



Generations Communiqué



Thanks to all those who helped make the holidays brighter for Generations' clients

Silent Auction

Generations staff and Advisory Council members gathered on December 4th at Vincennes University for the 2009 Generations' Christmas Training and Auction. Everyone brought an item for the silent auction which raised \$2,200. The money is used to assist clients with needs that can not be addressed through other funding sources.



Generations Advisory Council member Sue Sowders and Santa's helpers Jill Steele and Brittany Haywood check out the auction items at the Generations' Christmas training.

laundry detergent for Generations' clients since these older adults are on fixed incomes and often cannot afford such basic necessities. But by the time the project ended, a total of 383 baskets had been turned in and delivered. One client remarked that her basket was the first Christmas present she had received in six years.

Build*A*Basket

Generations was overwhelmed by the community's response to its first AngelWorx Build*A*Basket project. When Healthy Aging Program Assistant Alma Kramer first came up with the idea her goal was to collect 50 laundry baskets filled with such things as soap, shampoo and



RSVP volunteers Jewell Garner and Joan Nash prepare the Angel Tree gifts for pickup in the RSVP office



Alma Kramer poses with a few of the 383 baskets which were delivered to Generations' clients.

Angel Tree

Knox County RSVP and the congregation at St. John's Catholic Church in Vincennes worked together on the Angel Tree Project. The 2009 project provided Christmas gifts for 258 elementary school students and Generations' clients.

Documentary looks at the 4 P's of aging

"When Did I Get Old: Reflections on Aging Today" is a new documentary on aging intended to encourage community conversations about aging.

Using examples from across Indiana, the documentary looks at four key areas for individuals and communities to con-

sider in regard to aging: perception, purpose, place and preparation.

Featured in the documentary are Linton Mayor Tom Jones; Noble Stallons, Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Aging; Crystal Woods, former Home Safety Project Coordinator

for Linton NNORC; Richard Goodman, driver for Ride Solution; Mack Wilson, community volunteer; and Sheri Phillips, Generations Healthy Aging Director

Copies of the documentary are available by calling Sheri Phillips at 1-800-742-9002.

Kudos go to . . .

- ▶ **Ann Cardinal** for a successful Area Wide Resident Council meeting on November 19th. Two hundred and sixty-four people attended representing 26 long-term care facilities.
- ▶ **Case Management Team** of Lindsey Oliver, Amy Scott, Lynn Hecht, Jen Hecceg, Andrea Tomey and Sherry Doll who donated money to the Generations Sunshine Club at Christmas time rather than having a gift exchange.
- ▶ Generations Council member **Doris Moss** for donating a Bingo game to the Ferdinand Senior Center.
- ▶ **Knox County RSVP** volunteers, **K.C. Solid Waste Management** staff and **V.U. Campus Police** who collected

155 pounds of expired/unwanted medicines during RSVP's second Expired Drug Toss on December 3rd.

- ▶ **Knox County RSVP** volunteers for helping 648 children participate in the 2009 Little Elves Workshops.
- ▶ Daviess County AngelWorx Coordinator **Dodie Uhl** and former coordinator **Kim Kendall** for organizing the Dubois County Annual Thanksgiving Feast. A total of 1,300 people were served a hot meal – 400 were served at St. Joseph Parish Center and 900 meals were delivered to homebound individuals. They generated so much support for the project that they were able to give AngelWorx a check for \$705.

Generations' presentation to focus on Medicare Savings Program & Extra Help

Generations is sponsoring a Medicare Savings Program/Extra Help information session on Monday, January 25th, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Piankeshaw Place, 501 Hart Street, Vincennes. The session will cover the Medicare Savings Program, Extra Help, also called the low-income subsidy, general Medicare information and the 2-1-1 information phone line. This event is free and open to the public. Light snacks will be served and there will be time after the session for one-on-one assistance.

'Indiana Laws of Aging' available at Generations

The Indiana Bar Association recently published "Indiana Laws of Aging," a helpful magazine that provides details on state laws affecting older adults. Generations has copies of the magazine available free of charge. To pick up a copy, stop by Generations office located at 1019 N. 4th St., Vincennes, on the third floor of the Young Building, Room 320.

Regional EngAGE seeking new members

Area 13 Regional EngAGE is a committee of community leaders in our six-county service area who are looking at avenues to make a regional impact on aging in place. The committee's next meeting is February 3rd at 10 a.m. at Generations, Room 305, 1019 N. 4th St., Vincennes. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Sheri Phillips at 812-888-5159.

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