



Laurel Area Faith in Action

Annual Report
2024



*We count on
Laurel Area Faith in Action!
Can
Laurel Area Faith in Action
count on you?*

Mission:

To enhance the quality of life for persons 60 years and older who reside in the Latrobe, Unity, Derry, and Ligonier areas by providing companionship and assistance.



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Serving the area since 2002

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**Together we can change the
world, just one
random act of kindness
at a time!**

Executive Summary 2023

“Ripples Throughout Time.”

As I begin my fourth year as the Executive Director of Laurel Area Faith in Action, I am so excited to report the growth and success of the program as a result of the generosity and collaboration between our volunteers, our community, our donors, our leadership, and our staff. It has been both a pleasure and an honor to work with this amazing group of people.

The journey of Laurel Area Faith in Action has been guided by many compassionate people over the past twenty-one years. There have been many curves, valleys, and mountain-top moments during this time. I want to thank those who had the innovative spirit to bring Laurel Area Faith in Action from a dream to reality. The dedication and generosity throughout the years have made it possible for us to continue today and into the future. Collaborating with individual volunteers, churches, businesses, schools, municipalities, and our communities at large has proven that kindness and compassion has not gone out of style. Thank you for the vision and leadership, throughout the years, to each and every person and entity that has helped Laurel Area Faith in Action sustain our mission and vision through the donation of time, talents, and treasures.

The information in this report seeks to share the successes, highlight the amazing generosity, and illuminate the challenges facing Laurel Area Faith in Action as we move forward into 2024 and beyond. We celebrate our community outreach and events that bring us together working toward a common goal. Through collaboration, we seek innovative ways to reach out to our recipients to undergird their positive quality of life. Testimonials from our recipients and volunteers are shared within these pages to highlight the overall impact of the Laurel Area Faith in Action program.

Post pandemic life has impacted the world in a myriad of ways. Our volunteer numbers have not returned to pre-pandemic levels. However, we have been able to maintain our service levels. The greatest impact we have experienced is the impact that the philanthropic community shares. Reports show that non-profits, including Laurel Area Faith in Action, have had a decrease in the amount of donations they are receiving from the private sector, business sector, as well as from foundational grants. We are working diligently to overcome this reduction of revenue by seeking alternative funding sources and widening our donor base through increased awareness of who we are and what we do. Located in the “Funding” part of this report you will find a “Legacy” initiative that enables giving that also provides financial benefits to the donor as well.

Laurel Area Faith in Action is so grateful to everyone who has made us who we are today. We are looking forward to the future to see what is next for us, together. It has been said, “It takes a village,” and that is on point for us as well. We all must continue to work together, sharing our compassion, donating our time, and continuing to fund the work of Laurel Area Faith in Action in the years to come.

I am confident that the coming years will see continued success as Laurel Area Faith in Action strives to be the source for help and hope for the local aging population. Scott Adams, American author, shared that, “There is no such thing as a small act of kindness. Each act creates a ripple with no logical end.” Together let us continue to create the ripples that reach far into the future through sharing kindness and compassion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy McLendon

Amy McLendon
Executive Director

RECIPIENT TESTIMONIALS

“Thank you for your generous hearts and hands that serve so many in need.”



“Thank you for your kind gifts. They are certainly items that I can use.”

“You are a much-needed, worthy organization, and God has blessed us with people like you guiding it.”



**Even the smallest gift of kindness can
🌸 change someone's world. 🌸**

TESTIMONIALS

“The world is better because of you. Thank you for what you do in the name of Christ.”



“You do such an amazing job and bless so many lives through your efforts.”

“Every person your organization has brought into my life has BLESSED me in some way and what a pleasure to participate in this outreach!”



SPREAD KINDNESS LIKE WILDFLOWERS.



VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS

“You are so prepared and meticulous in how you provide services.”



“Every person I have worked with has been so appreciative.”

“ I doubt many programs run with such precision. You all are amazing!”



CHANGING LIVES TWO AT A TIME.



Services Provided

Laurel Area Faith in Action addresses the issues of isolation, loneliness, and basic needs. Working with local churches, schools, businesses, organizations, agencies, and individuals, Laurel Area Faith in Action connects volunteers with program recipients. Volunteers provide care and compassion to recipients through a variety of services. The way some services are delivered has been changed to meet CDC safety protocols. The intent of the program is to complement existing community services, not replace or compete with them.

