

FAITH COMMUNITY HOMES

inspiring hope changing lives

February 2018

Giving Hope and Annual Appeal Garner Record-Setting Support



Faith Community Homes will be able to assist several more families and expand services in 2018 thanks to the tremendous response of its supporters. The *Giving Hope* fundraiser, held on September 24 at the Metropolis Ballroom in Arlington Heights, netted a record \$62,000+ for the organization and the families that it assists. The annual appeal, mailed out to past donors and event attendees on December 1, surpassed the budgeted goal by more than 60%.

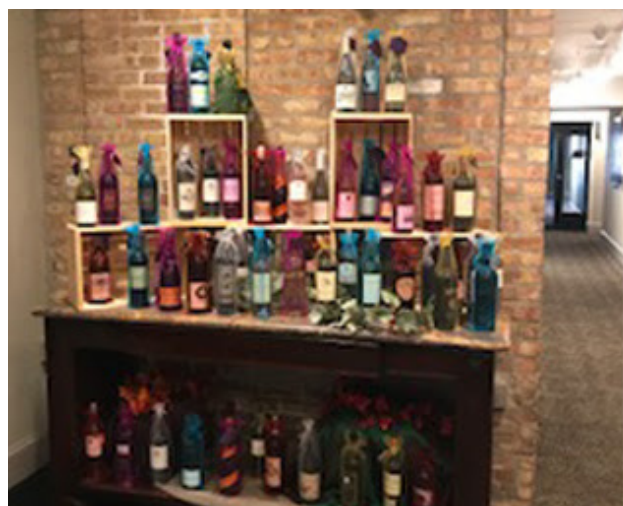
The *Giving Hope* event included appetizers, raffles, a silent auction and entertainment by comedian Brian

Hicks, followed by headliner Rocky LaPorte of "Comedy Central" fame. It also featured two of the families in the program sharing their stories of challenge and success. The personal accounts were followed by a "Funds for Families" auction-style appeal through which event participants committed to funding additional families in 2018.

The substantial donations received through the two events allows the organization to expand its services to begin funding education and training for parents with a goal of preparing them for better, higher paying jobs. "The wonderful generosity of our supporters will have a direct and meaningful impact on the lives of the families we serve," says Jim Mayer, Board Chair of Faith Community Homes. "The additional funds will be critical to helping our families achieve higher levels of employability and income."

In 2017, FCH served 25 families through rental housing financial support, mentoring and other support services. A total of 10 families graduated from the program, all of whom are in a better position now than when they came into the program.

To all who supported the efforts of Faith Community Homes in 2017 through donations, sponsorships, attendance at events, and volunteerism, a heartfelt thank you for your generosity and support of the mission! (See *Giving Hope* sponsors on page 3)



**Named Arlington Heights
Chamber of Commerce
Not For Profit Organization
of the Year - 2015**

Staff

Executive Director
Chuck Warner

Program Manager
Sr. Carrie Miller, SLW

Case Managers
Tom Tucker
Pam Van De Walle

Board of Directors

Chair
Jim Mayer

Vice-Chair
Greg Ford

Corresponding Secretary
Lou Walton

Recording Secretary
Donna Anderson

Treasurer
Paul Cochran

Marianne Dilsner

Jane Drezen

Chris Farnsworth

Steven Gaus

Ted McGinn

John Sonderegger

Claudia Starck

Tim Wayman

Faith Community Homes
302 N. Dunton Avenue
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004

(847) 342-0846

www.fchomes.org

E-mail: info@fchomes.org

**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.**

Volunteer Spotlight

In each newsletter, we will feature volunteers who have an impact on the success of Faith Community Homes. In this issue, we recognize the volunteers who oversee the food pantry.

