



**BE A PART OF BRINGING
INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVING
TO OAKLAND COUNTY!**



"Thank you so very much for all the help you have given me. You sure have been a blessing. I pray more people will support this cause, for it is much needed by many people." —LG (IVC Client)

All faith congregations, businesses, organizations and community leaders are invited to join our efforts to serve our older and disabled neighbors in need.

For the past 18 years the Macomb County Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program has been providing supportive service to our older and disabled neighbors, allowing them to remain safe and independent in their own homes.

All services are provided by dedicated, screened, trained & insured volunteers who help their frail or physically challenged neighbors with:

- *transportation and errands;*
- *minor home repairs, maintenance, chores and yardwork;*
- *light housekeeping and meal preparation;*
- *friendly visits and supportive phone calls;*
- *respite care (relief breaks for full-time family caregivers);*
- *and other assistance that can help someone remain safely at home.*

Calls for help from individuals who live in Oakland County have increased significantly over the past year. Just as we did in Macomb 18 years ago, we feel compelled to respond to these many calls for help. Many individuals, congregations and organizations are aware of these needs and have already stepped forward to work with us to expand these services into Oakland. With a strong and tested structure in place, we are eager to begin serving a larger area, so that more individuals who struggle daily to get by at home can receive the simple but essential support offered by our volunteers.

For more information about our work please visit www.mcivc.org and watch our brief slide show while you are there.

To get involved in current planning efforts call JoAnn DeGrandis at (586) 757-5551.

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VISION:

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers envision a community of caring that makes it possible for all older and disabled adults to enjoy independence and quality of life through a network of supported, prepared and fulfilled volunteers.

MISSION:

Drawing from religious, business, civic and individual resources, the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers work to meet two mutually entwined and equally important purposes: * to respond to the ever-growing needs of older and physically challenged adults living in our communities who struggle daily to maintain their independence at home; * while providing meaningful opportunities for volunteers of all ages and abilities to enrich their lives and live out their faith by helping others.

Why expand services into Oakland County?

- Increasing requests for service from Oakland County residents.
- Lack of similar resources in Oakland to refer people.
- A number of interested partners from Oakland recognizing the need and coming forward.
- The need is great and we are called to respond.

What might an expansion look like?

- Same central office, administration, database, forms and procedures would allow us to expand quickly and efficiently with little extra overhead.
- New Oakland Coordinator in an Oakland County satellite office to develop services locally.

Why utilize current IVC model?

- Well-developed program with 18 year track record in similar neighboring county.
- Fills a niche that other local programs do not cover.
- Lots of service on small budget utilizing volunteers and congregation projects.
- Macomb program has received national and local awards and praise, and has been looked to as a model for new initiatives:
 - ◇ Beverly Foundation's Star Award for Excellence in Transportation in 2008.
 - ◇ Described by former General Manager of SMART as "the premier volunteer driver program in the country"
 - ◇ Words from a local outreach coordinator: "All of your staff and volunteers run MCIVC like a well oiled machine. Better than any of the other 40 some ministries we work with."
- We have a uniquely dedicated team and the experience of 18 years behind us to be able to develop a successful project in Oakland County. By building on our current structure, we can do so at a fraction of the cost of creating a new program.

What would it take?

- Increased/New Resources
- New Community Partners

How Can Congregations Get Involved?

- ***Suggested Entry Level Commitment:***
 - Promoting Volunteer Opportunities in Bulletins & Newsletters
 - Referring Persons in Need of Help
 - Promoting Program Work & Activities
 - Financial Contribution to Program
- ***Suggested Mid Level Commitment (Entry Level Items plus):***
 - Assisting with Fundraising Events
 - Providing Space for Volunteer Meetings
 - Serve on Expansion Planning Committee
- ***Suggested Fullest Commitment (Entry & Mid Level Items plus):***
 - Developing a "mini" Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Group within your Congregation,
 - Participating in Central Program Governance via Board of Directors,
 - Hosting Fundraising Events

How Can Businesses & Organizations Get Involved?

- Serve on Expansion Planning Committee
- Assist with New Fundraising Efforts
- Donate "In-Kind" Material Goods and Professional Services, such as Printing and Accounting Support
- Organize Group Service Projects

How Can Individuals Get Involved?

- Serve on Expansion Planning Committee
- Volunteer for Direct Services, Board & Committee Work, Fundraising Events, Office Help, Etc.
- Encourage YOUR Congregation or Organization to Learn More
- Spread the Word about our Work