

## LAUREL AREA INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS, INC.

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Good Morning,

During these times of quickly changing information, I wanted to assure you that Laurel Area Faith in Action is here to assist. We are still open. When we are not able to be in the office, we are able to provide limited service while working remotely from home. With email, telephone messages, and Facebook we will continue to be in communication and in service.

Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of our volunteers, recipients, and staff. At this time friendly visits, caregiver relief, and non-essential requests are on hold. Please consider the following steps as we work together during this time: Wash your hands and do not touch your face. Practice social distancing, CDC suggests 6 feet. Know the symptoms of COVID-19, fever, cough, shortness of breath, and extreme fatigue. We are limiting our transportation for appointments to urgent/essential medical appointments only. Please check with the specific doctor's office prior to appointments, because many appointments are being cancelled at this time. Grocery shopping is to be individually decided between the volunteer and the recipient. In keeping with the social distancing that is being called for, trying to limit grocery shopping to pick-up and delivery only.

Our volunteers and staff will be calling our Faith in Action family to provide reassurance during this unprecedented time in the history of our country. Take a moment and check on a neighbor or someone in a high-risk category to offer assistance. This is a time where we must think of each other as we weather the coronavirus storm that is coming our way. I am lifting each of you in prayer that the grace and love of Christ may fill your heart with peace, hope, and health as we journey together through the next few weeks.

Our Talk-Block broadcast scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> on WCNS 1480 will have Dr. Carol Fox, Chief Medical Officer from Excela Health, and Kate Rosetti also from Excela Health as guests. We will be discussing the Coronavirus. I hope that you can tune in to learn more about the virus that is at the root of these changing times. If you are unable to tune in during the time of the broadcast, there will be a recording available beginning on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a link on our Facebook page.

Together we will persevere through all that lies ahead. If you have any questions, or need to make a new request, please contact Laurel Area Faith in Action. May God's blessings be with you now and always.

Grace and peace,

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

