



Interfaith Caregivers

People Who Care... Helping People in Need

A Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings!

Each day at Interfaith Caregivers we witness people in our community facing a transportation challenge that could keep them from receiving the medical care that they need. We proudly serve the frail elderly and health impaired who do not have a car, cannot afford the cost of a cab to and from their numerous appointments and lack the mobility to walk to the nearest bus stop or live too far from a bus route in rural Cattaraugus County.

The majority of people we serve do not qualify for Medicaid or the medical travel provided by Medicaid. Those who do qualify for this service find only certain facilities are approved for medical travel. Did you know that the podiatrist is **not** considered a medical travel approved facility? On average, our volunteers transport clients to Olean podiatrists four times a month.

Local veterans of war who are eligible for medical transport through Veterans Affairs (VA) also find themselves with a transportation challenge when they need to go to a medical facility that is not a VA Clinic. They call upon our volunteers to take them to appointments in Buffalo at Roswell Park Cancer Institute or Buffalo General. While we do the best we can to meet demands for out of town transportation, we are very limited on volunteer availability for out of town travel.

Without our services, Salamanca residents face paying \$86 round trip for a cab to a medical appointment located in Olean. Luckily, Interfaith Caregivers volunteers in Salamanca are there to help. We gladly welcome more volunteers in the Salamanca and surrounding area to help bridge the transportation gap.

People in our community benefit from our free service and they also benefit from the personalized care they receive from our volunteers. Our service is more than just a ride to an appointment. If requested, our volunteers can sit in on an appointment with a person who is hearing impaired or needs help understanding the information.

Interfaith Caregivers operations are made possible because of financial supporters like the United Way of Cattaraugus County, various local churches, the Olean Association for the Blind, the Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation, the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, Episcopal Community Services, local businesses and generous individuals like you. We could not serve the people of this community without this generous financial support. Thank you!

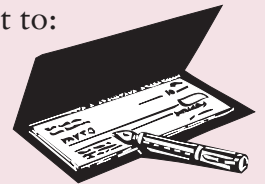
Sincerely,
Megan Taylor
Executive Director

Your Donations Count

Like many small, not-for-profit organizations, Interfaith Caregivers relies on your generous contributions. We need your help and we hope that you find our services worthy of supporting.

Your donation can be sent to:

Interfaith Caregivers
34 N. Fourth St
Allegany, NY 14706



New! Supporters can now log on to www.interfaithcaregiversinc.org and donate to our organization through our secure Pay-Pal server.

Interfaith Caregivers is a 501c(3) not-for-profit corporation. All gifts are tax deductible.

Vision Loss Support Group

According to Vision Aware, the self-help resource center for vision loss, interacting with other individuals who have experienced vision loss can be extremely therapeutic. It's important to keep in mind, however, that each person is an individual and will react to, and cope with, their own vision loss in highly specific and personal ways.

Also, people with longstanding vision loss may or may not experience the same challenges and day-to-day difficulties as people with more recent blindness or low vision.

Nevertheless, meeting other people who have lost vision as adults can help you — and them — feel less alone or misunderstood. Support groups also provide an opportunity to share your experiences and hard-won

expertise in adapting and managing everyday tasks.

Interfaith Caregivers represents the Olean Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. For more information on the Vision Loss Support Group and other valuable services please call our office at 716-372-6283.



Saying Good Bye to Caring Volunteers



We will miss volunteers Bob and Sue Clendenen who have decided to retire from service after ten-plus years. Their time with us is greatly appreciated. The pair was recognized at the Interfaith Caregivers Recognition Event held in August.

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The Gift Tree Program

Interfaith Caregivers and the Olean Times Herald will come together again to provide Christmas to families in need and single elderly adults in Cattaraugus County. In 2010, the program served 115 families of various sizes. This program is successful because of the caring community who adopts these families. Participants are referred to the program by the case managers of over twenty-five human health and service agencies. People who were served in the previous year are not eligible to participate in the current year. We also collaborate with other holiday gift giving programs to verify that families are not being provided Christmas through multiple organizations. Interfaith Caregivers does not benefit financially from organizing the Gift Tree Program.

