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News & Notes — October 2010

5th Annual Messiah and Memorial Poinsettia Fundraiser



In the spirit, an audience member picks up his poinsettia in 2009.

Come listen or sing along in this special performance where professional musicians blend with local community singers in an outstanding, not to be missed production.

Faith in Action's 5th Annual Sing-Along Messiah is scheduled for December 5, 2010, at 4pm at the First United Methodist Church, 1205 Deborah Road, in Newberg. More than 200 local and greater Portland community members gather for this event each year. To many it has become a tradition and a way to kick off the holiday season. "What *Faith in Action's* Sing-Along Messiah means to me, is that the holiday season is here, and it's a time to celebrate community, giving and best of all singing with other local friends and neighbors again. It's also a

good time to remember what *Faith in Action* does for our community and to celebrate the good work they do for our local seniors and children with special needs," says Jill Smith.

The event is free to the community, donations will be accepted. This year in conjunction with the event, *Faith in Action* is also pre-selling memorial poinsettias for \$15. Poinsettias must be preordered by Dec 1st and can be picked up the night of the event or you can choose to donate your poinsettia to a homebound *FiA* recipient. Last year 15 poinsettias were donated and delivered to older adults in the program. One volunteer who helped to deliver these poinsettias said, "Oh my lands I want to do that again next year, they were so happy to get this big beautiful poinsettia, one lady just stood there and cried. She said it was the nicest thing anyone has ever done for her." Order forms are available online at www.faithinactionnewberg.org or by calling 503-537-1549. Get your orders in early!

HOPE for the Children Provides Crucial Funding

In partnership with Providence Newberg Health Foundation, employees of Integra Telecom organized an annual charity golf classic that raised more than \$142,000 this summer. On July 26th at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, golfers converged on the sold out tournament. After a very warm and humid day, organizers announced that a record amount had been raised in this eighth annual tournament.

As the golfers were gathered for dinner and awards, Maria DiLorenzo told her story of raising four children, three with special needs, alone after the drowning death of her husband. Maria's oldest son is currently in the process of becoming matched and her twins are on the waiting list for a Family Friend.

Funds raised by the tournament will be shared between Providence Newberg's Neurodevelopmental Center for Children and the Family Friends program. Like Maria, several families and children have benefitted from both programs. As of July 2010, 345 children had been served through gifts made to the HOPE for Children fund.

Our mission is to coordinate volunteers to help people who face challenges related to health or aging



Farewell from Jan Irish

Greetings -

James E. Miller writes, "Remembering your past is the way to your future." I have an abundance of treasured memories to carry into the next phase of my life – retirement! My husband Bob and I are looking forward to being able to spend more time with loved ones - our parents, children in Singapore, Tanzania, and Seattle, and friends around the world. The highlight will be welcoming our first grandchild into the world next spring!

As excited as I am about the things ahead, I feel a little sense of loss thinking of all the dedicated supporters and volunteers of *Faith in Action* I leave behind. I didn't want to transition out of this position without taking time to thank you again for all you do. *Faith in Action* could not have helped so many people over the years without your support. I am blessed that I will always have the memories of all the people who have had their lives enriched by caring volunteers. And, I know *Faith in Action* will continue to be managed by a capable, caring staff, and, as an outreach of Providence Newberg Medical Center, its mission to help those who are most vulnerable will always be foremost.

So, thank you, all! May we continue to cross paths in the days ahead! With warm regards, Jan

Strong for Life Class is growing!

Joining a group of new friends for exercise is continuing to empower folks 60 and better to improve their health. In August & September alone, 29 new members have joined a Strong for Life class in their neighborhood. With all this new growth, Deana is looking for additional volunteer coaches who are passionate about helping themselves and others improve their health. Registration is now open for the Volunteer Coaches Training on November 8th, from 9am - 12pm at the *Faith in Action* office. Interested persons please contact Deana at 503-537-1471 or deana.vandenhoeck@providence.org.

Serve Day Helps Record Numbers



Bob McNatt thanked his GFU volunteers and gave them some wise advice before leaving (to stay away from those boys).

George Fox University is one of *Faith in Action's* Coalition Partners. The students help throughout the school year and are well known by our recipients for providing hard dedicated work. One of the ways the school participates each year is by helping out at their annual

Serve Day. This year on Sept 8th, 80 students and faculty members helped at 41 homes with fall cleanup, including gutters and yard work.

