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FAITH IN ACTION AND ROTARY CLUB OF CRYSTAL LAKE DAWNBREAKERS TEAM TO SPONSOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Faith in Action of McHenry County (FIAMC), a senior services organization is sponsoring its first scholarship for those students currently enrolled in the McHenry County College program MCC Promise. MCC Promise provides reimbursement of college tuition for students in exchange for volunteering hours with a McHenry County non-profit organization, such as FIAMC.

A generous donation from the Rotary Club of Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers makes this scholarship possible. Two awards will be made: \$1000 will go to the winner and \$500 to the runner-up. Criteria for the scholarship is as follows:

Reside in McHenry County

Be an MCC promise student in good standing with a minimum 2.5 GPA

Be enrolled and accepted at a fully accredited college or tech school with the intent of completing the next step of your education (i.e. BA/BS or an advanced tech leading to a certification)

Completed three semesters of community service under the direction of Faith in Action

Submit a letter of recommendation from a college professor

Submit biographical information and a 500 word essay

If requested, appear before a scholarship selection board

Applications for the scholarships are due March 1, 2011.

To inquire about the FIAMC scholarship, services for yourself or a family member, or volunteer opportunities with Faith in Action, please call (815) 455-3120 or visit fiamchenrycounty.org.

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.