



Tri-City Volunteers

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Tribute to Iona De Vries

Many times the great work that Tri-City Volunteers do isn't visible to the general public but none-the-less is still vital to success. This is especially true of those who volunteer on the board of TCV. The board is responsible for fundraising, setting the



overall objectives and goals and for making sure all the elements come together to effectively help the poor in our community. We would like to single out one such dedicated former board member, Iona De Vries who recently passed away August 31, 2007.

Iona joined the board of Tri-City Volunteers in 1990 and served for 15 productive years. She was the mother of three children, 2 boys and a girl. She was a nurse and was very involved in getting special education for mentally handicapped children in Fremont.

Giving to others ran in her blood and when she retired she was to become a perfect match for the TCV Board. **Dorothy Elward**, a former chairperson of Tri-City Volunteers, remembers that "*Iona felt obligated in retirement to volunteer to help others as long as she lived*". According to **Mary Hewitt**, another former chairman of TCV, "*She was a good person on the board, she produced results and people liked her*". **Diane Barnett**, current board member recalls that "*Iona was a force to be reckoned with. If she was behind a project you could be sure it would be done*"!

Iona was also very involved in her church community, Community of Christ. She kept in touch with the older members who couldn't always get to church. She was always available to help if anyone needed something.

Tri-City Volunteers would like to extend a special tribute to Iona De Vries for 15 years of valuable service to our organization and for the help she extended to those in need in the Tri-Cities. **Thank you Iona!**