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## FAITH IN ACTION MEMORIALIZES LOVED ONES WITH LEGACY OF LOVE PROGRAM

Faith in Action of McHenry County (FIAMC) has been meeting the needs of McHenry County seniors living in their own home since 1998. The organization provides services such as transportation, shopping, and friendly visits free of charge and without income limitations for those they help. It is predicted that there will soon be over 91,000 seniors in McHenry County.

Generous donations in the last year have allowed FIAMC to add office space, increase staff and telephone lines, all critical to meet demands. About 20 "new" seniors are added and over 650 requests are filled each month. Their thirteen office staff, eleven of which are volunteers, work non-stop matching volunteers with requests.

In order to continue to serve the seniors living in McHenry County at this high level, FIAMC has developed a unique way to receive additional support for services while also giving donors the opportunity to memorialize or honor his or her loved ones- the Legacy of Love Program. By making a generous donation of \$50 or more, FIAMC will memorialize or honor your loved one in their quarterly newsletter and on their web site with a custom, printable keepsake. Submissions for the Summer edition of the newsletter must be received by April 21, 2009. This edition will be published just in time for Memorial Day.

To support FIAMC through the Legacy of Love Program, please visit their website [fiamchenrycounty.org](http://fiamchenrycounty.org).

For more information about the Legacy of Love program, 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).

### 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.