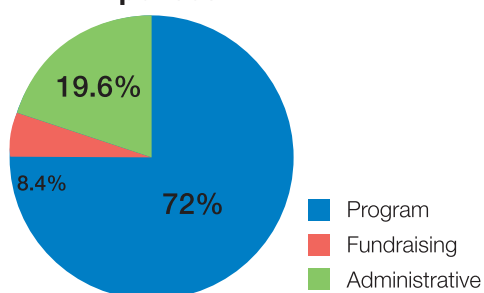


Tina Richards (right) and Connie Wayman (left) are responsible for collecting and storing the donated food for the FCH pantry on a weekly basis. Primarily donated by members of First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, Tina and Connie sort the food and personal products into categories, pull out any expired products, and prepare for distribution to FCH families. Both Tina and Connie have a history of volunteering and strongly support the mission of Faith Community Homes. As Tina states, "It's gratifying and meaningful to help people in our community who are down on their luck facing challenging circumstances." Thanks to Tina and Connie for their dedication to the cause!

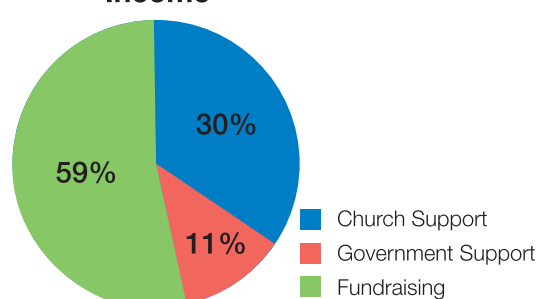
Faith Community Homes Financials

Faith Community Homes is growing and has done so quite consistently since its inception. This is accomplished without major funding from our State or Federal Governments. The mission strives to maintain fundraising and administrative expenses at a minimum in order to fund programs at the maximum level. Pie charts for 2017 expense and income distribution appear below:

Expenses



Income



Rolling Meadows Football Team Scores Again

Coach Matt Mishler and his Rolling Meadows High School football team have sponsored an annual food drive for Faith Community Homes for the past several years. On October 21, the team once again came together to collect and bag items for FCH families. Thanks to Coach Matt and his Mustangs for once again demonstrating their generosity of time and community spirit!



Giving Hope 2017 Sponsors

Sponsorships at FCH events are key to their success. Our thanks go to those individuals and companies that served as sponsors at our September event.

AlphaGraphics Lisle
Anonymous
Clayton and Christine Farnsworth
Denis Girard, Keller Williams
Team Realty
Dwight and Lou Walton
Chris Christell, Edward Jones
E.A.N Friends of FCH
Fun, Fairs and Festivals
Gerald and Gretchen Gilbertson

Gilio Landscaping Contractors
Greg and Dale Ford
John and Bea Sonderegger
Lavelle Law Ltd.
Law Office of
Ryan B. Werner, LLC
Lifespan Brands, LLC
Northwest Community Hospital
Foundation

Northwest Speech & Hearing
Center, Ltd
Thompson Elevator Inspection
Service, Inc
Village Bank & Trust
Waltz, Palmer & Dawson, LLC

Mission Statement

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

Support FCH through
amazonsmile

When you make a purchase on Amazon, think about checking into Amazon Smile before you finalize that purchase and select FCH as your charity of choice. It will cost you nothing, but FCH will receive a portion of your purchase price.

Big Thanks to All Who Provided Financial Support

It is amazing and gratifying to see so much support come from so many people, businesses and organizations. Between our donors and volunteers, Faith Community Homes is truly a community of caring, dedicated people who have faith that, together, we can all make a difference. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us bring families to a more secure existence.

