

FHC ALMSGIVING 2021

About Madonna Mission

Madonna Mission was founded to provide a place of welcome and education support for refugees settling in the Rogers Park neighborhood. Programs include English as a Second Language instruction for adult women; an after-school program providing homework help and literacy development for elementary school students; and a summer Learning In Action program providing academic enrichment and outdoor fun for refugee children. Since the Covid-19 pandemic started, we have met adversity with advocacy by redesigning our curriculum to create successful remote programs. These virtual programs have increased our enrollment, and we have relocated to a former school building at St Jerome in Rogers Park in order to allow space for our growing numbers. As we near our 9th year anniversary, our greatest need is providing funding for our dynamic staff who are vital to our programs. We are excited to build on the momentum! Thank you for your help!



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 16 years. With the start of the pandemic and over 100 pending applications Rebuilding Together was able to immediately shift to their "Skilled Repairs Program," hiring skilled contractors to work exclusively on exterior repairs and emergency-only repairs inside. These skilled repairs and improvements have been very high impact, easing much hardship for those who could not afford these repairs. But even with the generous discounts and donations of time from our wonderful skilled contractors, we are spending our funding at a much greater rate. While we have a waiting list, we continue to accept applications for those in greatest need. We are ever grateful for your caring and support!



About FHC Food Sharing Program

The **FHC Food Sharing Program** 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. And during the pandemic the need this year is greater than ever! 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!

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