Caring Volunteers are trained to assist elderly individuals with the following:

- **Appointment Escort** – a friendly support person to meet the recipient at doctor appointments or go with them
- **Correspondence** – help with paying bills, writing letters, and completing forms
- **Errands** – groceries, toiletries, etc.
- **Handyman/Yard work** – minor repairs, installations, and yard work, as needed
- **Referral Services** – link to other services in the community
- **Technology Mentor** – help with electronic devices
- **Telephone Reassurance** – monthly calls to reduce isolation and remain connected
- **Transportation** – rides to the store, doctor, medical tests, etc.
- **Miscellaneous** – service requests taken on a case-by-case basis

Prospective Care Recipients requesting services qualify as follows:

- Live in Latrobe, Unity Township, Derry, Derry Township, Ligonier and Ligonier Township areas AND
- Aged 60 years and older AND
- Request services offered by the Program AND
- Complete and sign an application for services.

Care Recipients can expect to receive an average of up to 2 hours of service a week. All services are provided FREE of charge.



Summary of Program Services

Provide Services to Meet the Needs of our Community

Laurel Area Faith in Action currently has approximately 323 recipients and approximately 375 volunteers counting long-term as well as episodic volunteers. During 2023, there were more than 9,835 total volunteer hours provided during 4902 times of service. The impact of these numbers has a profound impact on the quality of life of our recipients.



Volunteer Recruitment

Laurel Area Faith in Action continues to seek partnerships with those in the communities we serve and are always seeking innovative ways to recruit volunteers. We share the mission and vision of Laurel Area Faith in Action at community events, churches, schools, businesses, in an effort to increase awareness of the various volunteer opportunities within Laurel Area Faith in Action. We are thankful for the amazing volunteers who continue to give of themselves to help others.



Educational Opportunities

The safety, health, and wellbeing of our volunteers and recipients is our highest priority. We provide education to help promote increased awareness about current events that could prove to put the overall welfare of the Faith in Action family in jeopardy. We have shared insights on nutrition, exercise, avoiding scammers, money management, and additional assistance resources.



Strategic Planning

Allen Lakein once shared that “Failing to plan is planning to fail.” Laurel Area Faith in Action’s staff and board work diligently to look beyond today and continue to focus on our strategic vision. We are planning for success in the years to come. The staff and board have been monitoring philanthropic trends and striving to stay on top of changes. Another quote from Allen Lakein shares the importance of strategic planning and the fact that when we plan, we are seeking to effect change tomorrow. His quote states the need for Strategic Planning very succinctly, “Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now.” This is exactly what the staff and board have continued to do throughout 2023. Seeking to make the plans necessary to navigate the months and years ahead.

Laurel Area Faith in Action is utilizing a proactive approach through the creation of various specialized groups to plan and implement strategies to maintain a positive philanthropic position. Specific areas are fundraising, easy donation of stocks and bonds, legacy donations, as well as seeking new grant opportunities. We are also seeking additional ways to reach our targeted demographic. This includes a marketing plan as well as a new and expanded community outreach plan. In 2024, Laurel Area Faith in Action will implement fundraising/donation software to facilitate a more expeditious donor experience. Additionally, we are continuing to promote giving through Legacy programs, retirement distributions as well as stocks and other asset types.

Looking forward, we continue our commitment to provide the much-needed services to our recipients while remaining true to our mission, our vision, and our future sustainability.



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in
the service of others.”
~ Mahatma Gandhi

Board of Directors and Staff

Thank you to 2023 Board of Directors!

Officers 2023

President: David Kirkland

Vice President: Dr. Kathleen Kelley

Secretary: Rex Ashbrook

Treasurer: Shannon Wilson

Directors 2023

Johnette DeRose

David DeRose

Dr. Daniel DiCola

Dorothy Lynch

Marie McCandless

Paula Maloney

Jody Marsh

Mary Jane Snyder

Jeremy Springer

Advisory Board

Courtney Baum

John Graziano

Reverend William Schaefer

Dr. Harry Speedy

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our Board of Directors for another year of service. Our volunteer board is united by action and commitment to the mission and vision of Laurel Area Faith in Action.

The dedication and compassion of our board provides the basis for our continued success as an organization. Thank you for your service during 2023.



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Laurel Area Faith in Action is blessed beyond measure to have the above people as members of the Board of Directors for 2024. They are passionate ambassadors of our mission and vision in the community. Their expertise, compassion, and engagement are truly inspirational. Not only are these individuals charged with providing guidance for this program and moral support for the staff, but they also serve as diplomats reaching out through their circle of influence sharing Laurel Area Faith in Action with their wide-reaching connections helping to grow our recipient base, our volunteer roster, as well as engaging with a variety of philanthropic partners.

