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### FAITH IN ACTION MCHENRY COUNTY RECEIVES SAM'S FOUNDATION GRANT

Sam's foundation has generously given a \$1,000 donation to Faith in Action of McHenry County (FIAMC). Funds will be utilized to assist lonely county seniors and to provide transportation to seniors living in their own home that no longer drive.

"Faith in Action meets the needs of approximately 250 seniors every month." Rhonda Anderson, Executive Director of the twelve year old charity, reports. "Transportation is about 48% of what our volunteers provide. Light housekeeping, respite care, and durable medical equipment loans are also frequent requests."

These services are offered without any costs to the senior in need. "We are dependent upon grants from the community, as well as participation in our fund raising events."

FIAMC began on November 1, 1998 with receipt of \$25,000 from the Robert S. Woods Johnson Foundation to establish an Interfaith Volunteer Caregiver Program for the elderly in McHenry County utilizing guidelines from the national Faith in Action program. FIAMC began under the umbrella of Family Services and became a stand alone not for profit organization in 2000.

FIAMC currently utilizes over 350 volunteers from faith congregations and the community at large to provide services to care recipients, 60 years of age and older, living in their own home, apartment, or with a family member in McHenry County. Such services include friendly home visits and phone calls, shopping and errands, home maintenance and repairs, light yard work, light household chores, respite services and daily assurance calls.

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