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FAITH IN ACTION CELEBRATES OLDER AMERICANS MONTH WITH LUNCHEON

Faith in Action of McHenry County (FIAMC) is pleased to host its fourth annual Older Americans Luncheon in honor of McHenry County senior citizens on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 11:30AM. The luncheon will be held at The First Congregational Church, 11628 Main Street, Huntley, and is free of charge to attendees.

Seating for the luncheon is limited; please contact the FIAMC offices at (815) 455-3120 or visit the FIAMC website, fiamchenrycounty.org, for reservations.

Older Americans Month has been celebrated since 1963. After meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens, President John F. Kennedy designated May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

To make a reservation for the luncheon, inquire about services for yourself or a family member, or volunteer for 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.