Marilyn and Thomas Adams
 Martin and Lois Agran
 Glenn and Barbara Ahrenholz
 Robert and Dorothy Albright
 Alphagraphics Lisle/Naperville
 Carol and James Andersen
 Alan D. and Mary Helen Anderson
 Bruce Anderson
 Verginia Anderson
 Ann Andrew
 Norman and Judith Andrews
 Tom and Karen Arendt
 David and Mary Lynn Asmus
 Axa Advisors
 Baird and Warner Good Will Network Fund
 Randy and Julie Baker
 William and Kathleen Balcom
 Piero and Debra Ballardini
 Sara Barber
 Charles and Lorraine Beck
 Gail and Mark Becker
 Tiffany Bennett
 Ronald and Carol Bentsen
 Jill and William Bergner
 Steve and Beverly Berry
 Philip and Laura Bertram
 Pat Bethel
 Patricia Bielat
 Joan Bieniasz
 Dorice Bonder
 Doris Bonifazi
 Glenn and Shirley Boustead
 Boy Scout Troop 182
 David and Pamela Boyle
 Marilyn G. Breiding
 James and Grace Breisch
 Fred Broviak
 Daniel and Linda Brown
 Sheila Brunetti
 Alison and Robert Burdick
 Edwin Burhop
 Shaunna Burhop
 Paula Bush
 Sally Busse
 Harvey Butler
 California Pizza Kitchen
 Susan Campbell
 Robert and Nancy Cardella
 Todd and Leigh Carlson
 Tom and Susan Carroll
 Laurel Casale
 Steve and Linda Cecchi
 David and Sandra Chaplin
 Paul and Lana Cochran
 Patricia and Gary Colabuono
 Judith Collins
 Jack and Holly Crabtree
 Edward and Mary Cullen
 Steve and Eileen Daday
 Daniel and Kimberly Damato
 Patrick and Kristin Damm
 Kathryn Day
 Todd and Lesley Delahanty
 William and Catherine Dillon
 Mark and Karen Dithardt

William and Marianne Dixon
 Cindy Doris
 Donna Lee Doughty
 Jane Drezen
 Craig Christell, Edward Jones
 Pat Eitz
 Sharon and Gaetano Faciana
 Clayton and Christine Farnsworth
 Sr. Joanne Fedewa, SLW
 Harold Fendius
 Roger and Joy Fick
 Maureen and John Fischer
 Greg and Dale Ford
 David and Suzanne French
 Paul and Jean Frost
 Janet Fuller
 Fun, Fairs and Festivals
 Hall Family Fund
 Roylene Gallas
 Robert and Mary Galvanoni
 Belinda and Edward Garmoe
 Edwin and Karen Garst
 Ann Gaul
 Jane Gauss
 Jennifer Geegan
 George M. Eisenberg Foundation
 Gary Gephart
 Paul and Cindy Giambarberee
 Gerald and Gretchen Gilbertson
 Gilio Landscaping Contractors
 Denis Girard
 Julie and Gordon Gladstone
 Linda Goland
 Good Done Great
 Maureen and John Gorrell
 Barbara Gorsky
 Arlen Gould
 Gary and Maria Grabarczyk
 Kerri Grabowski
 Carol Grapenthien
 Natalie and Eugene Griffin
 Richard and Judy Grimes
 Frances and Edwin Guziel
 Jim Hader
 Steve and Carrie Hagan
 David and Therese Haines
 Doug and Maria Hall
 Sheila Hall
 Michael and Sue Hankey
 Pam Van De Walle and Brad Hargett
 Robert and Alison Harrauld
 Cindy Harris
 Donald and Lois Hartung
 Deborah Hathaway
 Louis and Joyce Hawley
 Thomas and Susan Hayes
 Patrick and Elizabeth Healy
 Jerry and Mindy Heimsoth
 Robert and Virginia Heller
 Michael and Carrie Hemphill
 James and Susan Henderson
 Natalie and Kirby Herazy
 Cynthia Hiskes
 Mary Hogan
 Hoyne Savings Bank
 Ronald and June Hoogenboom

Ruth and Donald Howard
 Ronald and Teresa Hulka
 Michele Hunter
 Patricia Hynek
 Jay Ilg
 ITW Foundation
 George and Mary Ann Jeczalik
 Jennifer Burnidge - State Farm Insurance
 John and Anne Lichner Foundation
 Michelle and Charles Johns
 Donald and Nancy Johnson
 Kate Johnson
 Bob and Patricia Jostes
 Susan Kahle
 Robert and Diane Kappus
 Judy Kaselow
 John and Judith Kating
 James and Ingrid Kaufman
 Ryan and Beth Kellermann
 David and Pamela Kelly
 John and Mary Kenesey
 James and Judie King
 Heather Kinsella
 Kenneth Kirk and Mary Cay Chisholm
 Thomas Kivlahan and Elizabeth O'Kelly
 Tony and Peggy Knapp
 Sarah Knauf
 Lou Knox
 Marge Kokenberg
 Robert and Carol Kopp
 Carl and Corrinne Ann Kramer
 Sr. Jean Krieter, SLW
 Judith Kriston
 Lawrence and Lee Ann Kuhn
 Robin and Gary LaBedz
 Mary Ann Laforet and Robert Boesel
 Judith P L'Amoureux
 David and Janet Landeweer
 Peter and Connie Landwehr
 Betty and Witold Launer
 Lavelle Law Ltd
 Charles and Carol-Jean Lewis LLC Lifespan Brands
 Robert and Nancy Lincoln
 Carol and Tom Loch
 John and Mary Lofgren
 Lowell and Kathryn Lovell
 Lynne and William Luehrs
 Allison Lundblad
 Roger and Catherine Lundstrom
 Joseph Lyon
 Kris and Scott Mainellis
 Bob and Lynne Manning
 Lawrence and Mary Jo Martin
 Jeff and Carrie Martinka
 Zoe Mather
 GERALYN and Richard May
 Heidi and Daniel May
 Doug and Karla Mayer
 James and Mary Mayer
 McCarthy, Pacilio, Oliva & Co.
 Gary and Haven McClung