Let us join our voices together as we lift the new Board of Directors and staff in prayer...

Dear Heavenly Father, please bless this new board and the staff of Laurel Area Faith in Action. May you open our eyes so that we can see the needs of our community. May you open our ears so that we can hear the small voices crying for help. May you open our hearts so that we can love others the way that you love us. We pray that our decisions and actions bring glory to your name. Amen.

Staff

Amy McLendon, *Executive Director*
Taylor Ramezan, *Director of Marketing*
Peggy Carey, *Office Staff*
Dee Kane, *Office Staff*
Jackie Kollar, *Office Staff*
Sue Hails, *Office Staff*



Amy



Taylor



Dee



Jackie



Peggy



Sue



Sadie, Office AmbassaDog

together everyone
TEAM
achieves more

Bio of Executive Director

Amy L. McLendon joined Laurel Area Faith in Action as Executive Director in January 2020. She holds a dual bachelor's degree in Sociology and Psychology, and a Master of Divinity Degree from United Theological. Amy was born in Derry Township and attended Derry Area School. She currently resides in Connellsville, PA.

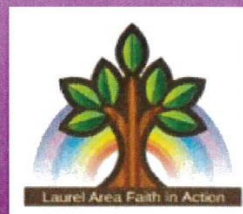
During her professional career, Amy has managed financial institutions and retail stores. Amy also served the United Methodist Church in both the West Virginia as well as the Pennsylvania Conferences as a minister. Just prior to Amy joining Laurel Area Faith in Action in 2020, she was employed by Senior Life as Spiritual Director. Her passion for helping others has been evident throughout her professional career.

Amy is an avid animal lover, and has an energetic French bulldog named Sadie. Life-long learning is something that is very important to Amy. She loves to read, explore new things, and continues to strive to make tomorrow better for everyone than today. Crafting and music continue to fulfill Amy's creative nature. When asked about her centering place, Amy is quick to proclaim that the beach is her happy place.

Encouraging her team at Laurel Area Faith in Action is very important to her. She believes in empowering others to utilize their gifts and allow them to soar. It is Amy's goal in life to fulfill her grandmother's frequent admonition to "be a blessing to someone today!"

Continuing forward with the vision and mission of Laurel Area Faith in Action to increase the quality of life for recipients aligns perfectly with who Amy is as well as her personal goals.

In her role as Executive Director of Laurel Area Faith in Action, Amy loves the opportunity to provide assistance to a segment of the population that is often forgotten.



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BIO of Marketing Director

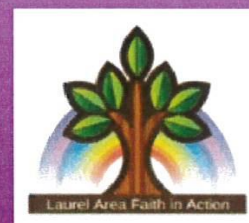
Taylor Ramezan serves as the Director of Marketing for Laurel Area Faith in Action, a role she took on in January 2019 to fulfill her passion for assisting the aging population.

Taylor's connection with the elderly dates back to her early years, having been surrounded by grandparents and great-grandparents throughout her childhood. She cherishes memories with each elder, such as gardening with great-Grandpa Sam, playing kickball with Grandma Bonnie, listening to the Pirate Game with great-Grandma Ree on the radio, shopping with Grandma Sandy, camping with Pappy Jim and feeding the seagulls at the beach with Grandpa Rich.

Taylor's dedication to serving the elderly grew during her high school years when she worked at Woodcrest Senior Living Community as a kitchen staff member and activities volunteer. Graduating from Saint Vincent College in 2011 with a Marketing degree, Taylor reflects on a meaningful friendship with Russ, an 86-year-old neighbor who became her best friend until his passing at 92. Their activities included sharing meals, decorating Christmas trees, and enjoying coffee on the porch.

Motivated by these impactful experiences, Taylor committed her career to aiding the underserved elderly population. She emphasizes Laurel FIA's telephone reassurance service, ensuring recipients receive friendly calls at least twice a month. Additionally, she appreciates the Advent Angels program, which provides handmade Christmas gifts to recipients and adopted nursing homes.

Taylor, currently residing in Morgantown, WV, with her husband Chris and cats Midi and Nother, utilizes her skills to raise awareness, develop programs, and create opportunities for community support of Laurel FIA. She envisions a world where everyone, regardless of age, feels loved, seen, and remembered. In her spare time, Taylor enjoys exploring new restaurants with Chris, attending concerts with her mom, napping with her cats, and savoring good coffee.



