

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Governor Designates September 21, 2008 as *Faith in Action Day***

**Springfield, Illinois** –Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich has signed an executive proclamation declaring September 21, 2008 to be Faith in Action Day in Illinois.

Faith in Action programs are coalitions of local religions congregations, health care providers, community organizations and individual volunteers who work together to provide those in need with non-medical assistance to help them maintain independence. There are 33 active Faith in Action programs in Illinois. Faith in Action of McHenry County is based in Crystal Lake and has been serving McHenry County seniors since 1998.

Faith in Action volunteers provide services for seniors and others who require assistance to remain in their homes. These activities include: grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments, cooking, light housework and yard work, running errands, loaning durable medical equipment, and providing companionship. Both the volunteers and the seniors they assist report the relationships they build through Faith in Action are highly rewarding.

The governor's proclamation is meant to recognize the selfless contributions of Faith in Action volunteers, and to encourage the spirit of volunteerism in families and communities across Illinois. To learn how you can volunteer for Faith in Action of McHenry County, visit [www.fiamchenrycounty.org](http://www.fiamchenrycounty.org) or call (815) 455-3120.

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**CORPORATE SUMMARY:** Faith in Action of McHenry County is a network of religious congregations and community agencies, all with traditions of human concern for others. Their purpose is to work with the seniors of our community who live at home, and their families, who need assistance in maintaining their independence, dignity, and quality of life.

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