Joyce McComb
 Ted and Tricia McGinn
 Robert and Kathleen McGourty
 William McGovern
 Marian and Marty McGowan
 Jeff and Katherine McVay
 Wesley and Susan Mika
 Michael and Lynn Mikels
 Pamela Miller
 Vernon and Fran Mills
 Mindful Kitchen
 Rick and Karen Mirro
 Russell and Patricia Moe
 Richard and Laurie Mole
 Diane Moore
 Roberta Morand
 Perry and Renee Morelli
 Nancy and Patrick Moroney
 Cameron and Carolyn Muir
 John and Patricia Mulhern
 Tom Munz
 Becky Nelson
 Nesting Instincts, Inc.
 Charles and Marilyn Neuman
 Linda Nicholas
 Jonathan and Teresa Nii
 Sylvia and Ed Nolan
 Keith and Linda North
 Northwest Community Hospital Foundation
 Northwest Speech & Hearing Center, Ltd.
 Kelly Nugent
 Earl and Gloria Oak
 Kevin Odonnell
 Stuart Olin
 Thomas and Mary O'Malley
 Carole O'Neill
 Jennifer Ortmann
 Bob and Marcie Paddock
 Palatine Rotary Club
 Beverly Palmer
 Cynthia and Daniel Parkin
 Barbara Pastirik
 PEO Chapter LG
 Tim and Sue Perek
 Craig and Kristine Perkins
 Leonard and Dian Perkins
 Keith and Christine Perkinson
 James and Mary Perry
 Margaret Peshek
 Eric and Jeannine Phillips
 Gregory Phillips
 James and Carol Pinson
 Jason and Sarah Polakow
 Michael and Sandy Polanski
 Kathryn and Stephen Pollard
 Sharon Kay Porter
 Portillo's Hot Dogs, LLC
 Daniel and Maria Potratz
 Marc Poulos
 Sam and Barbara Psimoulis
 Marion Rayner
 Ronald and Marilyn Reed
 John and Stacey Reilly
 Todd and Tina Richards
 James and Phyllis Ritt

Big Thanks To All Who Give Financial Support (continued)

Robert and Mary Jane Robertson
Thomas and Cathy Robertson
R L. and K. Christine Rochetti
Dennis and Corrie Roesslein
Helen and Donald Ross
Jeanne and John Rowe
Charles and Kristi Ruckstaetter
David and Gail Russell
Diane and John Salazar
Sam Saran
Bonnie and Dave Schaap
Joan and Michael Schade
Allen and Nancy Schmelter
Keith and Carolyn Schmidt
Randi Schwarzbach
Carolyn Selke
Steven and Iris Shapiro
Steve & Suzanne Sharer
George and Ann Shibayama
Curt Siegel
Jayne and Gerald Skuta
Bob Smith
Robert and Melody Smith
Tracy and Steve Snelson
John and Bea Sonderegger

