

SAMARITAS IS THE NOVEMBER OUTREACH OF THE MONTH

Samaritas, formerly known as Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, continues to aid in refugee issues. Almost all of the youth currently referred to Samaritas for foster homes and services are unaccompanied children. These youth are predominantly from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, who flee to this country to escape threats and gang activity. In the last year, due to new federal policies, Samaritas has seen a huge decrease in the number of unaccompanied refugee minors who are approved for resettlement in the United States, but there is still a great need for our support.

Samaritas continues to need foster homes, host homes, mentors, and tutors. A big donation need is for gift cards to purchase games to interact with the youth, to restaurants with cuisine similar to their homeland, or to purchase warmer clothing for our northern climate. Monetary donations support and bless the foster parents who give so much to make sure these kids are safe and cared for!

Samaritas also provides services in the areas of general foster care, family support, new Americans, home health and disability support, and building communities. To learn more about how this program walks with people in need, offering hope and compassion while upholding their dignity, advocating for equality and justice, and seeking creative solutions, visit www.samaritas.org.

Outreach of the Month envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks should be made out to ULC with "Samaritas" on the memo line.