The Olean Times Herald will begin to publish family needs starting at the beginning of November. If you are interested in donating or volunteering for the Gift Tree Program please call Interfaith Caregivers at 716-372-6283 or send donations to Interfaith Caregivers 34 N. Fourth St Allegany, NY 14760.

We also accept donations on our website:
www.interfaithcaregiversinc.org

Volunteers celebrating 20+ years of service for Interfaith Caregivers



PAIGE DRAKE
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Interfaith Caregivers Dr. Jeff Miller Memorial Bike Ride

Sponsors and participants of the 8th Annual Dr. Jeff Miller Memorial Bike Ride raised \$5,446 at this year's event held in June. Friends, family and supporters of Interfaith came together to remember and celebrate the life of a man who served others and was an active athlete.

Pictured is 89 year old bike rider Art Shavalier from Bethel Lutheran Church in Portville. Each year, a large group from the Bethel Lutheran Church congregation participates in the event. The church raised \$870 for this year's event.



MEMORIALS

JANUARY 2011

In Memory of: Wendall Norton	BY: Newton Degolia
In Memory of: Clarence Benz	BY: Norton Degolia
In Memory of: Paul P Wenke	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
In Memory of: Mary Fuller	BY: Jeffrey Weber
In Memory of: Mary Fuller	BY: George & Kay Packer

FEBRUARY 2011

In Memory of: Mary Fuller	BY: Leitha Sargent
In Memory of: John F Dougherty	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
In Memory of: Paul Meacham	BY: Goldie Meacham
In Memory of: Robert Peace	BY: Mary Donato

MARCH 2011

In Memory of: Dick Atkins	BY: Leitha Sargent
In Memory of: Louise Burrel	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
In Memory of: John Mac Sue	BY: Marcia Storch
In Memory of: John Mac Sue	BY: Mary Donato

APRIL 2011

In Memory of: Gertrude Holtz	BY: Gertrude Holtz Family
In Memory of: Iva Toothman	BY: Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Mater
In Memory of: Louis Magnano	BY: Mrs. A Oliva
In Memory of: Thomas Louser	BY: Charlene Granger
In Memory of: Dr. Wayne Whitmer	BY: Ruddy & Leitha Sargent

MAY 2011

In Memory of: Teresa "Tess" Questa	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
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JULY 2011

In Memory of: Alice Bush	BY: Emil Joseph
In Memory of: Mary Ellen Bernstein	BY: Lynn & William Zuckerman
In Memory of: Jeffrey Zolner	BY: Mr. & Mrs. L. Sydney Uhl
In Memory of: Marie Griehm	BY: Helen & Betsy Bierfeldt
In Memory of: Donald Gheres	BY: Marcia Karl
In Memory of: Lawrence Crisafulli	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
In Memory of: Raymond A. Questa	BY: John & Jillian Walsh

AUGUST 2011

In Memory of: Stephen Dohl	BY: Helen Dohl
In Memory of: Edward L. Favro	BY: Paula Pikulski

SEPTEMBER 2011

In Memory of: Mark Klimczyk	BY: Ronald & Mary Mater
In Memory of: Frederick Kayes	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
In Memory of: Mark Klimczyk	BY: John & Jillian Walsh
In Memory of: Willie Jones	BY: Mary Donato
In Memory of : Lawrence Shepard I	BY: Linda Shepard



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INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS QUICK VIEW

- ◆ Number of active volunteers: 44
- ◆ Number of round trip transports per month: 150 (on average)
- ◆ Number of transports to Olean Medical Group in the last six months: 99
- ◆ Number of transports to Olean General Hospital facilities in the last six months: 33
- ◆ Number of transports to Olean Physical Therapy Professionals in the last six months: 53

MISSION STATEMENT

Interfaith Caregivers is comprised of volunteers from diverse religious and cultural communities. We work together through innovative, collaborative partnerships of congregations and human services to empower individuals to reach out to one another in time of need. We value the dignity and worth of every person, commitment to inclusive care and service, the giving of oneself, respect for diversity of gifts, the importance of spirituality as a resource for health, shared dialogue that leads to action, the capacity of volunteer caregiving to invigorate the life of the community and the unique worth of the individual.