Bob and Katherine Sparr
Mark Standefer
Joseph Stanhope
Tom and Claudia Starck
Karen Steil
Thomas and Susan Stengren
Laszlo Stephan
Sandra Stilling-Seehausen
Mary Stitt
Patricia Stokes
Jackson D. and Patricia Sturgeon
Kathy Sullivan
Fred Suzuki
Robert and Jackie Swanson
Mark and April Swenson
Lawrence and Sarah Szopinski
Scott and Julie Talbot
Richard and Ann Tani
Matthew and Maureen Temple
John and Mary Teppen
Susan Tharp
The Elizabeth Morse
Charitable Trust
The Fabulous Fillies Of Arlington
Heights/Red Hats Club

Steve and Ursula Thebault
Thompson Elevator Inspection
Service, Inc.
Ashley Thompson
Joann Thompson
Michael Thompson
Richard and Nancy Thompson
Sue and W.R. Toussaint
Linda Townsend
Tom and Lucy Tucker
Kent and Margaret Ulery
David and Colleen Ungurean
Village Bank and Trust
Mary Wacker
Douglas and Edie Wade
Dennis and Amy Wadhams
Eric Wallor
Walmart
Laura Walsh
Walter and Caroline Sueske
Charitable Trust
John and Mary Walters
Andy and Noel Walton
Brian and Tamera Walton
Dwight and Lou Walton

Greg and Jill Walton
Waltz, Palmer & Dawson. LLC
Jeannine Warkow
Charles and Mary Warner
Vincent Warner and Kelly Ferris
Trish Wasco
Linda and Dave Waycie
Tim and Connie Wayman
Christopher and Farra Weber
Mary and Robert Weber
Jayne Wellman
Ryan Werner
Kay and James Westcott
Tom and Diane Westerkamp
Ruth and Terrence Willason
Sr. Donna Williams, SLW
Michael and Elizabeth Wilson
Jean and Barry Wood
William and Denise Wozencraft
Lindsay and Erik Young and
Hodges
Douglas and Cynthia Young

Our thanks to local churches and religious organizations for their continued support.

Central Korean Methodist Church
Chapel of St. John the Beloved, Lutheran Home and Services
Christian Church of Arlington Heights
Clerics of St. Viator
Congregational United Church Of Christ
Faith Lutheran Church
Mission Committee, Faith Lutheran Church
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights
PDO First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church Men's Club
Presbyterian Women
First United Methodist Church Of Palatine
Good Samaritan Ministries
Grace United Methodist Church
Holy Rosary Auxiliary, Knights Of Columbus Council #4483
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Our Saviour's Social Ministry
Prince Of Peace Lutheran Church
Prince Of Peace United Methodist Church
Sisters Of The Living Word
Southminster Presbyterian Church
St. John United Church of Christ
St. Simon's Episcopal Church
St. Theresa Church
St. Thomas Of Villanova
St. Thomas Of Villanova Ministry Of Care
SVDP Of Our Lady Of The Wayside
St. Edna Parish Outreach Ministry
Women of St. Edna
St. Bernadette Guild, St. James
St. Clare Guild, St. James
St. Gerard Guild, St. James
St. James Mom's Plus Group
St. Jude Guild of St. James

Thanks to these many individuals, businesses and organizations that donated in-kind items to help families and our fundraising efforts.

Anonymous
Advanced Health Institute
Katy Allen
Arlington Heights Newcomers
Club
Anne Berry
Staff of Arbor Lakes Apartments
Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano
Glenn and Shirley Boustead
Boy Scout Troop 32
Kyle and Millie Campbell
Chicago Bears
Brenette Clemons
Carolyn and Larry Conlee
Edward and Mary Cullen
Cindy Doris
First United Methodist Church of
Arlington Heights
For Papa's Sake Home Care For
Families
Bill and Linda Fronk
Alessa Garola
Harry Gilling
Gary and Maria Grabarczyk
Natalie and Eugene Griffin
Pam and Brad Hargett
Robert and Alison Harrald
Margaret and Russ Hill
Earl and Gladys Holtz
Patrick and Gina Horne
John 23 Community
Michelle Johns
Dan and Heather Kinsella
Kiwanis Club of Arlington Heights
Judith Kriston
Barb Larson
Peter Larson
Barb Lavelle
Jan LeTourneau
Lowell and Kathryn Lovell
Jeff Martin
Renee Martin
Barbara Mass
Walter Meyer
George and Catherine Ostendorf
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen
Thomas C. Pardo
Frank and Carcello Patzke
PEO Chapter LG
PLITEK Industries
Sam and Barbara Psimoulis
Pure Salon
Deborah Roller
Rolling Meadows High School
Football Team
Ginny Russell
Steve and Mary Salm
Shakou Corporate
Tracy and Steve Snelson
Sr. Mary Louise, SLW
Lawrence and Sarah Szopinski
The Fabulous Fillies of Arlington
Heights/Red Hats Club
Michael Thompson
Pam and Bradley Hargett
Van De Walle
Dee Vande Ven
Debbie White
Deborah and Gary Wood
Taryn Yalda
Zanies Comedy Nite Club

