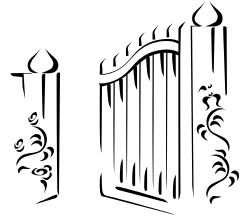


News from...

Across the Picket Fence



The quarterly newsletter of Neighbors in Action Spring/Summer 2010

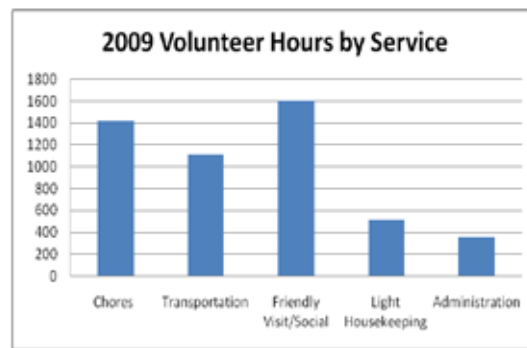
US Census

The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. Census forms will be delivered this month to every U.S. resident. When you receive yours, just answer the ten short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form. Any personal data you provide is protected under federal law.

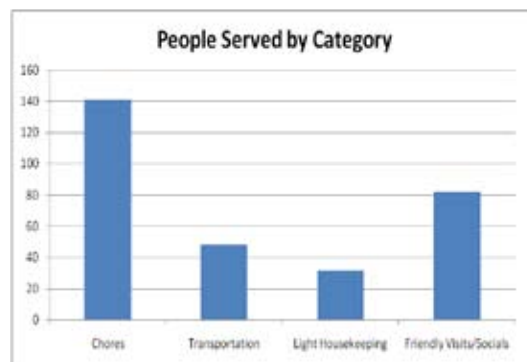
The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- Hospitals
- Roads, bridges and other public works
- Job training centers
- Schools
- Senior Centers
- Emergency services

What's happening at Neighbors in Action? The best way to answer this question is with highlights from the 2009 Annual Report. Below are two charts that illustrate just how much our program means to this community.



This chart shows the total number of hours that were served performing each task during 2009 by our volunteers. When totaled this equates to over 5000 hours annually. WOW!



This graph illustrates the number of older or disabled adults that were served in each category of service. Our volunteers also drove over 21,800 miles in 2009.

The annual report shares comments that we've received from volunteers, recipients of service and other service providers as well as staffing and financial information. A copy is available at the Neighbors in Action office or via email.

In addition to our regular work our staff have been working on developing and implementing our fund development plan. This is the plan that, if successful, will allow us to keep our doors open after our grant funding ends. The first phase of the plan is become more visible in the community and to raise awareness about the program. You will be seeing and hearing more about Neighbors in Action in the near future and we ask that you share your positive experiences with your friends and neighbors. Also, check out the opportunities detailed inside and let us know if you'd like to help out in any way.

Finally, inside you'll find details about our upcoming Spring Fling, the annual Neighbors Day event, some opportunities for service and more. Please call our office if you have any questions. Happy Spring!

Sandy Graves, Program Coordinator



Classifieds

**HELP
WANTED**



Help Wanted

Part-time Drivers:

Enjoy a flexible schedule and make connections with people while positively impacting the life of an older adult in the LaCrescent or Hokah area. Volunteer drivers select the days and times that are most convenient to you. You can drive as much as several times each week or as little as one time each month.

Volunteers must have a reliable vehicle, current drivers license, valid insurance and a clean driving record. Call Coordinator Sandy Graves at 895-5155 to get started in this rewarding volunteer career.

Adopt-a-Lawn Volunteers:

Looking for a rewarding summer project where you'll provide a valuable service to an older or disabled member of the community? The Adopt-a-Lawn program through Neighbors in Action is seeking compassionate, hard-working individuals to care for the lawns of elderly individuals in your neighborhood this summer. This is a very flexible position that can be completed by individual or, recruit your family and friends to make it even more fun. Call Sandy Graves, Program Coordinator at 895-5155 for more information.

In-Home Care Aides:

Our In-Home Care Volunteers complete routine household tasks to help maintain a healthy and safe living environment including housekeeping, laundry, and other homecare tasks. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference for older and disabled adults. This position requires 1-2 hours every week/two but scheduling is flexible. Call Sandy Graves at 895-5155 to volunteer.

Special Event Volunteers:

Neighbors in Action is looking for a team of volunteers to help us plan, publicize, organize and host a special awareness and fundraising event in September 2010. This will be a fun group and the time commitments vary. Please contact Sandy Graves at 895-5155 to become part of a this team.

Church Liaisons':

Will you help us spread our message and generate support for our program within your church? NIA is seeking individuals, couples or groups to serve as a liaison to each church in the LaCrescent/Hokah area. Please call the NIA office for more information.

Sustainability Team:

Be part of a winning team while making a difference in the community! Neighbors in Action is looking for individuals to serve on our sustainability team. This commitment will require attendance at meetings at least quarterly and will involve participation in outside events, fundraisers and activities. This team gives guidance and direction to Neighbors in Action and is responsible for implementing the fund development plan. Please contact Sandy Graves at 895-5155 for more information.

Services

Lawn Mowing

Neighbors in Action will be mowing lawns again this summer. If you would like us to mow your lawn, please call our office at 895-5155 to get on our list. Your lawn will be "adopted" by a dependable NIA volunteer. Fees may apply depending on household income.





"A Healthy Community Working Together"

Sat. April 17, 2010

Volunteer Check in 8:30 am for Teams; 9:00 am for Individuals and Families
High School Cafeteria - Appreciation Lunch at 11:30 am

Are you elderly, disabled, or an individual who would benefit from some assistance with a task in your yard such as raking leaves ?

Are you an individual, family or organization who would like to volunteer to make this day a success?

To participate, fill out the form below and return it by March 29, 2010.

Name: _____

Address _____ La Crescent, MN 55947

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I need assistance - Task Needed: _____

I'd like to volunteer Adults # _____ Children # _____

Mail to : Neighbors Day, ISD#300 Community Education,
703 S. 11th St., La Crescent, MN 55947
Or E-mail to: lacrescentneighborsday@yahoo.com

For more information, please call Betsy Knowles, 895-8866

This event is cosponsored by Healthy Community Partnership, City of La Crescent, ISD #300 Community Education, and La Crescent Applefest.



Welcome Spring at the...
Neighbors in Action

Spring Fling

Sunday, March 21st

1:00-3:00

La Crescent Community Center

- *Free and open to the public*
- *Refreshments served*



Special Entertainment provided by:

**The La Crescent
Apple Annie's**



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