

ANNUAL REPORT
1-1-2023 thru 12-31-2023

Faith In Action In Red Wing is a 501-C-3 not-for-profit public corporation with offices located at 320 West Ave in Red Wing, MN 55066

We provide services within the community of Red Wing, and in adjacent townships to an area approximately 6 miles from city limits.

Mission: To enrich the lives of seniors, and other individuals in distressed circumstances; and to enhance their ability to remain independent, through faith and community based volunteer efforts.

History, Values, Goals: Faith In Action In Red Wing grew out of a community/Goodhue Co Public Health assessment of needs facing the senior population in Red Wing. In 1998 the community was awarded a Robert Wood Johnson grant to establish a Faith In Action project. The main goal was to provide volunteer services which would help the senior population to maintain their independence. Although faith is in our title, we are not a religious organization as such. We have 11 congregations in our community who collaborate in the program with a congregational coordinator who can be a conduit with the program in enlisting volunteers, and assessing members in need of volunteer services. No volunteer or staff member of Faith In Action can proselytize

Our main programs are:

Local transportation assistance. It is provided by Faith In Action volunteers. There is no charge for this service, but services are determined by availability of drivers. Requests should be made at least two working days in advance for medical rides and three working days in advance for all other rides. In 2022 our pool of roughly 82 drivers provided 3,691 hours of service and logged 31,321 miles. 53% of rides given were for medical purposes.

Our Friendly visiting program and book-house call program was provided by 15 volunteers. Many individuals suffer loneliness which can lead to depression. Our volunteers devote ½ to 1 hour visits weekly or bi-weekly with their matches. In 2022 these visits accounted for 359 hours of volunteer services. In addition 117 hours of their time was spent delivering books from the library to individuals unable to go to the library.

Our Cancer Treatment rides are a part of our transportation program, but unique, as they are the only out-of-town service we provide. This program provides rides for Red Wing residents who require radiation treatments for cancer or any other cancer related appointment. Our office works with the patient, their family and friends, and their faith community to fill the many rides needed to complete their treatments. In 2023 we offered assistance to 7 individuals needing transportation to Rochester. Our volunteers spent around 50 hours of their time providing the transportation.

In 2023, a total of 90 individual volunteers provided 4,218 hours of service to the community, serving 178 different individuals (many served numerous times)

**FAITH IN ACTION IN RED WING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Current Board Feb 2023 – Feb 2024**

Carol Andersen – Red Wing, MN 55066 (Feb. 2026) *Secretary*

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Staff

Katherine Bonine - Executive Director, Director@FaithinActionRedWing.org

Elaine Jarmuz - Transportation Dispatch, staff@faithinactinredwing.org

Gwen Krehbiel - Office Assistant & Transportation Dispatch, office@faithinactionredwing.org

Ha'ani Whitlock - Transportation Dispatch, staff@faithinactionredwing.org

Board members serve 3-year terms and they serve through the year shown behind name.

However they do not officially go off till the Feb annual meeting the following year.

Almost every volunteer service tells a story. Here are three examples of how Faith In Action volunteer services have impacted some lives in our community.

This year we had a mother and daughter who both received rides from our transportation program. We took them to doctor appointments but equally as important we took them to visit each other. We were able to let them have quality time together as well as making sure they both were able to get to important appointments. At the end of the Year the mother in our duo was told she did not have long to live. We were able to get her daughter to some last minute ride requests to see her mom as well as for important shopping trips for things for the funeral. The daughter called and wanted to make a donation in memory of her mother in thanks for the wonderful volunteers who

were so kind to her mom when giving her a ride. One of those volunteers actually attended the funeral and it meant so much to the daughter she cried when she saw him.

This year we have seen an increase in requests to go to the food shelf. Our typical demographic for ride requests are individuals ages 65 and older. However, this year we have received quite a few requests from much younger individuals that do not have reliable transportation or any transportation and are in need of the services the food shelf provides. We are happy to serve anyone of any age that is in need and this recent influx of younger individuals requesting rides has opened our eyes to other communities and needs in our town.

Many people feel that rides to non medical or food related locations are not as significant or important. This year as I took a ride request from a recipient to get her hair done she opened up and told me why she requests these rides. When her husband was dying he made her promise that she would continue on and live her life. One of the ways he wanted her to do this was to continue to go and get her hair done. He told her that he knew it always brightened her day and lifted her spirits so he asked her to keep her regular hair appointments after he was gone. She has in honor of her husband's wishes and she said they do in fact help her to feel better and continue living!

Copy of most recent 990 EZ is always available in our office, and is open to everyone.

Staff Experience

Katheine Bonine, Executive Director – 1 year 7 months in position

Gwen Krehbiel, Office Assistant – 1 year 5 months in position

Elaine Jarmuz, Transportation Dispatch – 11 months in position

Ha'ani Whitlock, Transportation Dispatch – 10 months in position

Location: St Paul's Lutheran Church at 320 West Avenue, Red Wing, MN 55066
(handicapped accessible)

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