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Mission Statement

Believing that God calls us as people of faith, to minister to those in need, the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Fayette, Inc., will, through an interfaith network of trained volunteers, provide supportive services and outreach to meet the needs of the elderly (ordinarily Age 60+)

This is a term heard a lot today, whether we are talking about Laundry soap or breakfast cereal sold without a brand name or fancy label.

What is a "generic" drug? When a new drug is made, it is patented and sold by only one company under a single brand name. Brand name drugs cost more because the drug maker adds the cost of developing and selling the drug to the price. When their patent runs out after 17 years, other companies can make and sell this drug under a generic name at a much lower cost. The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) is working under new, stricter laws that require makers to prove that a generic drug is an ***exact copy*** of the brand name drug; that it ***dissolves in the stomach the same way, gets into the blood stream at the same rate, and works the same way as the brand name drug.*** If it does not meet these standards, it cannot be sold.

You can feel sure that by using a generic drug whenever a drug is prescribed, ***you will receive a safe and effective "exact copy" of the brand name drug.*** In fact it is interesting to note that ***a significant number of generic drug companies are actually owned by major drug companies, the ones***

who also develop the "brand name" drugs.

(Taken in part from a PACE cardholder update)

Words from Our Care-receivers

Often we receive notes of thanks from our care-receivers. Following are excerpts from a few:

I just want to express my "heartfelt gratitude and appreciation" for the transportation to these necessary appointments. May God bless all of you for the wonderful work you do.

Thank you for a wonderful, dependable service and for all the volunteers that care so much about the needs of others.

Many thanks for your kindness for all of the help you give us. We deeply appreciate it.

Words cannot express my gratitude for your services in getting me back and forth to my doctor's appointments. Without you I don't know what I would do. I thank the Lord every day for your kindness.

Thank you for the trips to the doctor's office. I appreciate your kindness. You're doing a superb service for the community. Again thanks.

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Brass Knuckles Band

For those of you who love the Brass Knuckles Band as much as we do.....they will be playing on Halloween, October 31, 2009 at the Cabaret Supper Club at 62 W. Peter Street. Doors open at 6:00 PM with Dinner & Dancing beginning at 7:00 PM. For tickets contact The Fayette Chamber of Commerce at 724-437-4571 or 724-208-4444.



The staff and Board of Directors of Interfaith would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to **Barton's Flower Shop** for the donation of a beautiful wreath that was auctioned off at the Storey Square summer series in July.

Volunteer Manuals

The recently updated volunteer manuals are now available for any of our volunteers that would like to have one. Please come into the Interfaith office to pick yours up.

Bon Ton Community Days

The annual Community Day will be held on Saturday, November 14th beginning at 6:00 am. Coupon books can be purchased in advance for \$5.00 by calling the Interfaith Office at 724-438-0709. All proceeds go to Interfaith. Anyone interested in helping to sell booklets or buy one, please contact Charlotte Steich. The booklet includes an instant \$10 off any item, plus 30% early bird coupon from 6:00-9:00 am. Also there are six 20% off coupons on any item. Thank you in advance for your support!

SCAMS

Many of you have indicated your appreciation for information concerning the latest scams that are out there looking for someone like you. Below is one of the more recent scams according to www.snopes.com.



Pre-approved Credit Cards

Pre-approved just means you are approved for a review of your credit history to see if you qualify for an attractive interest rate on a credit card. But often the card issued has a higher interest rate than the teaser rate, even if your credit score is excellent. Or you may be denied the card altogether. "The big print may advertise an interest rate of 8.9 percent but the small print says the card you get may be anywhere from 8.9 to 22.9 percent." Read the terms of a new offer carefully. You can try to negotiate a lower rate. If you have questions, send them to Ask Scam Alert, 601 E St. N.W. Washington, DC 20049 or go to www.aarp.org/bulletin/consumer/asksid.

(Taken from AARP newsletter)

TIPS

(To help protect you from Identity Theft)

1. Do NOT sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED"
2. When writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, DO NOT put your complete account number on the 'for' line. Instead, just put the last 4 numbers. Your credit card company knows the rest of the number and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.
3. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine & copy both sides of each license, credit card, etc. This way you will have all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel, should your wallet or card be stolen. Keep this photocopy in a safe place.
4. If your wallet or credit card/cards are stolen, Call the 3 national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name. To do so call the following:
 - Social Security fraud line Number (1-800-269-0271)
 - Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
 - Experian: 1-888-397-3742
 - Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289

Donor List

June 1, 2009 - September 30, 2009

The following have contributed recently to Interfaith and their generous support is greatly appreciated!

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Farmington Bethel Church of The Brethren
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HELPING OTHERS

"If you write a letter for a
 Blind man,
 Or you just sit and
 Listen to someone,
 Or you take the mail to him,
 Or you visit somebody
 Or bring a flower to somebody
 Or wash clothes for somebody
 Or clean the house –
 Small things, but
 God sees everything great."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 The Joy in Loving

ALL ABOUT INTERFAITH....

Many people are still not aware of our mission in the community. Interfaith provides services to those 60 or older who are living alone and are having difficulty with essential activities such as grocery shopping, transportation or minor home repairs.

We are currently serving approximately **203 care-receivers** and so far this year we have provided them with **1,589 individual services**. Our **135** faithful and caring **volunteers** have freely given **7,849 hours of their time** to provide medical/social transportation, grocery shopping, light housekeeping clerical support, respite, telephone reassurance, minor home repairs, personal care & friendly visitation.

The numbers that have been provided are from January 1, 2009 to August 31, 2009. You can readily understand why there is such a need for new volunteers. **One hundred thirty five volunteers have given 7,849 hours** of their time in their service to our Interfaith care-receivers. We are currently **servng 35 communities** in Fayette County and volunteers are especially needed in the Masontown, Dunbar and Connellsville areas in order to continue to better serve those communities. There is always an extreme need in our primary area of Uniontown. If you are retired and looking for a way to serve

your community, what better way than to give of your time to the older adults in our area. Southwestern Pennsylvania is second only to Dade County Florida in the number of over age 60 population in residence. If you are working and can devote, even two hours a month, the benefit is immeasurable.

If you are interested, please contact Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at 724-438-0709 or by email at cashton@ivcgf.org. If you would like to come in and talk to us about volunteering we are located at 137 N. Beeson Avenue, Suite 106. Uniontown, PA 15401. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about our volunteering process.

Interfaith is not a recipient of state or federal funding. All income is received from grants, churches, local businesses and corporations and devoted individual patrons. Memorial & honorary gifts are a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor a loved one, friend or volunteer.

How you can help!
"Neighbors caring for Neighbors"

- I am interested in volunteering
- I would like to make a donation
- I am enclosing a check

Donation: _____

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