The students get to see what *Faith in Action* is all about and meet some of the recipients in the program. The best part of the day for most is the interaction. One of the students commented on the day and said, "This year the lady we helped let us sit at her picnic table for lunch. She made us lemonade and cookies and we talked about our majors, and where we came from. She was really interested in our stories and then we heard some of hers."

Welcome New Volunteers!

Julie Black	Carolyn Khun
Forrest Cammack	Tina Lin
Vincent Cui	Natasha Lopez
Natalie Cui	John Oliver
Kaden Cui	Marni Perschnik
Brianna Cui	Michelle Pham
Betty DeHart	Jack Reardon
Austin Dosier	Don Schaefer
Candy Giebenhain	Lydia Schramm
Laura Groves	Pat Shine
Joanne Herbst	John Smith
Jade Ice	Joanne Stevens
Sam Irsik	Steve Thomson
John Kester	Barbara White
Rich King	Linda Wolf

If you are not yet a volunteer and are looking for a way to get connected with your neighbors, consider volunteering for *Faith in Action*!

Call 503-537-1549

Thank you to our Sing-Along Messiah Sponsors thus far

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Family Friends: Room to Grow

Family Friends is a small but powerful *Faith in Action* program that connects children with a disability or chronic health condition to trustworthy volunteer mentors. Children with special needs who want, but have difficulty making and keeping, a life-sustaining friendship are perfect candidates for a Family Friend.

As volunteers come into the program, they are matched with a child and family who share some common interests. "There is something providential about every match," said Kathy Watson, program coordinator. "It almost always turns out that when a volunteer is ready to begin, the perfect child is on our list waiting for him or her." Matches are only made after a potential volunteer completes the application, criminal history screening, and free training available through Family Friends and last nine months and more.

"There are currently 22 Family Friends matches meeting regularly throughout our area and we have room to grow!" says Watson. "I want to hear from anyone caring for a child with special needs who would like to have a Family Friend." Being placed on the waiting list puts children in a good position when just the right volunteer arises. Children age 0 to 16 are eligible to enroll. To find out more about enrolling a child or volunteering to become a mentor to a child with special needs, call Kathy Watson at 503-537-1546.

New Ramp Landing: a happy ending



Alice Whitney broke her hip and has severe arthritis, consequently she has been in a wheel chair for two years. Her daughter, Susan, and fulltime caregiver asked *Faith in Action* a year ago if volunteers could help build a wheel chair ramp. The ramp was built however at the base of the ramp was a gravel square that the wheelchair had to be pushed through to get to the walkway. It was "Horrible. Terrible," said Susan. It was really bad for her back and it was very difficult for her to push Alice's wheel chair through the gravel. Because of this, Susan did not take her mom out often, even though Alice is a very social person.

Faith in Action agreed that that the gravel needed to be improved and partnered with Chehalem Valley Presbyterian Church, who paid for the supplies and donated volunteers to fix the gravel landing by turning into a concrete patch. "They even had to bring in an auger because the ground was like clay." commented Susan. Three men worked all day to dig out the patch, infill with dirt and sand, and pour the concrete.

Getting the new concrete landing has made it much easier for Susan to take Alice out to the car, and more able to go places. It made Susan want to take Alice out more because it doesn't "break her back anymore" to get Alice to the car. Alice is more social now, and she is able to do more things. Susan and Alice both agree that *FIA* volunteers are really nice, saying they are "really wonderful, super people, and friendly." It means a lot to them that *FIA* has helped them with so many things. Susan said, "it means we can function when they help us with what we can't do ourselves."

Coalition Members

2nd Street Community Church
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Chehalem Valley Baptist Church
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First Presbyterian Church
George Fox University Christian Services
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Holiday Gift Opportunity

Give a Christmas gift in someone's honor and help *Faith in Action* continue providing the compassionate care it is known for. When you make a gift of \$50.00 or more to *Faith in Action* this December in honor of someone you love, *Faith in Action* will mail him or her a Christmas card and *Faith in Action* lapel pin notifying your loved one of your special concern for others and celebrating theirs. When using the enclosed contribution envelope, please check "in honor of" and print the honoree's name and address clearly. All holiday gifts fund services for older adults, children with special needs, and their families.

Family Support Group-

Family Caregiver Support group for parents caring for a child with special needs meets the 2nd Friday of every month from 10:15 to 11:45am at the Family Life Church, Call 503-537-1546 for more information.

Caregiver Support Group-

For caregivers of older adults. Open to community. 2nd and 4th Thursday 1:30-3pm. Providence Newberg Medical Center conference room.

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