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Lend a Helping Hand - Faith in Action of McHenry County Seeks Volunteers in Huntley, Marengo, and McHenry

“I really appreciate all that you do in caring for people “like me”. As I have said many times, the volunteers are great; it takes a lot of time and hard work too.” – Josephine D.

Each day, Faith in Action receives letters and phone calls from grateful care receivers like Josephine whose lives have been touched by a Faith in Action volunteer. Faith in Action of McHenry County (FIAMC) has been providing no-cost services such as transportation, friendly visits and respite care for seniors in our community since 1998.

Service needs have grown 62% since 2008. As demand grows, so does the need for volunteers, especially in the Huntley, Marengo, and McHenry areas. FIAMC has over 300 volunteers actively working; however, during the busy summer months, vacations and activities mean less time available for volunteer work. There is no minimum hours requirement to volunteer; even 1-2 hours per week can make a difference to a senior in need.

Rhonda Anderson, FIAMC’s Executive Director notes “Volunteering with Faith in Action is very satisfying for someone who wants to make a difference and serve their community. Serving our senior neighbors does everyone’s heart good.”

For more information about Faith in Action, become a volunteer, or inquire about services for yourself or a family member, please call (815) 455-3120 or visit www.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.

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