

# FHC ALMSGIVING 2020

## About Madonna Mission

Madonna Mission offers a summer Learning in Action (LIA) program which provides a safe and compassionate learning environment for over 80 refugee elementary school children during the summer. Lack of financial and family resources can make summer a time of isolation for refugee children. At LIA, these students participate in reading, writing, academic projects, arts and culture, outdoor play, field trips and experiential learning. Children are empowered as they forge friendships, and increase confidence as they build upon their academic year learning during the summer months. Swimming instruction is a critical life skill especially since many of these students live within walking distance to Lake Michigan. Saints Faith, Hope and Charity parishioner, Jeanne Dwyer, has generously given swim lessons to these students for the past several years and is a highlight of their LIA experience. Madonna Mission is grateful for your prayers and support of this summer program.



## About Faith Hope & Carpenters

Faith Hope and Carpenters (FHC) is our Parish volunteer team that works with Rebuilding Together North Suburban Chicago, to restore and rehab homes for needy families with children, the elderly, those with disabilities and veterans who live in the northern suburbs and have few resources to make the needed repairs to their homes. FHC has been providing this service for over 15 years. Parish volunteers perform a number of tasks including clutter removal, painting, landscaping, and light carpentry. In addition, our donations pay for materials and skilled labor for electrical and plumbing improvements to keep the homeowners in their homes and provide a safe and healthy place to live. For 2020, our project will be on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities in the bulletin. Thank you to Faith, Hope and Charity parish for supporting this hands on mission!



## About FHC Food Sharing Program

Our Food Sharing Program here at Faith, Hope & Charity helps to support several food pantries and soup kitchens in the Chicagoland area that serve the needs of a great number of people providing food 5 days a week at the various locations. The food distribution from these pantries serve over 15,000 families and individuals every year! In addition, there is also a mobile food pantry that brings the available food items out to various locations for pickup a couple times per month. The Soup Kitchens also provide meals to families and individuals at several kitchens that benefit from our Food Sharing program, but essentially dinner is served 7-days per week, and each location providing meals can serve anywhere from 95 to 200 people per evening! Our partnership continues to need your support! Thank you for your continued generosity!