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FAITH IN ACTION MCHENRY COUNTY OFFERS LIVING ALLOWANCE AND EDUCATIONAL AWARD FOR LEGACY CORPS MEMBERS AGES 50 AND ABOVE

Faith in Action McHenry County (FIAMC) is offering adults ages 50 and above an incredible opportunity to participate in their 2010 Legacy Corps Volunteer program. A three day introductory training class will kick off this year's program in April.

The FIAMC Legacy Corps program offers a \$2000 yearly living allowance, \$1,250 educational award as well as opportunities and training for skill development for FIAMC Legacy Corps volunteer members. Upon completion of their initial training class, Legacy members are expected to volunteer approximately 10 hours of service to the organization each week.

Legacy Corps members provide an array services to sustain and enhance the quality of life of senior care receivers. These services can include respite care designed to relieve caregivers, friendly visits for seniors living alone and transportation services.

Faith in Action has partnered with Legacy Corps of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) since 2005. Legacy is one of the first AmeriCorps programs that specifically utilizes the skills, experiences and talents of adults 50 years and older. Approximately 32 Legacy Corps members have served caregivers in McHenry County through FIAMC.

Applications for the Legacy Corps are due by March 5, 2010. The dates and times for the April three-day training class are TBD. For training registration, or to receive more information about FIAMC Legacy training or FIAMC services, please contact Rhonda Anderson at 815.455.3120 or Rhonda@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.