



December 2016



Chelsea

603 S. Main Street
Chelsea, MI 48118
734-475-3305
M, T, Th, F: 9am-4pm
W: 9am-7pm

Dexter

**New Location!*
7275 Joy Road
Dexter, MI 48130
734-426-7002
Wednesdays: 12-7pm

Mission: Providing essential supports to alleviate the effects of hunger and poverty for those in the Dexter and Chelsea communities.

Meijer Supports Local Food Pantries



Meijer Corporation has given over 26 million dollars to local food pantries through the Simply Give Program.

When you give a monetary donation at the Zeeb road store, Meijer will match your gift and give the Faith In Action food pantry "food only" gift cards. Find the cards near the check out at Meijer, decide the amount of your donation, and Meijer takes care of the rest. When the season ends they add up all the donations and create the swipe cards that enable us to shop for food we need in the pantry.

The fall collection resulted in a \$9,860 gift to FIA, and the Holiday Season is currently underway. It lasts until December 31. ■



In 2016, Faith In Action received food and services worth over

\$146,000

from Food Gatherers to fight hunger in our home towns of Chelsea and Dexter!

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To learn more about FIA see our website www.faithinaction1.org or visit us on Facebook at Chelsea/Dexter Faith In Action.

This Year's Volunteer Profile

Ask Jane and Roger Boyce what retirement from teaching is like, and you will hear about service and travel. They have accomplished both in Kenya, Tanzania, India, Thailand, China, Ecuador, Philippines, Guatemala, Belize, Papua New Guinea, and Mexico. They also care for others here at home. You can do it too!

Jane, her son Ben, and several grandkids enjoyed an October Sunday afternoon with CROP Walk. The fundraising walk raises money

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Jane Boyce, with her son Ben, and grandchildren after the annual CROP Walk held in October.

Affordable Housing Project

The Affordable Housing Project is being met with much support from the Chelsea community as a recognized need.

Recognizing the need for more affordable housing, FIA has been working with Avalon Housing of Ann Arbor to develop a project here in Chelsea.

Avalon is our partner and the lead on the applications and details. At FIA, we had two main jobs: build relationships with local leaders, and raise the pre-development funds for preliminary site work at 533 N. Main St.

We thank the following donors: Chelsea First United Methodist Church, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Community Benefit Fund, Chelsea Milling, St. Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul United Church of Christ, and Robin and Stuart Phillips.

Chelsea State Bank helped secure funding from the Federal Home Loan Bank in August. Avalon has submitted an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for the rest. The determination will come in December or January.

Enthusiasm for the project is high. As Nancy Graebner of SJMC said in the contribution letter, "This money was given as a show of our full support for the development of affordable housing units in Chelsea." ■

Volunteer Profile

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for hunger and poverty relief both here at home and abroad. She also organized food drives at Dexter United Methodist Church.

Jane recently agreed to serve on the FIA Board of Trustees, and volunteers on site in the food pantry.

She and Roger also made a large gift to the Meijer Simply Give Program on the Double Match Day, which tripled their gift! ■

Would you like to give
of yourself to
make a life better?
Give us a call!

734-475-3305

To learn more about the Meijer Simply Give Program see cover article *Meijer Supports Local Food Pantries.*

Did you know that if your kids qualify for free or reduced lunch that you qualify for *Faith In Action* services?

From the Board President *Faith in Action is a very busy place!*



**Julie Frost, President
Faith In Action**

Hundreds of people in our Chelsea and Dexter communities donate their “time, talent and treasures” to this dependable

and solidly grounded organization. We are blessed in our communities that so many of you contribute in so many ways.

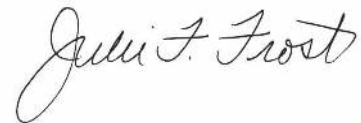
Housing costs are increasing in our communities and many families have had to move to find a place to live that they can afford. This is a trend that we would like to reverse. This past year FIA had

the opportunity to work toward creation of an affordable housing option in Chelsea through an alliance with Avalon Housing in Ann Arbor. The planning takes time but we should know within the next two months if the project will proceed. This is just one example of what we can do together to make a difference in helping people stay in our in communities. We will continue to advocate for affordable housing.

I think there are people in our communities who may need extra help but do not know about FIA. If you know of someone who needs food, clothing, household goods, dental care, or a listening ear please let them know about FIA.

There are many ways we can help and we want to be a step up for those who need a helping hand — it is our mission!

Thank you to countless individuals, families, community groups, businesses, foundations and churches for all the creative ways support is given to FIA. Please continue your support in whatever ways you feel called. On behalf of my fellow board members, thank you very much! ■



Julie Frost
Board President

**Need help
applying for SNAP
or Medicaid?
We can help you!**

FIA has staff with special training to help you apply for publicly funded programs or to help with case problems.

**Call 475-3305
for an appointment.**

Humanitarian of the Year Ken Toney



**Ken Toney
Faith In Action's
Humanitarian of
the year!**

Ken Toney has been the head chef at the Christmas Day Dinner for nearly 20 years. He has made this holiday one to celebrate for hundreds of people over the years with his meals of turkey, mashed potatoes, and festive decorations and carol singing. For bringing such cheer to the community for so many years, Ken was named the Howard S. Holmes Humanitarian of the Year for 2016! ■

**Did you know that you could conveniently
donate online? Visit www.faithinaction1.org**



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Please consider a gift to Faith In Action

Using your envelope saves mailing costs — funds we can use for FIA programs.

Please clip and mail the donation form below to: **FIA, 603 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118**



Yes! I'd like to put my faith into action and help my neighbors!

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