



# FAITH IN ACTION

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Faith in Action—Newsletter - Spring 2011 Edition

### *THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME" RAISES \$56K*

On March 19, Faith in Action held its third annual fund-raising dinner and benefit auction, *There's No Place Like Home*. Through the generosity of our supporters and members of the business community, and the hard work of our volunteers, Faith in Action raised over \$56,000.

Once again, we had a full house of attendees. Characters in costume—Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, the Cowardly Lion and a Wizard of Oz—greeted our guests.

The event was generously underwritten by Swedish Medical Center and the Whitaker Foundation.

Hot items for sale in the live auction included several golf packages with TPC Snoqualmie Ridge, a chance to fly a fighter plane, fabulous wine cellars, and more!



Board members Abby Durr and Brenda Shea decorate the hall by unrolling the yellow brick road!

The money raised will go towards helping frail and disabled elderly who live independently in our area. Faith in Action thanks the sponsors, donors, guests, and volunteers for making this event a success.

### *REBRANDING IN OUR FUTURE?*

In accordance with its Strategic Plan, the Faith in Action board is considering rebranding. This effort may include a new name, new logo, revamping our website, and new marketing materials. Our mission to support seniors who are facing the challenges of aging will remain unchanged. Please watch our Facebook page, your email, and this newsletter for more developments!

*Faith in Action is a dedicated team of trained volunteers and professional staff providing vital support and assistance to seniors facing the challenges of aging who live in the Greater Issaquah, Sammamish, and Snoqualmie Valley communities.*



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## SAMMAMISH CARES CARES FOR SAMMAMISH NEIGHBORS

Neighbors in the City of Sammamish now have a new resource to help them maintain their properties to code and to health and safety standards.

Sammamish Cares is a new program, run by a coalition of Faith in Action, the City of Sammamish, the Sammamish Rotary Club, Sammamish Ki-

wanis Club, and Habitat for Humanity—East King County.

Sammamish Cares has two clients so far, helping to make decks and steps safer and setting up a fence that had blown over.

If you are interested in this program for yourself or a neighbor, or think you'd like to

volunteer, you can find out more at <http://tinyurl.com/SammamishCares>—or contact the office at 425-369-9120.



## INTERN TO RECORD CLIENT STORIES, SERVICES

Meet Faith in Action's new summer intern! For the second year in a row, Faith in Action is partnering with Teens in Public Service (TIPS) to place a teen interested in pursuing public service as intern with the agency.

Our intern this year is Smrithi Sukumar, a Sammamish resident who is a sophomore at the International Community School in Kirkland.

Smrithi will be recording our clients' and volunteers' stories for our blog, website, and other marketing and fundraising efforts. The internship begins June 27 and runs through mid-August.



Smrithi Sukumar, our TIPS summer intern.  
Photo by LifeSpring

If you are a client or a volunteer, Smrithi may contact you to interview you, and take photos or video this summer. She will go out with groups doing a project together to record their service, too.

TIPS screens and pays their interns. They must go

through an interview process, and they compete fiercely for the positions with nonprofits throughout the greater Seattle area. More than half of those teens who applied for the program were not accepted. When we get a TIPS intern, we know we have the cream of the crop!

This is evidenced by the fact that Smrithi recently won first place at the state's Future Business Leaders of America conference in Spokane, and will be representing our state at the National Business Leadership Conference in Orlando. I hope you'll join us in rooting for her success.

We want our interns to have a great experience with us. If you meet Smrithi this summer, please welcome her to service with Faith in Action.



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## FROM YOUR FAITH IN ACTION DIRECTOR

***Dear Faith in Action Friends,***

I just got off the phone from one of our clients. Her volunteer, who drove her for shopping and errands, recently had an increase in family responsibilities, and could no longer help. Since that time, the client has been calling us weekly, hoping that we have found a replacement.

On the surface, this elderly woman's needs aren't that great. She can walk better than many of our clients, and lives in downtown Issaquah, where stores and services are within a few blocks. She says she wants a ride to the hairdressers and to Bartell's a couple of times a month. If you would meet her, though, you'd realize that what she really needs is simply someone to talk to. It's really hard, though, to call up an agency and say, "I'm lonely". "I need someone to listen to me and care about me".

**If you were all alone, wouldn't you want a friend?**

You can be a friend to an elderly person in our community. You can provide practical help—a ride to the doctor, taking garbage to the curb for pick-up—but you also can make a connection to another human being who may not have that many other people in his or her life.

More elders who are waiting for your help:

- In her 70s, lives on the Plateau, and needs a ride to Seattle for cancer treatment daily. Would you consider driving her one day a week until her treatment is over? If 5 people are willing to make the short-term weekly commitment, then we know she has a fighting chance at recovery.
- Age 88, lives in downtown Issaquah. She needs a ride to Safeway at the beginning of the month, after her social security check comes in, so she can go shopping.
- Just age 62, but is disabled—lives near Preston and needs help with housekeeping. We've had troubles making a match because she lives out a ways, and has five cats. There's got to be a cat-lover out there who'd be willing to give her a hand—would that be you?

If you have it in your heart to help an elderly person in our community, call the office at 425-369-9120 and ask to speak to Margie, our volunteer coordinator. If it's easier for you to give money rather than time, your donation will enable us to recruit, screen, and train volunteers to help these clients, and more in the future. Use the envelope enclosed or the form on the back page.

Thank you for your support of our community's seniors!

Warm Regards,

*Claire Petersky*

Claire Petersky, Executive Director

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: THE LEE FAMILY WINS A SAMMI!

The Lee Family became the first Faith in Action volunteers to win a Sammi Award, in the Unsung Hero category, on March 18, 2011.

Popularly dubbed "The Oscars of Sammamish", the Sammi Awards celebrates and enhances community involvement by gathering and telling stories of inspiration.



The Lees accepting the Sammi. Photo by Nadalin Photography

The Lee Family became volunteers for our program in March 2009. For the past year and a half, Man Jae, his wife Eun Jin, children Yung Yeob (when he hasn't been in college) and James helped a Faith in Action client whose health conditions prevent her from leaving her home.

The family went shopping for their client weekly. When they returned they cleaned her house, changed her bed linens, and visited with her. When needed, they helped with chores that need to be done on the inside and Man Jae and his boys made sure the yard was kept up.

The family's unselfish weekly gift of time and compassion showed their commitment to improve the life of a senior.



The Lee Family at home

They have also invited members of their church to participate in group projects with our agency, helping to promote our programs throughout the community.

Do you know a family who would like to volunteer on the behalf of one our clients? Please call the office at 425-369-9120.

## CLIENTS AND VOLUNTEERS LIVE ON IN OUR HEARTS

While Faith in Action provides services, our clients return to us the gift of their stories, their spirits, and their lives.

Losing a client is difficult for staff and volunteers. Our Faith in Action circle is made smaller by the loss of the following individuals:

- Marian Webster
- William Millburn
- Helen Russell
- Charles Epps
- Agnes Schmoe
- Gay "GG" Courtnay

We also lost a faithful program volunteer, Matsumi "Mats" Kanagae.

We honor the memory of each one, and share with family and friends our condolences.



## THANK YOU, SECOND HALF OF 2010 VOLUNTEERS!

**Our volunteers who gave hours of service, from July 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010:**

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**Symbol Key**

☺ New volunteer in 2nd half of 2010

⑩ 10 or more years of service

★ Super Volunteer - 50 or more hours contributed in the 6 month period



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