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nurturing families to a brighter future

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First United Methodist Church Fills Backpacks for Back-to-School Season

The children of Faith Community Homes' families recently received school supplies, all packed in backpacks, in preparation for their first day of classes. Members of First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights (FUMCAH) collected everything from glue sticks to scientific calculators, hundreds of pens and pencils, pocket folders, binders, notebooks, highlighters, wipes, scissors, post-it notes, index cards, earbuds, flash drives, and, of course, backpacks. Pre-schoolers through high school students all received filled backpacks.

THANK YOU to the FUMCAH Mission Committee for organizing and helping to pack the backpacks as well as all those who donated to the cause. Anyone who has a school-age child knows how expensive school supplies can be. Our FCH families are very grateful for the relief this church mission brings.

School Provides Financial Assistance for Two Children

St. Peter Lutheran School in Arlington Heights is providing financial tuition assistance for two children in families helped by Faith Community Homes. This is a great help to these families as these children have been more successful in private school than in public school and this will give them the opportunity to thrive. A big thank you goes to St. Peter Lutheran School for their support! They have been willing to help families in our program for the past several years.

Group Provides Shoes for All the Kids

The John 23rd Catholic Community, which is committed to working on social justice issues, has raised money to buy new shoes for all the children in the families helped by Faith Community Homes. This is a great help to families as school is going to start soon, and having new shoes for school is important and necessary for the kids. Their contribution is significant as we all know the cost of shoes, especially for fast-growing children.



Executive Director's Message

As always, we are quite busy here at Faith Community Homes assisting families toward a more prosperous future. The families we are working with are making strides toward increasing their incomes and making good use of their resources. Many people help to make these families' lives better: there are groups in churches and people in the community at large that donate for children's school supplies, school clothes, food, furniture, and many other things that families would otherwise have a difficult time affording. And, of course, our volunteers are immensely important. Mentors spend many hours working with families to help them manage their resources and to increase their incomes, as well as just lending a friendly ear, which is sometimes most important. Other volunteers help move furniture, collect items for families and sometimes help with children's school work.



Charles Warner
Executive Director

But we are now encountering a new challenge - rapidly rising rents that become very difficult for low-income families to afford. While we provide rent support, the families eventually need to pay all the rent themselves by the time they finish our program. We have always worked with families to help them increase their incomes through finding better jobs and encouraging additional training. The increased rents require families to earn much more money, which can be difficult to achieve. To that end, we are exploring new ways to help families gain the training and education needed for higher paying jobs.

We all deeply appreciate the support that many of you give to our mission. None of the successes we have achieved with families would be possible without your help!

Upcoming Events

Tickets are now available for the Giving Hope annual fundraiser on Sunday, September 24, 4-6:30pm at the Metropolis Ballroom. The can't-miss event features delicious appetizers, raffles, auctions, the comedy of Rocky LaPorte and Brian Hicks, and much more. To purchase tickets, visit the FCH website (fchomes.org), contact a member of the FCH Board or call the FCH office at 847-342-0846,

Mission Statement

Strengthening northwest suburban families to achieve financial stability and independence through mentoring, rental assistance and support services.

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Special thanks to Elk Grove Township, Palatine Township, Wheeling Township, and the Village of Arlington Heights for providing significant financial assistance as well as help to our client families.

Getting Involved in Giving Back



L to R - Ashley Thompson, Mary O'Mally, Claudia Starck, Kelli Beisinger, Kerri Grabowski,

Several agents in the Arlington Heights office of Baird & Warner have taken on the responsibility of procuring and facilitating the silent auction portion of the Giving Hope fundraising event.

FCH Board member Claudia Starck, an agent in the office and active fundraiser for many charitable organizations through the years, enlisted the help of Shaunna Burhop, Mary O'Mally, Kelli Baisinger, Kerri Grabowski, Amy DeRango, Megan Barnitz, Patti Lucas, Ashley Thompson and Deborah Hathaway to ensure a successful auction. Being in the housing industry, these agents believe in the FCH mission and its efforts to help others avoid the possibility of homelessness.

With an amazing network of resources, this group has assembled an array of auction items to please every interest. Golf outings, tickets to sporting events, restaurant gift cards, photo sessions, Dom Perignon extravagances, and theater experiences will be sure to generate a very competitive bidding atmosphere.

This group is also gearing up to introduce a new way to support the event through a wine raffle. This raffle guarantees a bottle of wine if you purchase a "cork"; the blind draw of wine features bottles priced from \$5-\$200. Will you be the lucky one?

Baird & Warner agents are well acquainted to giving back and being involved in the communities the company has served since 1855. The company's "Good Will Network" is established to donate back to those communities.

Our thanks to this wonderful group of volunteers. Looking for a way to participate in future events? Contact the FCH office at 847-342-0846

"Dine & Shares" Raise Funds for FCH Families

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent "Dine & Share" days at California Pizza Kitchen and Portillo's. The restaurants shared 20% of total sales for diners who presented an FCH flyer, netting more than \$660 to the organization. We greatly appreciate our community partners for their generosity!

Chicago Area Foundations Help FCH

The Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust and the George M. Eisenberg Foundation for Charities have been providing financial support this year for the salaries of our two Case Managers. This is a great help to FCH and allows more of the money donated by people like yourself to be used to directly help the families in our program. We are continually cultivating relationships with foundations in the hope that many others will provide similar support.

GIVING HOPE ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISING EVENT

Faith Community Homes



Tickets \$55 each, 10/\$450



Comic Rocky LaPorte with Intro by Brian Hicks

09.24.17

4:00 - 6:30 PM

Metropolis Ballroom

111 W. Campbell St
Arlington Heights

For information or to order tickets, call 847-342-0846 or visit fchomes.org/event/givinghope

Opening reception with appetizers, raffles and silent auction. Cash bar provided. Program to follow including entertainment, family story, and "Fund a Cause" auction.

FCH Mission: Strengthening northwest suburban families to achieve financial stability and independence through mentoring, rental assistance and social services. Faith Community Homes is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

With an introduction by fellow comic Brian Hicks, our entertainment headliner this year is Rocky LaPorte. Delivering laughs in his trademark Brooklyn accent, the former Chicago truck driver and dockworker is an American actor and a performer of stand-up comedy. Rocky had his own stand-up special on "Comedy Central Presents" and has since appeared on late night talk shows and in comedy clubs throughout the US.