

## Press Release

### **OPEN ARMS MISSION SEEKS DONATIONS TO FILL EASTER BASKETS**

Open Arms Mission's goal this year is to distribute 3,000 Easter baskets to area children and senior citizens, but the mission needs donations to meet its goal.

Baskets are distributed to children and seniors within Lake Villa, Antioch and Lindenhurst area who use the OAM food pantry and are also distributed to Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Nicasa Women's Shelter, The Garden Quarter Center, Staben House, Victory Lakes Nursing Home, Winchester House, Condell Hospital children's unit, Avon Township food pantry and A Safe Place.

"We partner with other organizations to assemble and distribute the baskets, including Lakes Community High School, Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center and Northern Illinois Scholarship Pageant," said Rev. Scott Keenan, director of Open Arms Mission, Antioch.

"Our purpose is to provide Easter baskets to recipients who otherwise would receive nothing for Easter. It is to show our recipients that someone cares about them. The seniors especially are so thrilled every year to get these baskets, because no one thinks of them," said project organizer Lisa Ronzio.

With only a few weeks until Easter, Open Arms Mission is asking for donations of empty Easter baskets and financial donations to purchase items to fill the baskets. Donations can be made to Open Arms Mission, PO Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002. For more information contact the mission, 847-395-0309.