

St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program



St. Aloisius
Medical Center
SMP Health System

- February 10 -

Sources of Strength

Mission Integration * Faith in Action

*** Wells Co. Mentoring ***

Senior Companions * Hospice

Pastoral Care * Precious Goodbyes

LTC * Nurturing Program * RSVP

Hello, Mentors, Youth and Volunteers!

Please review the following report that summarizes some of the community work that we have been a part of in 2009. You are truly a part of a much bigger picture and have touched many lives in a meaningful way. St. Aloisius is proud to be the heart of this community, extending care that exceeds medical attention, and you are the driving force behind this. I look forward to seeing what we accomplish in 2010. You are an awesome team of people!

**2009 Report
Summary of Volunteer Hours**

Program	Hours
Faith in Action	4,002
Senior Companions	3,727
Wells County Mentoring	3,334
Hospice	310.25
Retired Seniors Volunteer Program	164.50
Other	47
2009 Total Volunteer Hours	11,584.75

This summary of volunteer hours exclusively includes programs specifically administered and coordinated by the St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program. It does not include those hours accrued through other departments such as Long Term Care, Precious Goodbyes, Pastoral Care, Blood drives, Wellness clinics, etc., even though the Community Volunteer Program is regularly involved in these other programs/events.

Considering a full time position at 2080 hours per year, the St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program has provided in excess of 5.50 FTE's of non-paid quality services.

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet - Thank you to everyone who attended our annual volunteer and mentor appreciation banquet. We hope you left with the realization of how important you are to this community and how appreciated you are by the St. Aloisius Community Volunteer Program.

Long Term Care – If you would like to volunteer with people who live in long term care, please contact Denise Martin at 324-4651. We always need people who are willing to visit, read to residents, or help out with special activities.

Hospice – Hospice just celebrated 10 years of service where we have ministered to over 500 people with terminal illness. St. Aloisius is proud to be a part of this sacred work.

Senior Companions – We need one or two seniors who would be willing to help elderly people maintain independence in their homes. This is an amazing program that provides care and support to others. Tasks typically include providing social support, helping with light housekeeping, cooking, etc. and/or staying with senior citizens so family members are able to leave the house for an hour or two. This program does provide some compensation for time and mileage for travel. For more information, contact Tammy at 324-4769 ext. 342.

Faith in Action -Donations of \$50 or more, given to Faith In Action, are currently being matched with money from the Dakota Medical Foundation. Please consider supporting this ministry of providing medical transportation for people who have no other way to get to appointments.

Giving Hearts Day-The Dakota Medical Foundation has selected St. Aloisius Medical Center Faith in Action to participate in the 2010 Giving Hearts Day, a 24 hour online fundraising event that will be held on February 11th. Contributions of \$10 or more will be matched by DMF. To support Faith in Action and have your donations matched, simply go to www.impactgiveback.org on February 11th and click on the Giving Hearts Day “Learn More/Donate” button.

Blankets for Children in Haiti – Project Linus is an organization that provides handmade blankets for children to provide comfort in times of need. The only guidelines are that blankets are handmade, children friendly and made of washable material. If you would like to provide warmth and comfort to a child in Haiti (many of which are sleeping outdoors), bring a blanket to Tammy Neurohr by February 12th. Note that blankets don’t have to be sewn. They can be tie blankets, fleece, etc.

<p>Congratulations to our Mentor of the month, Rachael Rott and our volunteer of the month, Jean Martel. You are appreciated!</p>

St. Aloisius Website:

Check out what's going in your community by logging onto the St. Aloisius website at <http://www.staloisius.com/>.

Giving Your Best

It's the hand we clasp with an honest grasp
That gives a hearty thrill;
It's the good we pour into others' lives
That comes back our own to fill.
It's the dregs we drain from another's cup
That makes our own seem sweet;
And the hours we give to another's need
That makes our life complete.
It's the burdens we help another bear
That makes our own seem light.
It's the anger seen for another's feet
That shows us the path to right.
It's the good we do each passing day,
With a heart sincere and true;
In giving the world your very best
It's best will return to you.

Author Unknown

May God bless you and keep you in His perfect peace.

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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. -2 Timothy 2:2-3, NIV

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### **We Are Honored**

On, Feb. 11, 1973, then-Captain Jeremiah Denton returned home after years of captivity as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. He made his way down the steps of the plane, stopped in front of a microphone and said, "We are honored to have had the opportunity to serve our country under difficult circumstances."

I wonder if this is how the believer will feel when he stands one day before God? God entrusts to some of His servants—without explanation—the most difficult circumstances. Just look at Job, Joseph, Daniel and the early martyrs.

A young man released from an oppressive, atheistic regime was asked, "What was it like, being persecuted for your faith?"

"We thought it was the normal Christian life," was the surprising, yet candid, reply.

He was right. It is Christians in the West who are living abnormally. Personally, I am grateful for the "abnormality." But if it doesn't last, we must not question, complain or become bitter. Instead let us accept each day as the Lord sends it, living obediently and faithfully and not fearing what may come. We know that the glory ahead will obliterate the grim past.

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Prayer for the Day:

I want to be Your obedient servant, God. Please give me strength to do all that You ask, no matter how difficult, I will remember that no matter the trials, You will always be with me.

Taken from "Letters from Ruth's Attic - Insights for Knowing God's Love" by Ruth Bell Graham

