves underfoot, windows open and a cool breeze passing through. The season of change has arrived. Faith in Action has seen change since I stepped into this role in June - we are settling in and getting cozy.

In the office, we said farewell to Ha'ani as she went off to college and said hello to Sheryl as transportation dispatcher.

I've sought out grants to keep our wheels turning - thankful for Wings Foundation, The Jones Family Foundation, Red Wing Shoe Foundation, and Associated Bank to name a few.

We've been busy reviving our social media presence and informing everyone on just how easy it is to volunteer - whether that be with Faith in Action or another organization.

Looking ahead, we are planning how 2026 will look - fundraisers, events, volunteer onboarding - because there's never enough time to plan it all. We continue to be forever thankful for our amazing volunteers as well as the recipients that trust Faith in Action to get around town.

You are a part of the reason that we do what we do.



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Monday-Friday

8:00am-3:30pm

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A note from the President

On behalf of the Faith in Action Board of Directors (FIA), I want to thank Carol Andersen, Laura Lutjen and Aman Winslow for serving as members on the FIA board. Carol, Laura, and Aman will be leaving the board when their terms expire in February 2026.

Carol has served on the board for six years, Laura has served on the board for nine years and Aman has served on the board for three years. We appreciate their generous contributions to FIA and we will miss them.

It is dedicated members like Carol, Laura and Aman who help make a positive difference in our community and strengthen FIA's success. If you are interested in more information about becoming a member of the FIA Board of Directors, please contact our Executive Director Brittani Dunham at director@faithinactionredwing.org. Please feel free to contact me as well at suebguerber@gmail.com.

Thank you, Carol, Laura, and Aman, for your many years of service and commitment to FIA!

Sincerely,

Sue B. Guerber
Sue B. Guerber



Brittani
Executive
Director



Amber
Office Assistant &
Transportation Dispatch



Elaine
Transportation
Dispatch



Sheryl
Transportation
Dispatch

When you call FIA, these are the friendly staff that answer your phone calls and who work tirelessly to connect volunteers for transportation, friendly visits or book deliveries.

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Easy Ways to Give

Online: Give a one-time gift or monthly recurring donation through PayPal or Venmo. Just check the "make this a monthly donation" box on our website when giving in the "donations" tab.

www.Faithinactionredwing.org

Check or Cash Gift: can be mailed or dropped off at FIA office at 320 W Ave. Suite B, Red Wing, MN 55066

Legacy Giving: Friends of Faith in Action can make a lasting impact by leaving a charitable gift in their Last Will and Testament. Another possible means of giving is through a Charitable Remainder Trust. To consider such donation, please consult with your attorney or estate planning professional.

Other Options: Many retirees will direct a portion of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from their IRA, 401(k) or other retirement account to Faith in Action. Check with your tax preparer to understand the possible tax advantages such as giving.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



In 2025 to date, we have given over 1,800 round trip rides and given those rides to over 154 individuals in our community. We did all of this with around 60 volunteers. We could not have done this without Community support and our wonderful volunteers!

To show our appreciation, gift cards and Chamber Bucks were mailed out as a THANK YOU! If you're wondering how you qualify - if you provided 3+ services (rides, book calls, visits) in a 3 month span, \$25 was sent. If you provided 15+ services, \$50 was sent.

We appreciate you! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR FAITH IN ACTION!

A Cry for Help! Volunteers Desperately Needed!

In the months of August - October, we provided 600+ rides to individuals needing to attend important medical appointments, grocery shop to have food in their place of residence, or to the beauty salon to assist in their mental health. We did all of this with around 45 volunteers. We are thankful for the volunteers we've got but anticipate a decline in available volunteers as winter months approach. We are hopeful we will not have to turn requests down. If you or someone you know think you'd be interested in a very easy, fun and meaningful volunteer opportunity, please reach out.





Thank you to our 2025 Anonymous Donor for doubling the donations in September and October. We surpassed our goal of \$5,000 in donations and were gifted an additional \$5,000 to double the original donations.

We thank each and every donor that helped us reach this goal as well!

