



# LAUREL AREA FAITH IN ACTION

## **OUR MISSION**

To enhance the quality of life for persons 60 years and older who reside in defined communities of the Laurel Area (Latrobe, Ligonier, and Derry) by providing companionship and assistance.

## **OUR VISION**

Through the efforts of a dedicated team of professional staff and trained volunteers, Laurel Area Faith in Action is recognized as an organization, which provides the opportunity for older adults to continue to live in their homes with an overall sense of well-being.

## **WHAT IS FAITH IN ACTION?**

Faith in Action is a faith-based community outreach program designed to help our residents aged 60+ maintain their independence, quality of life, and dignity. Our services help to supplement the services offered by other programs and agencies in the area and are NOT intended to replace them. The program is based on a national model for Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers across the country, with other similar programs in our region in Pittsburgh, Indiana, Uniontown, and Wheeling.

## **HOW CAN SOMEONE SIGN UP FOR THE SERVICES?**

Any person who lives in the Greater Latrobe Community, Derry and parts of Derry Township, Ligonier Borough and Township aged 60+, and would like our services can complete a Request for Services. This can be done through their church or directly with our office.

## **WILL PEOPLE BE AFRAID TO LET STRANGERS INTO THEIR HOMES?**

We try to match Volunteers with Recipients, including those from their own church first. We do perform background checks (at our expense) and require confidentiality agreements. All volunteers wear identification badges. I hope that these extra steps will help to assure our care recipients that the volunteers are their friends.

## **WHAT IS THE COST TO RECIPIENTS?**

This is a volunteer program and there is NEVER any payment for Faith in Action Services.

## **WHO PROVIDES THE SERVICES?**

All of the services are provided from the goodness of volunteers who want to give back to the community. Volunteers can choose what services they want to provide and how much time they can devote. All members of the community are encouraged to help, including working adults and youth. There are many different ways to donate your time.

## **HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE?**

As few as 2 hours per week, a Volunteer can change a life. Many volunteers report that they receive far more than they ever give.

## **WHAT EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED?**

**No experience is required.** We provide **NO** professional care – **NO** medical or personal care. We provide extensive training before you meet the care recipient. We provide detailed (job) descriptions of all services and give ongoing support.

### **WHAT KIND OF WORK IS INVOLVED?**

There are many types of work, and you choose what makes you feel comfortable. In addition to our many **Caregiver** services to care recipients, occasionally we also need volunteers to help with **Coordination** and administration of the program and for **General Office** work.

### **WHAT ARE THE SERVICES FOR CARE RECIPIENTS (CAREGIVER SERVICES)?**

**Appointment Escort** – Accompanies care recipient at medical appointments for support and assistance.

**Caregiver Relief** – Short-term relief services for full-time caregivers-maximum of 2 hours. No personal care. No dispensing of medications.

**Correspondence Volunteer** – Helps organize paperwork, correspondence, and other communications. No power of attorney or preparation of any legal documents. Referrals to “Apprise” health care, Senior Centers for tax preparation, and rent/property rebate.

**Errands/Shopping Volunteer** – Runs errands, shops for groceries, medicines, and other supplies. Recipients must prepay by cash, check, and or debit card.

**Handyperson/Yardwork Volunteer** – Performs occasional minor repairs, basic yardwork, etc.

**Referral Assistance** – Provides information about and referrals for other services and programs.

**Telephone Reassurance** – Provides regular telephone contact to convey support and concern about the well-being and quality of life of the care recipient.

**Transportation** – Provides transportation for medical appointments and shopping

**Technology Mentor**–Provides limited technology help including cell phone, computers, videos, etc.

### **HOW DO I BECOME A VOLUNTEER?**

It is very simple...you are encouraged to complete an application and deliver or mail it to the Faith in Action office. (You can get the application at your church or from our office.) All volunteers are called and will have personal interviews. Volunteers choose preferred services and available times. Training is scheduled and following a background check, an assignment is made.

**LAUREL AREA INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS**

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**LAUREL AREA INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS, INC**  
**VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

The LAIVC Faith In Action Program welcomes all individuals to apply who wish to provide volunteer support services to those in need in our community. No experience is necessary and full training is provided. As a volunteer position, there is no financial compensation. There is no discrimination against any otherwise qualified volunteer on the basis of faith, disability, age, race, color, ethnicity, gender, creed, national origin, or socioeconomic status. You need not complete any information that you feel is private or intrusive; personal information is optional.

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED MEANS OF COMMUNICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_ MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WORK? \_\_\_\_\_ PART-TIME \_\_\_\_\_ FULL-TIME \_\_\_\_\_

MAY WE CALL YOU AT WORK? \_\_\_\_\_

BEST TIME TO REACH YOU \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER NAME/ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER ALLOW REALEASE TIME FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE? \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH AFFILIATION (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU SMOKE? \_\_\_\_\_ ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP A SMOKER? \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP SOMEONE WITH A PET? \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGES SPOKEN OTHER THAN ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU HAVE ANY PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments \_\_\_\_\_



**PLEASE CHECK TIMES AVAILABLE**

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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Afternoon	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
Evening	___	___	___	___	___	___	___

Training is completed via YouTube video. Link will be provided with training manual.

How many hours per week are you willing to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_ or per month? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to provide transportation? \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle type: Sedan \_\_\_\_\_ SUV \_\_\_\_\_ Truck \_\_\_\_\_

\*Driver's license number and expiration \_\_\_\_\_

\*Auto liability Company, Policy #, \_\_\_\_\_

***\*This information is a program requirement in order to provide transportation. Please provide copy of current license and proof of insurance.***

**PLEASE CHECK WAYS IN WHICH YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP**

*Please refer to current Services offered for complete explanation of services.*

- \_\_\_ Caregiver Relief
- \_\_\_ Correspondence, paperwork
- \_\_\_ Telephone Reassurance Calls
- \_\_\_ Transportation
- \_\_\_ Tech Team
- \_\_\_ Appointment Escort
- \_\_\_ Help in Office
- \_\_\_ Fundraising
- \_\_\_ Recruitment
- \_\_\_ Help with Community Events
- \_\_\_ Handyperson/minor repairs
- \_\_\_ Errands/shopping
- \_\_\_ Yard work/gardening, etc.
- \_\_\_ To medical appointments \_\_\_\_\_ local \_\_\_\_\_ Pittsburgh
- \_\_\_ To shopping and errands
- \_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_ computer \_\_\_\_\_ internet \_\_\_\_\_ cable tv \_\_\_\_\_ skype \_\_\_\_\_ social media
- Skills \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests/talents, hobbies, activities \_\_\_\_\_

Work or volunteer experience, skills \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional volunteer opportunity ideas:

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How did you hear about the Faith in Action Program? \_\_\_\_\_

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