



## Faith Community Homes

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# News from Faith Community Homes



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## • Upcoming Events •

### Giving Hope Annual Fundraiser

Please join us on Sunday, October 23, at 5pm at Metropolis Ballroom & Metropolis Performing Arts Center in Arlington Heights for our annual fall fundraiser. The event features heavy appetizers, cash bar, silent & live auctions, raffles, entertainment by comedian Jim Flannigan, and other surprises. For more information and/or to purchase tickets, contact the FCH office at 847-342-0846 or visit [www.fchomes.org](http://www.fchomes.org).

### 2017 Organ Concert

It's not too early to mark your calendar for next year's organ concert to be hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, 302 N. Dunton, on March 12 at 4pm. The concert will feature several of the area's best organists and other musicians in what promises to be a "can't-miss" event. The concert is open to the public and tickets are not required. A free will offering will benefit the families of Faith Community Homes. Look for more information in the next newsletter.

### Support FCH through Amazon Smile

When you make a purchase on Amazon, think about checking into Amazon Smile before you finalize that purchase and select FCH as your charity of choice. It will cost you nothing, but FCH will receive a portion of your purchase price.

## It's Go Time for Family Night Building Community, Empowering Families

by Kris Mainellis, Director of Communications,  
First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

Family Night at First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights began with a kickoff dinner on Wednesday, September 7. That evening, families from Faith Community Homes and First Presbyterian came together to share a meal and learn about upcoming Family Night programs. It was a great time to get to know one another while hearing about the programs and touring the building to get an idea of the scope and depth of these programs.

The full program schedule began September 14. Each Wednesday evening, participants enjoy a drop-in dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, followed by classes and activities for all ages from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, all for free. Child care is also provided.

At Family Night, church members provide teaching and mentoring for adults, youth, and children. Adult opportunities currently include computer training, life skills development, and financial training. Family Night also includes adult Christian education. The church's "Engage & Encounter" program has returned to Wednesday evenings and this year has been integrated into Family Night. Pastors Judy and Ken Hockenberry are teaching a class focusing on the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian D. McLaren.

Children and youth can participate in fun and educational activities at Family Night. Grades K-5 are encouraged to attend Kids Connect, for gym time, hands-on creative-learning activities, and a reading time (read-aloud and silent reading). Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to MSYG (Middle School Youth Group), a time to build relationships and faith, and have fun. Additionally, high school students from First Pres and Faith Community Homes can register for one of two free, five-week courses—to be held during Family Night—focusing on math subject areas of the ACT and SAT tests. This course, which can cost hundreds of dollars, will be offered for free, in the fall and spring, by a church member with 39 years of experience teaching math and college-prep testing skills.

Family Night is the result of a partnership between First Presbyterian and Faith Community Homes to offer education, mentoring, and other types of support for families involved with Faith Community Homes. This partnership connects people and resources to allow the First Presbyterian community to actively help people in need in the greater community rise above challenging circumstances to create a better life for themselves. Outside of Family Night, other church members will soon work directly with families to provide assistance with child care, transportation, shopping, meals, and more. Still others help in the background, with administrative and organizational support for the partnership.

Family Night is a wonderful opportunity to come together each week for fellowship, learning, and fun. It is a time to build relationships and strengthen the community. It is a meaningful way to empower people to create better lives.

## Spring Event a "Tasty" Success



On Saturday, June 11, Faith Community Homes hosted a tasting open house at d'Vine Wine and Gifts in Palatine for \$30/ticket. Approximately 60 attendees had the opportunity to taste various wines, craft beer and olive oil that the store carries on a regular basis. The event also featured appetizers and a wonderful raffle basket that was won by Tina and Todd Richards of Arlington Heights.

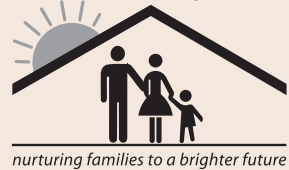


Thank you to owner Roberta Sullivan for her hospitality and sharing a portion of revenue from attendees' purchases that weekend. It was a great way to spend a late Saturday afternoon while helping those low-income families who are part of Faith Community Homes' mission and program.

