

OUTREACH UPDATE

In continuing our commitment to the cause of improving the lives of those in our community who are in need, we have revisited our Outreach Ministries and are sharing some new information with you.

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY located in Norwood Park, serving zip code 60646 as well as three others in nearby neighborhoods. New Hope offers a 3-4 day supply of food to families in need, as well as men's and women's toiletries and clothing. This year ELC has been making a monthly purchase of men's toiletries, collecting toiletry items, and providing volunteer hours. Your continuing support through monetary donations, donations of toiletry items and volunteering benefits this worthy Outreach Ministry. *ELC member, Ruth Ann Chaffee, serves on their Board of Directors.*

OPEN ARMS MINISTRY CENTER (formerly known as Elijah's Pantry) is continuing to serve the neighborhood of Logan Square with distribution of food and counseling service. We have learned that they no longer are in need of food donations; they will purchase food through the Greater Chicago Food Depository at a greatly reduced cost. They have requested our continuing support through monetary donations. Three envelopes are included in your 2017 supply. Donations to ELC designated to Open Arms may be made at any time. *ELC member, Lee Krompart, serves on their Board of Directors.*

LSSI'S CILA HOMES and its 16 developmentally challenged adult residents have been supported by ELC for the past three years. You are familiar with our Christmas Wish Tree, our Easter Baskets and picnic for these homes. We have committed to a project to rehab their kitchen in the Artesian home. In the last week a brand-new refrigerator, purchased by a generous ELC member was delivered. You can read the grateful response of their supervisor, Folake, in this report. Council has unanimously approved our request to use the remaining monies in our Outreach Budget to install new flooring in the entrance way and dining room. Phase II of our project involves receiving a grant from Home Depot to replace kitchen cabinets, countertops and new flooring. We will keep the congregation posted on our progress.

"Words cannot express how thankful and grateful the clients and LSSI are for your generosity. The refrigerator was delivered today and I must say it is very beautiful. The clients could not get their hands off of it. They kept asking if the Fridge is here to say, and I made a joke that as long as everyone is on good behavior the Fridge will stay. Thank you very much for all you do and please extend our gratitude to the church." – Folake Durodola, LSSI/CILA Home

SARAH'S CIRCLE is a daytime only shelter for women in the Uptown neighborhood. We continue our support of this ministry through donations of personal items for these less-served women. Those single-use items you collect when traveling are well suited for Sarah's Circle. Monetary donations designated for Sarah's Circle can be made at any time to ELC, and are greatly needed.

Outreach Ministry Chairs,
Ruth Ann Chaffee
Joanne Friz