We are grateful for the support these local governments provide to Faith Community Homes.

Elk Grove Township • Palatine Township • Village Of Arlington Heights
Wheeling Township

A THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

Many “Friends of FCH” – individuals, families, Church groups, book clubs, Scout Troops, staff and clients of businesses – reached out with caring hearts and generous spirits to the families we serve, providing them with a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas.

THANKSGIVING

Plitek Industries – 13 turkeys for families

Girl Scout Troop – all the fixings for the Thanksgiving dinner, including pumpkin pie, baking pans and recipes

Advanced Health Institute – 2 turkeys and all the fixings for 2 families’ Thanksgiving dinner

CHRISTMAS

Anne Berry – Christmas tree with lights and ornaments

Judith Kriston – Christmas tree with lights

Kyle and Millie Campbell - Christmas tree with lights and ornaments

Steve and Mary Salm and Boy Scout Troop – 10 live Christmas wreaths for families

Frank Patzke& Suzanne Carcello (Guidant Wealth Management) – tickets for 18 FCH family members to attend the Metropolis “Christmas Carol” performance

Kiwanis Club of Arlington Hts – Delivered prepared Christmas meals from Mariano’s to 7 families (\$65 each)

Arlington Hts Newcomers Club – 15 large fruit baskets for families

Jan LeTourneau and book club – 20 children’s Christmas books

Alessa Garola – 25 children’s books

The Book Bunch (book club of 6 members) – provided 6 children with pajamas and a book

For Papa’s Sake (Home Care agency) – Christmas gift for all families

Parents’ Day Out (1st Pres. Church) – slippers, socks, and gloves for 51 children

Pur Salon – Christmas gifts for 22 children

Anonymous – Christmas gifts for a family

Jim and Linda McGrath – Christmas gifts for a family

Staff of Arbor Lakes Apartments – Christmas gifts for all members of four families

First United Methodist Church of A.H. – Christmas gifts for all members of three families, and an additional \$365 in Target, Walmart and gas gift cards

St. Thomas of Villanova Ministry of Care – Christmas gifts and \$25 gift cards for 2 families

Presbyterian Women’s Circle – \$400 in Aldi, Target, and Walmart gift cards

St. James’ Women’s Guilds

St. Bernadette Guild – Christmas gifts and gift cards for 2 families

St. Clare Guild – Christmas gifts for a family of five

St. Jude Guild – Christmas gifts for 2 families and in addition: \$220 in gift cards for one, \$225 in gift cards for the other, and \$200 in cash for other FCH families in need

St. Gerard Guild – Christmas gifts and gift cards for 2 families

Fabulous Fillies (Red Hat group) – \$100 Aldi gift cards

St. James MOMS PLUS group – \$260 in Aldi gift cards

PEO Chapter LG – \$150 in Aldi gift cards and \$50 towards rent for Amie and \$50 towards rent for Sara

Ed and Mary Cullen - \$50 in Aldi gift cards

Lawrence and Sarah Szopinski - \$50 in Aldi gift cards and \$50 in gas cards

Lowell and Kitty Lovell - \$100 for families’ needs

Gary and Maria Grabarczyk – \$545 in Portillo’s gift cards (for 15 families) and \$500 donation for FCH families

Jean Krieter, slw – \$50 cash donation for families

Joanne Fedewa, slw – \$100 cash donation for families

St. John XXIII Catholic Community – \$380 in Aldi and gas gift cards

Anonymous gift – \$100 in Aldi gift cards and \$25 Target card

St. Edna Church - \$3,150 in Aldi, Jewel, Kohls, Payless and Speedway gift cards

Women of St. Edna – Laundry basket full of a variety of baby items and clothing, 2 boxes of diapers, and \$45 Walmart gift card (for Shanae, who is expecting her baby in February)