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Laurel Area Faith in Action depends on the partnerships with many area organizations, churches, schools, foundations, as well businesses and individuals. No one person can do everything. Connection with the community is the heart of our organization.



- **Independence Health Care System** – Our partnership with Independence Health Care System continues as we both work toward the improved health and wellness of our community.



- **Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation** – Beginning in 2005, Laurel Area Faith in Action has received funding from this foundation. We are extremely appreciative of the continued support.



- **Adelphoi Village** – The collaboration with group homes at Adelphoi Village has been a tremendous success and this relationship has been a blessing to both Laurel Area Faith in Action as well as recipients. Supervised youth rake leaves for some elderly homeowners in our service area. Since the work began with Adelphoi in 2003, ten group homes have provided **over 27,500 hours** of service! We look forward to cultivating even stronger collaboration with Adelphoi in the future.



SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

- **Saint Vincent College** – Since 2002, Laurel Area Faith in Action has collaborated with the college and students who help with household chores, yard work, friendly visits, as well as helping with socialization activities at area nursing homes and senior living facilities.



- **Saint Vincent Basilica Parish** – Laurel Area Faith in Action has enjoyed a long-standing connection with the members of the parish. The donation of the Grove event space for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event is greatly appreciated. Many wonderful parishioners also volunteer their time, talents, and treasures to Laurel Area Faith in Action.



- **Saint Vincent Seminary** - Seminary students are enrolled in an ongoing practicum program with Laurel Area Faith in Action where they earn credit and gain pastoral experience. We are looking forward to the continuation of this program. Seminary students are paired with a recipient, and they meet on a weekly basis.



- **Latrobe Presbyterian Church** donates office space for staff and meeting space for Board and volunteer meetings. Staff and parishioners are extremely supportive of the work of Laurel Area Faith in Action.



- **United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania** – Laurel Area Faith in Action has been blessed by the continued connection with The United Way of SWPa. Employees from local businesses participate through the United Way and directly with our Program to provide projects that directly help recipients remain living in their homes. We also receive an annual grant from The United Way. This year’s grant was in the amount of \$20,000.00 to help with the day-to-day expenses of Laurel Area Faith in Action.



- **Area Agency on Aging and Elder Abuse Task Force** – Laurel Area Faith in Action works closely with the Area Agency on Aging to ensure the availability of services and information to our aging demographic. Our program serves on the countywide initiative to “reduce the number of victimized older adults through prevention, education, identification, and prosecution through a joint effort.”



- **Senior Employment Program (SEP), Westmoreland County Community College** provides paid office staff who work on-site 16-20 hours per week. Laurel Faith in Action has been a training site since 2002.



- **Unity Township Supervisors, Derry Township Supervisors, and City of Latrobe staff** pick up hundreds of bags of raked leaves from recipients’ homes and provide financial and other support.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the others that provide volunteer services throughout the year. Even if this Annual Report could be hundreds of pages, there still would be room to list everyone. All of your service and commitment are greatly appreciated.

2023 Annual Fundraising Event



**CLASSICAL SINGER,
VICTORY BRINKER FROM
AMERICA'S GOT TALENT
PERFORMED.**



Run for the Roses



Community Outreach

out &



About!

Community Bingo,
Banana Split Festival,
“Find Your Fit” Volunteer
Fair and Area Agency on
Aging Health &
Education Expo

BUSY as a



bee!



Help us spread the word!



Volunteering is a work of heart.



Leaf Raking, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Advent Angels Breakfast and Community Crafting

Funding

Laurel Area Faith in Action continues to be blessed by the generosity of spirit and donations from many local organizations and individuals. Income reported in the Annual Report is based on a *cash basis* while the financial reports are based on an *accrual accounting basis*. *The exact audited income appears on the current tax returns available at www.laurelfia.org and will differ from this reporting due to the differences in accounting and reporting.*

Donors – Laurel Area Faith in Action received 305 donations during 2023 totaling \$98,648.00, including grants. Even though we are very grateful for the generosity of our donors, this amount is below the amount necessary to meet our expenses. This deficit has been met by using some of our saved funds. However, this is not a long-term solution. Uncertain economic times and rising prices have had a negative impact on giving across the philanthropic spectrum. In order to overcome this monetary shortfall, Laurel Area Faith in Action is working diligently to broaden our donor base as well as increasing awareness to various giving opportunities. The ongoing generosity and support of the mission and vision of Laurel Faith in Action provides hope and promise that we will be able to continue to reach out into our community and continue to be a beacon of light to our aging neighbors.

