



*Faith in Action*  
for  
Monroe County

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## INFORMATION FOR CONGREGATIONS

We are happy that you have an interest in *FAITH IN ACTION* FOR MONROE COUNTY

We are pleased to share the following information with you:

### WHAT THE *FAITH IN ACTION* FOR MONROE COUNTY PROGRAM IS:

*Faith in Action* for Monroe County is a network of congregations in Monroe County that have joined together to provide volunteer support for the older and disabled adults in our community who need just a little extra help to get by at home. Our volunteers:

- Drive people to doctor's appointments and other essential errands.
- Visit and call lonely and isolated individuals.
- Stay with a relatives so that their family caregivers can have a break.
- Do minor home repairs and small yard work.
- Help our struggling neighbors with a variety of other tasks that enable them to stay at home longer.

### OUR MISSION:

We work with congregations, community groups, and concerned individuals to further the two main goals of our mission.

1. To respond to the ever-growing needs of the older and/or physically challenged adults living in our communities who struggle daily to maintain their independence at home; and
2. To provide meaningful opportunities for volunteers of all ages to live out their faith by helping others.

### HOW CONGREGATIONS GET INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM:

#### *Building a Caregiving Group within your congregation:*

Although it is not required, some congregations may choose to identify a "liaison" to coordinate these efforts right within their own group. This usually is a layperson that takes on the responsibility of matching volunteers from within the congregation with people in need of a little extra help. Utilizing this lay leadership often frees up the time of congregations staff (who usually handle such requests), and it ensures that a single person or two are focusing their energies on this project, so that it can grow and thrive within the congregation. This method keeps all the ownership and management of the program right in the hands of the congregation to more effectively meet the needs of the congregation itself. *Faith in Action* for Monroe County can provide the training and support needed to equip liaisons for their role during a series of individualized meetings, and the liaisons from all around the community may gather regularly with one another for sharing and support.

Please feel free to contact the *Faith in Action* for Monroe County office (734-243-2233) for more information, or to schedule an informational meeting.