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FAITH IN ACTION MCHENRY COUNTY PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION OPTION DIRECTORY FOR SENIORS

Crystal Lake, IL – In an effort to increase awareness of the senior transportation services that exist in McHenry County, Faith in Action has published the 2nd edition of the booklet *Transportation Services: A Guide for Seniors - Finding the Right Transportation Option for You.*

The booklet includes a directory of traditional public and private transportation options, such as buses and taxis, as well as less-known Supplement Transportation Programs for seniors (STPs) that are offered by the many worthwhile organizations in the community that provide transportation for seniors. The booklet identifies fixed route and demand-response programs; small and large-sized programs; programs that use paid drivers and programs that use volunteers; and programs that are available through government agencies, medical and health care groups, senior organizations, and other community-based organizations.

Funding for the directory was provided by the McHenry County Community Foundation. The goal of the project is to promote safe transportation for seniors and to increase community awareness of available senior transportation options.

If you no longer drive – or if you know someone who is – this publication is for you. The booklet is available at the Faith in Action offices: 7105 Virginia Rd, Ste 21, Crystal lake, 815-455-3120. The booklet may also be mailed for a \$1 donation. An electronic version, which features the latest updates may be downloaded from their web site: 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.

In addition to 24 Legacy volunteers, FIAMC currently utilizes approximately 200 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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