As an organization that is funded through grants and donations, we are forever thankful for the grant opportunities within our own community. Knowing that these organizations see what we are doing as a positive for the Red Wing community year after year is an amazing feeling.

If you know of a grant opportunity that Faith in Action would be a good fit for, we appreciate any knowledge and insight to continue to fund our mission.





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How You Can Help: Your role, as a Volunteer Driver, will involve providing transportation to Red Wing residents for medical appointments, shopping, Food Shelf, hair appointments and other requests. Your assistance can mean the world to someone who might otherwise struggle to access these essential services.

Interested in Volunteering or Know Someone Who Might Be?

Why Volunteer with Us:

- **Make a Real Impact:** Your time and effort can directly improve the lives of residents who rely on our services for their health and well-being.
- **Flexibility:** We understand that your schedule may vary. You can choose when or how often you want to volunteer.
- **Meet Amazing People:** Not only will you be helping your neighbors, but you will also have a chance to connect with fellow volunteers who share your passion for making a difference.

What We're Looking For:

- A valid Driver's License and reliable vehicle.
- A compassionate and patient demeanor.
- A commitment to our mission of helping those in need.

Ready to Get Started? Becoming a volunteer at Faith in Action is easy! Simply contact us and we will provide you with all the information you need to make a positive impact in your community. Together, we can ensure that NO ONE in Red Wing is left without access to the services they need.

To learn more and sign up to be a Volunteer Driver, please contact us at 651-327-2400 or visit faithinactionredwing.org/volunteer. Let's drive and change lives together!

**Welcome to our new
volunteers!**

Tari Carpenter
Roberta Jacobson
Lois Haroldson
Jim Magnuson

Do you have an upcoming event and would like Brittani to speak to your group or church? Please email: director@faithinactionredwing.org

In 2025,
Faith in Action received memorials
honoring:

Mary E Miller
David Nordstrom
Don Swanson
Nancy Juenemann
Sharon Lee Marty
Jeremy Light
Julie Betcher
Fran Cordes
Lyle Rasmussen
Sandy Plehal
Janet Erickson
Sherry Ores

If we omitted your memorial gift, please let us know.



HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?

Call FIA to get on our
calendar right away!

Ride Recipients:

To ensure you have a ride,
contact Faith in Action as soon
as you have an appt date on
your calendar!

Yes, even weeks or months
ahead of time - the earlier, the
better!

Contact us: 651-327-2400



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To all of our Volunteers -

Our Annual Appreciation Event was about celebrating all of you — our incredible Faith in Action volunteers. Each of you gives your time, your compassion, and your heart to help our neighbors stay independent, connected, and cared for.

This past year, you've provided countless rides, friendly visits, and book deliveries. But beyond the miles and hours, what truly matters are the moments — the reassurance you give, the friendship you offer, and the dignity you help preserve for every person you serve.

You don't just drive people to appointments — you drive hope. You bring comfort, laughter, and kindness wherever you go.

Faith in Action exists because of you — because you show up, even when it's cold, busy, or inconvenient. You remind us all what it means to be part of a caring community.

So today and every day, please know this: your efforts matter deeply. You are seen, appreciated, and truly loved by everyone you help — and by all of us here.

From all of us at Faith in Action — thank you for being the hands and hearts that keep this mission moving forward.





When KC pulled up in a truck and quickly discovered that Tootie wasn't able to climb into such a big rig, he pivoted. Such a small act of kindness allowed for smiles, memories, and allowing someone to feel like a Queen for a moment.

Even the smallest acts of kindness in our day to day interactions truly help our neighbors find the joy in aging.

How many of us have spare reuseable bags around our homes or in your trunk?

Maybe you're like me (Brittani) and have a bag full of these bags.

We'd love to take them off your hands & pass them along to the Red Wing Food Shelf - they have gone to using reuseable bags and like to have some on hand for neighbors to take if they need while they are grocery shopping.

Feel free to drop off reuseable bags in good condition at Faith in Action any time during our work hours Monday - Friday 8:00 - 3:30.

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