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## **Old Navy Helps Faith in Action Make a Difference in the Life of a Lake in the Hills Senior**

Old Navy Algonquin and Faith and Action of McHenry County recently teamed up to make a positive impact on the life of one of Faith in Action's senior care receivers.

Old Navy awarded each of their stores \$1000 for a project to assist members of the community in which they serve. Algonquin store manager Kelly Holzbauer was put in contact with Faith in Action through a local church, seeking a recommendation on how best to utilize the donation.

A senior care receiver who is recovering from a long illness and is nearly wheelchair bound was selected to receive this special gift. "Old Navy associates donated several hours of their time to spruce up a Lake in the Hill's woman's home," said Rhonda Anderson, executive director of Faith in Action. "Their monetary donation provided for the materials needed to lower shelving and shorten the depth of the stairs leading into her sunken family room so it's completely wheelchair friendly. They also donated bedding items and gift certificates to local grocery markets."

Faith in Action volunteer general contractor Larry Schuerr, who often utilizes his skills to help seniors through the organization, donated his time to the carpentry project. Additionally, a hospital bed was provided through Faith in Action's durable medical equipment (DME) loan closet, and was delivered by the Faith in Action Huntley DME closet manager Dave Parmer and the Knights of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntley.

### About FIAMC

FIAMC began on November 1, 1998 with receipt of \$25,000 from the Robert S. Wood 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 approximately 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. To inquire about services for yourself or a family member, or volunteer for Faith in Action, please call (815) 455-3120 or visit [fiamchenrycounty.org](http://fiamchenrycounty.org).