



# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## HELLO NEIGHBORS

During difficult times, people often look at their circumstances and say that they have no power to change things. They complain or do nothing. Do you feel that your actions don't matter? Consider volunteering. Help someone in need and notice how you feel better about yourself and your situation. It's the small things that make a big difference.

### Try it and see!

*How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.*

—Anne Frank

**Jamey Henderson**  
Executive Director

## CALENDAR

Senior Expo	June 25
Kokomo Event Center	9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Haynes Apperson Parade	June 27 2 p.m.
Jefferson Manor Charity Dinner	June 27 4:30-6 p.m.
Advisory Board Main St. UMC	July 9 7:45 a.m.
Jefferson Manor Charity Dinner	July 25 4:30—6 p.m.
Duck Derby Kokomo Beach	July 30 5-9 p.m.

## Safe driving; happy people!

"They're friendly, reliable and on time." That's what a client said recently about the Samaritan Caregiver volunteers who make sure she gets to several different doctors, as well as, to visit her bank, buy medicine and shop for groceries.

In 2008, Samaritan Caregiver volunteers gave 1322 accident-free rides to people in Howard County age 65 & over, ill or disabled.



*Class participants take a break*

In an effort to continue safe transportation, Samaritan Care-

givers recently enrolled ten volunteer drivers in a AAA driving course, "Safe Driving for Mature Operators."

This 4 hour course, taught by Karen Burkhart, owner of American Driving Academy, was a pilot project funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Howard County. "We want to determine whether the course should be part of the training for Samaritan Caregivers' volunteer drivers," said Jamey Henderson, Executive Director.

Volunteers received a workbook, viewed a DVD and received classroom instruction designed to minimize the effects of aging and help drivers feel better behind the wheel. Topics included adjusting speed, risks of driving, seeing, margin of safety, changes to IN traffic laws, negotiating roundabouts and more.



*A volunteer driver "on the job"*

Participants found the course interesting and informative. "I learned I should slow down, concentrate and ignore distractions. Definitely made me think more about my driving."

"We hope to be able to offer this refresher on an ongoing basis" stated Henderson. "The safety of our clients and volunteers is a primary concern.

Interested in the class or becoming a volunteer? 453-7611 or [www.samaritancaregivers.org](http://www.samaritancaregivers.org).

Drive someone happy!

## Life is short—do what matters!

### Touch a life:

- Woman near Washington St. experiencing Alzheimer's needs a person to stay with her on Thurs or Fri weekly so son can run errands. Great project for church small group or S.S. class; take turns helping.
- Woman on Markland Ave. who is a smoker, enjoys animals and reading nonfiction,

needs a visitor.

- Live near St. Joseph Hospital? Woman nearby who likes to play cards, is asking for a visitor.
- Woman on S. Jay would love someone to read to her.
- Looking for meaningful activities to add to your resume? Office help, Duck Derby, or working with clients are possibilities.

### Office Needs

- Stamps—Forever
- Good quality Kleenex
- White legal copy paper
- Bird feeder & bird food
- Lysol disinfectant spray
- Duck Derby—candy for parade; no chocolate please; prizes & billboard June/July



# Love pets? So do we!



Pet owners and their pets are able to sign up for inclusion in a new friendly visiting program titled "Four Footed Friends". Friendly pets with evidence of current rabies vaccinations and a recent annual exam will be candidates to brighten the lives of lonely people served by Samaritan Caregivers. Pocket pets, such as guinea pigs or domestic rabbits are also welcome. For more specifics, call 453-7611 or send an e-mail to [samaritanc@yahoo.com](mailto:samaritanc@yahoo.com). A great family activity for the summer!

## NAP CREDITS SUCCESSFUL

Samaritan Caregivers was successful in distributing \$4998 in tax credits as part of the Indiana Department of Revenue's "Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP)" in 2008/2009. People who made a financial contribution of at least \$100 from July 2008 to May 2009 were eligible to receive 50% of their donation as a tax credit on their IN State taxes.

Jim Hayes, Board Member and Chair of the Development Committee, noted "This was a win-win situation for us and our contributors. It accomplished what it was intended to do and translated into not only money for the organization but relationships with donors. I am looking forward to the next round of NAP credit awards that might be even larger."

NAP offers up to \$2.5 million in tax credits annually for distribution by 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) nonprofits to help leverage contributions from individuals and businesses.

NAP credits for the 2009/2010 cycle will be announced on June 11. Call 453-7611 for an update and specifics.

## Volunteer of the Year

Charlene Loffredo, UAW 685 Retiree, was honored as Samaritan Caregivers' Volunteer of the Year at the United Way Volunteer Recognition Breakfast.

Charlene logged 305 hours in 2008 alone, with over 800 hours since she began volunteering in 2002. Read Charlene's story at

[www.samaritancaregivers.org](http://www.samaritancaregivers.org), on the Events page, UW

Volunteer Breakfast

section. Thank you Charlene, for all you have done for

Samaritan Caregivers. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Did you know...

Samaritan Caregivers extended an invitation to Angela Heckman, RN, IUK School of Nursing to join the Board of Directors. Welcome!

Samaritan Caregivers received a portion of the proceeds from sales at the Kokomo Harvey Hinklemeysers on Memorial Day, as part of the Rebel Rouser's 4th annual Cruise-IN. Thanks to everyone who participated! Thanks Harvey Hinklemeysers!

KeyBank employees from the West Jefferson branch recently donated an afternoon to clean the Samaritan Caregiver's office, including windows, carpeting, walls and baseboards. Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the KeyBank "Neighbors Make the Difference Day".

