

Press Release

OPEN ARMS MISSION SEEKS DONATIONS TO FILL EASTER BASKETS

Open Arms Mission Food Pantry is seeking donations to assist in the distribution of 2000 Easter baskets to area children and seniors.

A tradition since 2000, OAM provides Easter baskets to area children who otherwise would receive nothing for Easter and to senior citizens, who are often overlooked during this season.

"We are able to purchase the needed items at volume pricing and rely on community financial donations to cover these costs," said Marytherese Ambacher, director of the food pantry, 1548 S. Main St., Antioch. "We are fortunate to have long term partnerships with Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center and Northern Illinois Scholarship Program who assist us by assembling and distributing the baskets."

Last year a new partnership was established with students and faculty at Lakes Community High School, who help assemble the baskets at the school.

The majority of the baskets will go to families who use the food pantry, to seniors at four senior residential homes and to Victory Lakes. Recipients all live in the Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst communities.

Other agencies that support the welfare of children, including A Safe Place, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Nicasa Women's Shelter and Staben House will also receive baskets.

With only a month remaining until Easter, donations may be made to Open Arms Mission, PO Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002. Donations may be made online at www.openarmsmission.org

For more information contact the Mission, 847-395-0309.

Open Arms Mission is a holistic community organization providing daily living necessities while encouraging self-sufficiency for individuals and families in need following the mission of "neighbor helping neighbor."

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