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"Neighbors Helping Neighbors Remain Independent"

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Students from Notre Dame Serving Volunteers

On March 24th, 2007, volunteers from our 26 member congregations and community organizations were honored for their faithful service to homebound elderly and people with disabilities at the Volunteers Are Treasures luncheon. On hand to distribute special awards were Freeholders Pat Colavito and Ann Cannon.

Pictured below is Jean Fritzsche from the West Trenton Presbyterian Church receiving the 10 plus years of service, Hall of Fame Award and Proclamation from the Mercer County Freeholders.

Our mission: Interfaith Caregivers Trenton/*Faith in Action*, an interfaith coalition, is dedicated to promoting the independence and dignity of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life.



Vivian Greenberg, Key Note Speaker.

We were blessed to have Vivian speak to us about the many difficulties that people face as they age. She shared her own recent saga of needing a health aide after she had an injury. Vivian spoke sincerely and eloquently on the value of volunteers who do so much to assist those in need.



Interfaith Caregivers Trenton/*Faith in Action* thanks Freeholders Pat Colavito and Ann Cannon for taking the time to celebrate with us. Other congregations were honored for 10&5 years of service to homebound elderly and the disabled.

Pictured below from left to right are: John Jordon, Board Vice President, Jack Parra, Treasurer, John Covaleski, new Board member, Sandra Pinto, new Board member, Tom Pryor, John Zimmerman, new Board member, and Betsy Solan, new Board member



We are excited to welcome our new Board Members who offer their time and expertise to help plan for our future. Each brings special talents to Interfaith Caregivers/*Faith in Action*.

Thank You to All Who Supported Us in 2006! God Bless You!

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Covenant Church
Our Lady of Sorrows/St.
Anthony's Church
United Presbyterian Church
of Yardville
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Every attempt has been
made for accuracy. Please
let us know if have
inadvertently made an error.
God bless you and keep you!

Director's Report

Dear friends of Interfaith Caregivers,

Since the fall of 2006, we have been working hard to redevelop our volunteer program to homebound elderly and people with disabilities. An extensive search continued over a period of months for a new Coordinator of Volunteers. It is our hope to have the new coordinator in place this summer. With a coordinator to focus exclusively on our volunteer component, we feel confident that our present program will not only be strengthened but also will flourish.

Congratulations to our Nominating Committee for successfully recruiting five new Board members for 2007. The following people have graciously agreed to serve with areas of expertise in law (John Zimmerman, retired from the State of NJ), grant writing (Betsy Solan, retired Director from the State of NJ) fund raising, senior center management, (Helen Holmes, retired Director of Lawrence Senior Center) journalism (John Covalesski) and representation and knowledge of the Latino community (Sandra Pinto). Our Board has formed three active committees in the areas of Development/Special Events; Finance and Strategic Planning. We hope to engage the community in planning for our future. If you feel called to help out in any of these committees, please contact us at 393-9922.

Outreach continues to the churches and congregations. I had the privilege of meeting with area Baptist ministers at the Columbus Baptist Church in Bordentown. I also spoke to the Mothers of Preschoolers at the Lutheran Church of the Holy Cross. Our intergenerational work continues with the Thomas Grover Middle School in W. Windsor. Students from Mr. Frank Cincotta's class made Valentine Boxes filled with practical items for homebound seniors. I also had the pleasure of speaking to a wonderful, active senior group in Hamilton.

We welcome any and all opportunities to speak to groups about the wonderful work that volunteers from Interfaith Caregivers are doing in the community.

Since January, we conducted **eleven** volunteer trainings and hosted two collaborative workshops, one with the Visiting Nurse Association on Live Safe, Live Independent, Live at Home at the Hamilton Library and the other with Adult Protective Services/Mercer County

Board of Social Services.

We have been meeting with United Way and collaborating with other area agencies in looking at better coordination of services. To that end, representatives from ICT have also been attending the Mercer County Transportation Coalition, providing information about our volunteer transportation.

On March 24th, we held our 13th Annual Luncheon in recognition of our volunteers at Notre Dame HS. Vivian Greenberg was our key note speaker and Ann Cannon and Pat Colavita, Freeholders, helped to present awards to the member congregations for years of service. Judy Salcewicz and the students of Notre Dame HS did an outstanding job, decorating tables, serving the volunteers and hosting the event.

