



LEGAL NAME: VINE Faith in Action
CLASSIFICATION: Multi-Service/Focus

TAX STATUS: 501c3 Organization
FEDERAL ID #: 41-1802861

MISSION: Older adults engaging in activities and services to improve their quality of life and their community.

ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW:

1958: The Summit Center was organized as Mankato Area Senior Citizens Center Inc. (MASSCI -Federal ID# 41-0917217) by a group of older adults who desired to have their own place to meet with their peers. For the past twenty-five years, the Summit Center has been housed at its current location near Mankato's city center in the area that formerly served as the lower campus for Mankato State University.

October 2006: MASSCI's Board of Directors, after dealing with a series of staffing and funding issues that threatened the Summit Center's long term viability, announced its decision to close its doors and dissolve the organization.

November 2006: VINE Faith in Action agreed to step in and manage programs and activities at the Summit Center. Revitalization efforts included extensive remodeling and the development of a fresh and new programming focus that encourages people to embrace wellness as they age. Older adults have welcomed the new opportunities at the Summit Center and participation has increased from an average of 50 to an average of 350 people enjoying this great community resource each week.

April 2007: The Boards of Directors of VINE Faith in Action and MASSCI legally merged the two organizations and transferred ownership interest in the building and the furnishings to VINE. The Summit Center name will be retained and the future of the senior center appears to be very bright.

BENEFITS: VINE is committed to providing older adults with opportunities for healthy aging. Health is more than a physical state; it involves being healthy in all areas of life. The National Wellness Institute has identified six important areas that people must continue to develop if they are to age successfully: social, intellectual, physical, spiritual, occupational and emotional. Volunteerism and senior leadership opportunities are continually promoted at the Summit Center.

Summit Center
Under the management of VINE Faith in Action
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