Samaritan Caregivers' Fall Banquet will be even bigger and better this September when First Christian Church hosts the annual event. This is an opportunity for clients, volunteers, staff, board members and new this year, donors and friends to "Share the Vision". Watch for more information in the August newsletter. You won't want to miss the great food, fun and fellowship!

Want to give to Samaritan Caregivers in a more significant way but doubt that you could? Samaritan Caregivers now has an easy-to-understand Planned Giving brochure that outlines some of the possibilities to help achieve your financial goals. Contact Jamey at 453-7611 to find out more about leaving a legacy to make a difference for the people who rely on Samaritan Caregivers. Help us help others—now and forever.

## ANNUAL

## CAMPAIGN

*The following list includes donations received January 7, 2009 thru April 30 2009.*

### **SAMARITAN: \$1000-\$2499**

First Baptist Church  
Kathy Scheffler

### **CAREGIVER \$500-\$999**

Del-Ra Club  
Golden Living/Sycamore Village  
Grace UMC—Women  
Dr. Carl/LaVerne Grothouse  
Jim/Connie Hayes  
Marilyn Skinner  
Smith Financial Corporation

### **NEIGHBOR: \$250-\$499**

Mike/Ruth Dunn  
Grace UMC - Men  
Main Street UMC—Men  
J.C. Penney Co. Fund, Inc.  
Dean Schimmelpfenning  
Leanne Young

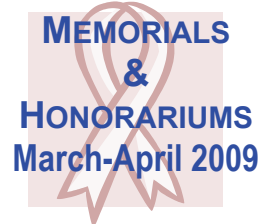
### **FRIEND: \$25-\$249**

Peggy Adams  
Barbara Alexander  
Mark/Anna Ault  
Cheryl Bender  
Harry/Leanna Bolen  
Roger Bolender  
Nancy Bookout  
Jack/Carol Brady  
Milt/Helen Brown  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Joan Coil  
Phil/Polly Conner  
Harvey/Betty Corn  
Eva Cree  
Barry/Linda Donovan

# Samaritan Caregivers Neighborhood

Steve/Rhonda Eastman  
Faith Church of Christ - CWF  
Leonard/Maureen Felkey  
First Church of the Nazarene—Kum Join Us  
Dr. Jack/Madonna Frazier  
Marilyn Freelan  
Tim/Susan Garner  
Grace UMC  
Mary Alice Harper  
Harrison Stars  
David/Dustina Hendrickson  
Larry/Judy Ingle  
Amy R. Irick  
Kris Jayakar  
Stephen/Susan Jessup  
Ralph Joyce  
Barbara Keim  
George/Anndora Laffin  
Bill/Barbara Lambert  
Jeff/Leslee Lantz  
Gerald/Kathleen Leach  
Karen Long  
William/Janet Lovelace  
Mike/Suzie Maher  
Larry/Karen Mann  
Maple Grove Community Church  
Sherrill Martin  
Elinor McClure  
Jim/Nancy McFadyen  
Eugene/Nancy McGarvey  
Lois McKean  
Matt/Dian McKinney  
K. Jane Miller  
Monroe Manor Association  
Marcia Mullett  
Ted/Dianne Neidlinger  
Joseph/Tonia Orr  
Jeff/Debra Ortman  
George/Martha Phares  
Diana Pierce  
Dennis/Tammy Price

Psi Iota Xi  
Larry/Norma Raber  
Anna Marie Rehling  
Marge Reising  
Marjorie Roush  
Dr. Dawn Sabau/Mike Augustyn  
David/Elizabeth Shell  
Darrell Sherrod  
Bill/Lyn Shirley  
Charles/Sharon Short  
Mark/Susan Sloss  
Phyllis Jean Smith  
Peggy Stout  
Daniel/Marsha Ward  
Robert/Phyllis Warnock  
Daphne Westlake  
Nancy Wyant



**In Memory of  
Danny Dice**  
James/Carol Dice

**In Memory of  
Judith Louise Steele**  
Harold/Joyce Fields

**In Memory of  
Mary Budd**  
Friendship Haven  
Resident Council

**In Memory of  
Duane Sprinkle**  
Friendship Haven  
Resident Council

**In Memory of  
Dick Ortman**  
Chris/Cynthia Meyer

**In Memory of  
Sylvia Pate**  
Jane Braun  
Nettie Chadd  
Tom/Joy Hanlon  
Thomas/Dorothy Harrell  
Helen Hunley  
Marsha Steele

**In Memory of  
Brad Young**  
Ed & Diana Pulver

**In Memory of  
Faye Suter**  
Ed & Diana Pulver

**In Memory of  
Keaton Eric Piper**  
Lloyd/Mary Lynn Piper

**In Memory of  
Junior L. Shope**  
Charlene Shope

**In Memory of  
Rex Boxell**  
Juanita Boxell

**In Memory of  
Allen McGowen**  
Juanita Boxell

**In Memory of  
Michael Shepherd**  
Mark/Wanda Bilodeau

**In Memory of  
Jeanne Forkner**  
Charles/Susan Lebo

**In Memory of  
Irene Kuntz**  
James Kuntz

**In Memory of  
John Raisor**  
Myron/JoAnne Harmon

**In Honor of  
Dick Wandle**  
Jerry/Peggy Land



If your name has been omitted or is listed incorrectly, please call our office at 453-7611, so that we can correct our records and give you proper recognition.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS!



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Office Hours:

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday

☆ MISSION STATEMENT ☆

*Samaritan Caregivers volunteers  
provide free help with everyday  
activities to Howard County residents  
who are elderly, ill or disabled.*



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# Duck Derby

Thursday, July 30, 5 — 9 p.m.

Kokomo Beach

Chance to win  
**\$10,000**

Swimming Pizza Soft Drinks Children's Games

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