Our Talent Show Committee did an incredible job of planning and executing the **Your Talents Are Treasures** event on April 29th, involving our member congregations. Brother George Stevenson and Art Frank, Co-Chairs, Lucy Boyd, Fran Meade, Marguerite Padgett-Goff, and Beverly Bodine worked tirelessly since last August. Practices were held monthly at the Mercer County Geriatric Center. We reached our goal of making \$3,000 from this effort, but even more importantly, we all had a fun time working with members from the various faith communities. We were also blessed by the wonderful talents of the S'elah Group and Cantor Art Katlin and his wife, Dr. Evette Katlin who gave a fabulous performance. DVD's of the show are available for \$10 each and can be picked up at our office. Just call 393-9922 to order your special memory of this special evening.

With all this activity, our mission is always at the forefront: **"Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Interfaith Caregivers Trenton/Faith in Action, an interfaith coalition, is dedicated to promoting the independence and dignity of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life."**

Your financial help makes it all possible. We appreciate your continued support each month and most especially your prayers for this ministry.

Blessings and Peace, Mary Ann Isaac

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In Honor Of:

Rosenberg, Glassman and Weber by Lynda
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of St. Gregory the Great Church

We Love to be Invited!

If you belong to a group that would like a speaker to explain how Interfaith Caregivers can be of assistance to homebound elderly and people with disabilities, please give us a call. Our Board would be happy to arrange a time to speak with your group, bring a short video, answer questions and distribute brochures. Many people in the community need to know about the wonderful volunteers and the services we provide. You can be the means to connect the community with the help they need. Don't delay! Call us at 393-9922.

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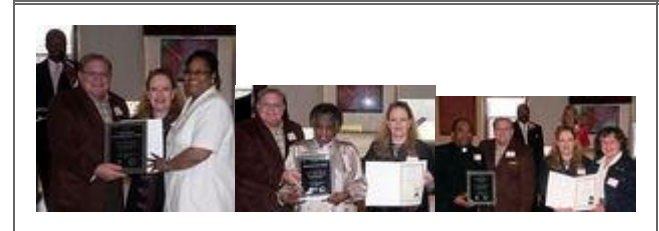
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MORE PHOTOS FROM OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON. CONGRATULATIONS!



Induction into the

ICT/FIA Hall of Fame: Adath Israel Congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Ewing, Our Lady of Sorrows/St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Peason Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Ann's Catholic



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A Big Thank You to Our Friends

Our very first Talent Show, **Your Talents Are Treasures was a big success.** Nilah Montgomery from St. Philips Baptist Church was our winner!
We thank all who participated for a fabulous performance and hope to do this again next year.

ICT Mailbag

Dear Interfaith Caregivers,
You are a very special group of people. Thank you for your help. I want to help a little.
My group leader is Anne Kantor, a very sweet person. Thank you.
Rose

Dear Mary Ann,
Angelo came to us from ICT. I can never express in words what joy and pleasure he brought into our lives and how unbelievably helpful he was to us.
Grace Bolge

Dear Mary Ann,
Enclosed is a check for rides to the doctors' and beauty salon. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate the help from you and your staff. I wish I could give you more. Wishing you, yours and the staff the best!

Please remember our on-line shopping fundraiser marketplace!

Every day we shop for our family and

friends, purchasing books, clothing, trips to see family or for business. Unfortunately, we're not always left with a lot at the end of the month to give to our favorite cause. What if a percentage of each of those everyday purchases automatically contributed to a worthy cause? That's what our online Marketplace is all about!

Interfaith Caregivers Trenton has an online Marketplace with close to 1000 different stores to shop at including major names like Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Orbitz.com for travel – all the way to sports, entertainment, food, pets, family stores ..and more. Stores you probably shop at anyway!

If you visit our website at www.interfaithcaregiverstrenton.org you'll see the flashing button linking to our Marketplace. When you click on that button to enter the Marketplace and shop, a percentage of each purchase will be sent back to Interfaith Caregivers Trenton. It's safe, easy and private.

Please help The Interfaith Caregivers Trenton continue to grow and to carry on with our mission for generations to come. Your everyday act of simply shopping for your self, your family and your friends will be the easiest way to play a part in our future! Once again, **thank you** to all our donors who have given so generously over the past year! May God continue to bless you and may He fill you with his peace and love.

An equipment program collects and refurbishes donations of gently used medical equipment. Your ReSource offers a tax deduction receipt. Donation pickup is also available. Call 609-530-1513 for further information.

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