Fundraising Events and Projects

- **Celebration of Community** – “Run for the Rose’s” was held in May. This event was not as successful as it has been in the past. We realized very little net profit after expenses were met. Laurel Area Faith in Action is looking for an alternative event to replace this celebration.
- **Annual Appeal** - The annual appeal for 2023 brought in \$10,942.00 from 109 individuals with an average gift of \$100.38. The funds realized from the 2023 Annual Appeal amounted to only a little better than 50% of the amount received in 2022. Laurel Area Faith in Action relies on the funds from this appeal, and alternative fundraising options are being researched.
- **Significant Gifts and Grantors**
 - Laurel Faith in Action is blessed to receive every donation. Whether the donation is \$5.00, \$50.00, \$500.00, \$5,000.00 or \$50,000.00 it is significant for the continuation of the mission and vision of the program. Thank you to all who support Laurel Faith in Action.
 - Pittsburgh Foundation/Community Foundation of Westmoreland County
 - Derry Township Board of Supervisors
 - Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation
 - Latrobe Area Hospital Charitable Foundation
 - McFeely-Rogers Foundation
 - Network for Good
 - United Way of SW PA – grant and designations
 - Valley School of Ligonier
 - Churches, including but not limited to Heritage United Methodist Church, Latrobe Presbyterian Church, St. Michael’s of the Valley Episcopal Church, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Laurel Area Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, Inc. dba as Laurel Area Faith in Action, 2022 Federal 990 return is available for your review on our website Laurelfia.org.

Laurel Area Faith in Action continues to seek new funding opportunities through grants, donations, fundraisers, etc. A sincere thank you to everyone who supports Laurel Area Faith in Action with time, talents and treasures. We cannot do this alone. We need you! If you become aware of an opportunity to add to our fundraisers, please reach out to the office.

Our recipients count on us!

Can we count on you?

Participant Demographics 2023

Adult Volunteers –

- 212 Program Volunteers
- 150 Special Project Volunteers
- 13 New Volunteers
- 65% of volunteers are female and 35% are male.
- Most volunteers choose to assist with shopping, visits, special projects, transportation, and telephone reassurance. Volunteers can choose what services they wish to provide.



Care Recipients –

- 323 Active Recipients
- 54 New Recipients
- The majority of our care recipients are between the ages of 71-90.
- Average Length of Stay in the program is 72 months.
- During 2023, 44 of our recipients died.
- Referrals to the program are by word of mouth from friends, family, Volunteers, and churches. We also receive referrals from service agencies and organizations, outreach activities, social media, and marketing efforts.

Program Activity – 2023

			<i>Since 2002</i>
Volunteers*	13 new	212 active*	
Care recipients	54 new	305 served	<i>2024 total served.</i>
Volunteer Activity	Hours		
2023 Total	9,835		<i>156,895 total hours</i>

Top # of individual services reported by category.

2023	Services	Hours
Telephone Reassurance	2,599	
Transportation	1,789	
Friendly Visitor**	179	
Food Bank	154	
Yardwork	113	
Errands	55	
Friendly Helper	9	
Paperwork	4	
Total	4,902	9,835

**Includes adults only and does not include additional average of 75 youth from Adelphoi Village per year on regular basis. Additional periodic youth volunteers from SVC Service Learning, Valley Youth Network, churches, and scout troops totaling 150+ in 2023.*

*** Due to continued pandemic concerns, friendly visitor are provided on a very limited case by case basis.*



BELIEVE
YOU CAN
& YOU'RE
HALFWAY
THERE

Remarkable return on investments!

Each year, the *Independent Sector*, a coalition of nonprofits, foundations, and corporate giving programs, calculates the Value of a Volunteer Hour. According to *The Non-Profit Times*, published April 19, 2023, the value of a volunteer hour jumped 6.2% reaching an estimated \$31.80 per hour in 2023. At this value per hour multiplied by the 9,835 volunteer hours for 2023, Laurel Faith in Action has a CBO (Community Benefit Organization) value of \$312,753. The total hours of volunteer service that has been provided by Laurel Area Faith in Action from the beginning of the program through the end of 2023 is an incredible 156,894.75 hours. Multiplying these numbers by the value of volunteer hour of \$31.80 places the aggregated dollar value at \$4,989,253.05! The staggering impact of these volunteer statistics is by far a significant contribution showing the amazing acts of kindness provided by the Laurel Area Faith in Action program a true community benefit organization.



