



# FAITH IN ACTION

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Faith in Action Newsletter - Spring 2010 Edition

### ALOHA SPRING BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION SUCCESS!

On March 20, Faith in Action held its second annual fund-raising dinner and benefit auction, *Aloha Spring*. Through the generosity of our supporters and members of the business community, and the hard work of our volunteers, Faith in Action raised a net of over \$55,000.

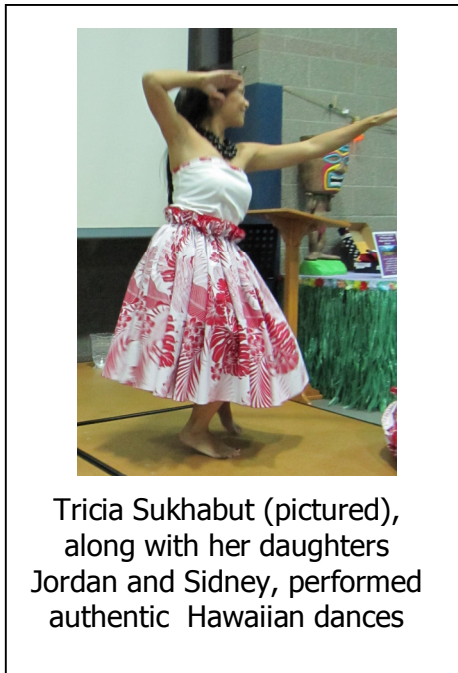
Once again, we had a full house of guests. Hot items in the live auction included wine, vacations to Palm Springs and Hawaii, and golf packages.



Guest Cindy Soderberg raises her bid card for a vacation in Hawaii

Excellent food and drink, and good company, meant that fun was had by all.

The event was generously underwritten by the following Gold Medal sponsors: Swedish Medical



Tricia Sukhabut (pictured), along with her daughters Jordan and Sidney, performed authentic Hawaiian dances

Center, Overlake Hospital, Whitaker Foundation, and Cardwell Consulting. Silver Medal sponsors were: Towne Financial Corp., University House, and Sisters of Providence.

The money raised will go towards helping the 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.

*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 and Sammamish communities.*



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## SEE THE U.S. SENIOR OPEN AND HELP FAITH IN ACTION - AT THE SAME TIME!

The US Senior Open, will be held at Sahalee Golf Course in Sammamish July 26—August 1. Not only is this a world-class sporting event, it's a unique opportunity for Faith in Action to raise funds.



Faith in Action volunteers will be staffing a concession stand during the U.S. Senior Open, and gaining a percentage of the profits earned for its pro-

grams. Depending on the weather and sales, Faith in Action may earn thousands of dollars from this event.

Faith in Action volunteers who work a six hour shift can attend the event that day for free. Volunteer every day, and see the event from start to finish! Volunteers also get free food and drink, and parking.

If you enjoy golf, this is an incredible deal. People who volunteer for the US Open event itself (not through us) are required to pay \$125 for the privilege!

All sorts of hours are available, from when the event opens early in the morning (best for those who want to see the action in the afternoon), until the



event closes at the end of the day.

Anyone, 16 and over can participate. It's a great way for teens get easy community service hours during the summer.

Think you might be interested? Contact the office at 425-369-9120 or email [info@faithinaction4seniors.org](mailto:info@faithinaction4seniors.org)

## WHERE YOUR DONOR DOLLARS GO

Faith in Action spends 62% of its budget on its three part-time staff members. This staff recruits, trains, and manages volunteers; screens and refers clients and their families; and coordinates with our partners in service to the community.

Another 23% is spent on costs related to programs, such as the cost of background checks for volunteers, and keeping files on our clients.

The remaining 15% is on overhead costs such as fundraising.

Volunteers perform the majority of Faith in Action's services, so our budget is small and efficient. Donations of equipment and office supplies, and partly subsidized rent help keep our operating costs low.

When you donate to Faith in Action, you know that your money is being used as effi-

ciently as possible, for critical services to the elders in our community.

If you would like to see detailed financial information for our agency, please call the office at (425) 369-9120 or email the director at [claire@faithinaction4seniors.org](mailto:claire@faithinaction4seniors.org).

On the behalf of the elderly we serve, Faith in Action thanks all its supporters.