## Annette Migala Brings Marketing/Social Media Experience



We want to recognize a volunteer who has significantly contributed to FCH's website and social media presence. Annette Migala is a marketing associate at Giannini Creative, a Chicago advertising agency. She found Faith Community Homes through HandsOn Suburban Chicago, an organization that connects volunteers to charitable organizations/missions that may interest them. Annette quickly jumped in "head first" to assist with building FCH's online credibility. Her youthful enthusiasm is contagious; Annette has been a welcome addition to our marketing efforts.



**Named Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce Not For Profit Organization of the Year - 2015**

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Special thanks to Palatine Township, Wheeling Township, and the Village of Arlington Heights for providing significant financial assistance as well as help to our client families.

**Thank You to Our FCH Churches/Organizations**

Many thanks go to the Churches and religious organizations for their continuous support. Faith Community Homes would not exist without you.

- All Saints Lutheran Church, Palatine
- Chapel of St. John the Beloved, Lutheran Home and Services
- Christian Church of Arlington Heights
- Clerics of St. Viator
- Congregational United Church Of Christ
- Countryside Church Unitarian Universalist
- Faith Lutheran Church
- First Church Of Christ, Scientist
- First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights
  - First Presbyterian Church Men's Club
  - First Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women
- First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights
  - FUMCAH Women's Group
- Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
- Palatine Presbyterian Women

- Saint John XXIII Community
- Southminster Presbyterian Church
- St. Edna Parish Outreach Ministry
- St James Parish
  - St. Clare's Guild, St James Parish
  - St. Bernadette Guild
  - St. Gerard Guild
  - St. Jude Guild

- St. John United Church of Christ
- St. Theresa Church, Palatine
- St. Thomas of Villa Nova, Palatine
- St. Viator High School Student Body

**Local Governments Support Faith Community Homes**

Palatine Township  
Wheeling Township  
Village of Arlington Heights

**Palatine JayCees Supports Faith Community Homes**

Thanks go to the JayCees for their financial support of our work with low income families in the Palatine area. Their support is greatly appreciated.

**Children Receive School Supplies**

On August 8, 24 children in our Faith Community Homes families were thrilled to get their backpacks and school supplies just in time for the first days of school.

Every pre-school through high school student received the package of supplies. All supplies were donated and collected by the members of First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights and included everything that students require from pencils to flash drives.

School supplies are expensive and a very worthwhile donation for the kids to get off to a positive start at school. A big shout out and thank you to those at First Methodist who helped !

**Board Member Jane Drezen's Journey to FCH**



I became involved with Faith Community Homes in November, 2009. After the sudden death of my husband on December 25, 2008, I was drawn to giving back. My children and I received such an outpouring of support from family and friends, I felt a need to give back to our community. My church, Southminster Presbyterian Church, was an advocate and supporter of Faith Community Homes, and I saw an

immediate fit. So my friend, Claudia Starck, nominated me and the board approved.....my journey began!

I am now the chair of our Fund Development Committee and have coordinated/chaired our annual fundraising event efforts the past few years. I truly am blessed to be part of such an incredible organization. My involvement expands to my children, Trevor and Emma, who continue to assist Sister Carrie with a variety of tasks. They have helped to move families into their new homes, packed backpacks for new school years, stuffed envelopes, typed, sorted food, established food drives, and the list continues to grow. I am thrilled my children have a passion for helping others in need.

We have certainly had our trials and tribulations, but being part of such an amazing organization helps diminish our grief. Giving support to those in need - I am truly blessed.

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# Giving Hope


## FCH's Annual Fall Fundraising Event

**Metropolis Ballroom/Metropolis Performing Arts Centre**  
111 W. Campbell St., Arlington Heights

**Sunday, October 23, 2016, 5:00 - 8:00pm**


Reception in the Metropolis Ballroom with appetizers, cash bar, raffles & silent auction. Program & entertainment in the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre.

**Tickets \$55 each, 4/\$200 or 10/\$400.**



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Our entertainment headliner this year is Chicagoan Jim Flannigan. In 2016, Jim was named a finalist in two of the most respected comedy festivals in the U.S.: the Great American Comedy Festival and Gilda's Laugh Fest.



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Faith Community Homes offers housing assistance, mentoring and support services for financially troubled families in the Arlington Heights and Palatine areas. Funds from this event will help us reach more deserving families in need.

Faith Community Homes is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.