“Giving is not just about making a donation, it’s about making a difference.”

Opportunities To Give

Laurel Area Faith in Action is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit. We rely completely on grant funding and the generous donations of our community to run our program. Donations can be made through our website @ Laurelfia.org, by check mailed to PO Box 854, Latrobe PA 15650, on our Facebook Page Laurel Faith in Action, PayPal or Venmo @ [AMcLendonLaurelFIA](https://www.paypal.com/payto?username=AMcLendonLaurelFIA). Simply scan the QR code to be directed to our website.



Fundraising opportunities exist throughout the year. Please watch your direct mail, our website, and our Facebook page to keep up to date.

Every donation, big or small, makes a HUGE impact on our recipients! 100% of donations remain within the local community. They are used directly to support program efforts to serve the frail and elderly throughout our service area.



A Gift That Gives Back

Give a gift that truly matters this season—join **Laurel Area Faith in Action** on a *merry mission* to provide **HELP** and **HOPE** to our local aging population. Instead of another present, make a meaningful impact by giving back.

Your donation is instrumental in providing crucial services to local seniors. It helps offer transportation to medical appointments, facilitates grocery shopping to decrease food insecurity, and creates opportunities for social connection and enrichment. Each contribution plays a vital role in reducing isolation, loneliness, and depression among our elderly community. Your generosity empowers them to maintain independence at home, leading to an enhanced quality of life.

In collaboration with volunteers, community supporters, and donors, we foster the valuable exchange of knowledge, learning, and friendship between the young and old, contributing to the well-being of all generations. Every donation, no matter the size, contributes to a shared vision of creating a supportive and thriving community for our seniors. Join us in making a difference and spreading joy this holiday season!

YOUR GIFT:



- **Creates Meaningful Impact:** A donation in someone's name is a gift with purpose. It creates a meaningful impact beyond material possessions.
- **Spreads Joy:** It adds joy to both the gift recipient and the donation beneficiaries.
- **Fosters a Lasting Legacy:** Unlike physical gifts, charitable contributions leave a lasting legacy. The impact of your donation continues long after the holiday season.
- **Inspires Giving:** You inspire others to think beyond material possessions during the holidays. It encourages a spirit of generosity and fosters a sense of community and empathy.

Learn about Laurel Area Faith In Action & how you can offer support:

Scan QR code  or go to:
www.laurelfia.org/donate



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Changing lives two at a time!

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Give. Share. Care.

If you have ever wanted to make a significant difference in the life of an aging neighbor, there is no better time than now. Laurel Area Faith in Action's mission is to provide assistance and companionship to those over the age of 60 in the Latrobe, Unity Township, Derry, Derry Township, Ligonier, and Ligonier Township areas. We can help you find a way to make a satisfying gift that moves our mission forward, while at the same time saving you money, and possibly even providing you with new sources of income.

- **MAKE A GIFT TODAY.** If you want to make an impact and receive income tax savings, make your gift now and see the results of your generosity in action immediately.
- **AVOID CAPITAL GAINS.** If you own stock (or any appreciated asset), give that asset to our organization. Our mission receives the current value of the stock, and you receive an income tax deduction in the same amount even though you paid less for it years ago.
- **START NEW INCOME.** Fund a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust and receive the double benefit of tax savings and lifetime payments.
- **BLEND YOUR GIVING.** For even more impact, consider a gift today of your IRA distribution, real property, appreciated assets or cash, and complement it with a gift in your will or estate plan. You benefit by seeing your gift in action, while also knowing you are building a legacy that will grow.

There are many ways you can fulfill your goals while enjoying tax savings and income advantages. Ask your financial advisor how you can make a difference now and far into the future.

**JOIN WITH US TO PROVIDE
HELP AND HOPE TO THE
LOCAL AGING POPULATION.
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE.**

Laurel Area Faith in Action addresses the issues of isolation and loneliness as well as meeting the basic needs of our recipients enabling many to be able to continue to live independently in their own homes.

We are a community benefit organization (CBO) that relies on our volunteers, our donors, and the support of our community.

We encourage the valuable exchange of knowledge and companionship between all generations.

We have a wonderful way in which you can do even more on behalf of our aging neighbors and at the same time:

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