

## **Press release**

### **Open Arms Mission coordinates back to school supply fund drive**

Open Arms Mission is coordinating a community fund drive to collect school supplies for children in need in the Antioch, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst area.

A \$20 donation will purchase an age-appropriate school supply kit that includes a backpack.

Donated supplies are also welcome, with donation drop offs accepted at Open Arms Food Pantry, 1548 S. Main St. and A to Z Rental, located just north of the food pantry on Route 83 in Antioch and at the Antioch, Lindenhurst and Lake Villa village halls.

Last year the mission distributed school supplies to more than 500 students. This year anticipated needs will be higher, said Executive Director Rev. Scott Keenan.

“Parents are finding it more difficult to provide basic required supplies their children because of the increasing cost of other necessities. A donation to the school supply fund will ensure that our local students start the year with confidence and the basic supplies that most other families are able to purchase for their children.”

Backpacks and supplies will be distributed to students beginning in mid-August.

Tax deductible donations may be made to Open Arms Mission, PO Box 79, Antioch, IL 60002.

The mission is a 501c(3) non-profit food pantry and community outreach center serving Antioch and Lake Villa Townships, providing support to families that cannot afford daily necessities. The mission is community funded and staffed by volunteers.

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