Claire Petersky,  
Executive Director

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## FROM YOUR FAITH IN ACTION DIRECTOR

### ***Dear Faith In Action Friends,***

For years, I've been reading the obituaries in the paper. Each one is a short story, a life summed up in a couple of paragraphs. I can tell you they're typically written. First, there's usually a line about where the person was born, maybe a line about military service and maybe one on schooling. A couple of hobbies and interests are noted. Decades of hard work and sacrifice, petty bureaucratic squabbles and flashes of brilliance, might be contained in a single sentence: "He worked for 38 years for the Boeing Corporation."

And then the next paragraph, reads something like, "Beloved husband of....beloved father of...."Poppa" to his six grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren." How the deceased was connected to others through love and friendship takes as long as all the other aspects of life. Reading the obituaries reminds me that human relationships ultimately define who we are, and how we will be remembered.

I've just finished writing up a grant application and a set of reports that describe the "service units" our volunteers have delivered: number of miles driven, number of hours of housework completed, and so forth. And these statistics are important—we need to track how many people we serve, and what exactly our donors are getting for their money. Quantitative standards can help us determine what we're doing right and where we need improvement.

But I believe that what really defines Faith in Action is human relationships. Our clients and our volunteers form bonds. As I meet and talk with Faith in Action volunteers, I am struck by the depth of how much they care about the elderly people that they help. Faith in Action is not just about "service units" - it's about caring individuals connecting with others, and making friendships that nourishes everyone involved.

Join us. Volunteer. Recommend us to an elderly person you know who could use friendly help. Together, through Faith in Action, we can create relationships that will make a difference in our lives.

Warm Regards,

*Claire Petersky*

Claire Petersky, Executive Director

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: OUR OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

This newsletter’s volunteer spotlight is recognizing volunteers for Faith in Action who work in our office on a regular, on-going basis.

These volunteers come in regularly, do their jobs effectively, and complete their work with little supervision.

### **Mats Kanagae**

Mats Kanagae used to manage the mail/copy room of a large geological environmental



Mats working on a mailing

consulting firm. After her retirement, she was looking for a place to put her skills to work.

Like many of our older volunteers, Mats would prefer not using the computer, but she has excellent organizational skills, attention to detail, and can put together a mailing like nobody else.

If you’re reading this newsletter in paper form, or have

ever gotten any other mass mailing from Faith In Action, Mats probably was the lead volunteer in putting it together.

### **Teresa Lalk**

Teresa Lalk heard about Faith in Action through her church, Samammish Presbyterian. While she’s not employed outside of the home right now, she has social work degree, and was looking for an opportunity to volunteer with the elderly.

Teresa realized she wanted to assist the agency more, and joined both the Resource Development and Communications Committee, and also decided to help in the office.

In addition to being a tremendous help with the auction, Teresa has been involved in keeping our volunteer and client statistics up to date in our database.



Teresa Lalk

### **Rochelle Wyatt**

Rochelle Wyatt heard about Faith in Action through the City of Sammamish. She has a background in computers, technology, and management.



Rochelle Wyatt

Rochelle has been the office’s hardware and software wizard, installing programs, setting up computers and other hardware, and networking machines together. She also has done heroic work in data entry.



Office volunteers like Mats, Teresa, and Rochelle help keep Faith in Action’s paid staff costs low. If you, or someone you know, is looking for an opportunity to volunteer in an office setting, please contact the office at: (425) 369-9120 or [info@faithinaction4seniors.org](mailto:info@faithinaction4seniors.org)

## THANK YOU, SECOND HALF OF 2009 VOLUNTEERS!

**Our volunteers who gave hours of service, from July 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009:**

☺Karen Adkinson  
 ☺Trevor Adkinson  
 ☺Andy Allred  
 Ronald Andresen  
 ☺Dorothy Barker  
 ☺Kara Behnia  
 ☺Gary Becker  
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 ☺Rochelle Wyatt  
 ☺Mee Sook Yang  
 ☺Helen Yantus

**Symbol Key**

☺New volunteer in 2nd half of 2009

Ⓣ10+ years of service

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

## CLIENTS 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 smaller by the loss of the following individuals:

- Marci Kinsella
- Joy Spurr
- Wayne Hunsberger
- Dr. Irving Kousnetz
- Irene Crotts

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



## THANK YOU *ALOHA SPRING* AUCTION ITEM DONORS

2010 US Senior Open	Diana Bonyhadi	John Rittenhouse	Sammamish Ace Hardware
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## THANK YOU, SECOND HALF OF 2009 DONORS

### Our donors from 7/1/09—12/31/09:

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