St. Edna Parish Outreach Ministry – Christmas gifts and \$25 gift cards for 5 families

A THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS THANK YOU! (continued)

The families have asked that we express their gratitude to you (through more than 130 thank you notes!):

“What an amazing surprise for us to receive a turkey and complete Thanksgiving dinner! I was going to make tacos. The turkey was delicious. Thank you so much!”

“Thank you for your kindness and care in picking out Christmas gifts for us – they were perfect. And so was our Christmas, because of you.”

“We have been SO blessed! Thank you for your goodness.”

“How wonderful to receive your gifts and gift cards. The joy of our children put tears in my eyes. Thank you so very much and God bless you!

“I can never repay what you have done for me and my family. Your gifts were outstanding, and your care for us was even more special. Thank you.”

“Thank you for the joy you gave to my children at Christmas. It touched my heart.”

“Your care is Christmas – thank you for giving it to us!”



Family Accomplishments

We are happy to share with you some of the accomplishments you have helped families achieve through your generous support of FCH (names changed for privacy purposes):

Diane and Sam are amazed at how great it feels to be able to responsibly make all bill payments on time and in full – on their own. For the two years they have been with FCH, they were very cooperative with their mentors, enjoyed learning and trying new ideas that were suggested to them, were trained for better-paying jobs, and steadily increased their savings. They express their gratitude for all the help, support and guidance they received through FCH.

As a CNA at Adolorata Villa, Julie continues to take classes at Harper to advance in the medical field. The balance of working and school has been difficult but she is determined to succeed. She is taking steps to pay off her debt. To date, she has paid off two credit card bills, and continues to significantly increase her savings.

Angelica is completing her nursing rotations at Good Shepherd Hospital, and will graduate as an RN in February. She will then work full-time in the hospital as a Pediatric Nurse. For the past two years she has

been motivated to complete her studies in a field she loves, while continuing to be the good, involved, nurturing mother that she holds as her highest value. She is succeeding very well in both.

Upon completion of two advanced levels of certification in the welding field, George has almost doubled his income and is much more financially stable. His family is enjoying the difference this makes for all of them – less stress, more joy, and great pride and gratitude.

Ann has a new job after a year-long job search. She is now working for Sears Home Services and is enjoying the professional nature of her work. Her debt is cleared and her savings is on the rise. Her son is also working and now attends Harper College.

Kathy and Edwin financially “crashed” a few years ago. He lost his business, and soon after, their home. It has been an upward struggle for them since then. They are working hard to rebuild their lives. They have paid off a significant amount of debt, and he is re-starting his business. FCH has reached out a hand that helps them reach up in hope and confidence again.



NONPROFIT ORG
US Postage Paid
Palatine IL
Permit No. 869

Faith Community Homes

302 N. Dunton Avenue
Arlington Heights IL 60004
www.fchomes.org
847-342-0846

Executive Director's Message

This past year has been busy and energizing for us here at Faith Community Homes. In 2017, we worked with 25 families, comprised of 32 adults and 44 children. While our dedicated staff and volunteer mentors have kept very busy, great strides have been made in helping families stay on course. We are grateful for the community financial support that provides us with the needed resources to successfully work with our families. The generosity of so many people has given us renewed inspiration and enthusiasm to serve our neighbors in need.

But the year has not been without challenges. The most significant challenge has been the rapid increase in area apartment rental costs while wages for our families have remained generally flat. While not a unique problem to Arlington Heights and Palatine, we are currently working on new initiatives that have the objective of increasing family members' education and skills development that will eventually lead to better paying jobs. It remains, however, a difficult balancing act for families as they endeavor to remain employed, care for their children, and attend classes and/or training to improve their employment situations.

As always, we are optimistic that the families we serve will continue to advance their lives successfully. Through your continued financial support, we hope and anticipate that we will be able to assist more and more families to improve their lives in a march toward financial stability.



Charles Warner
Executive Director