



**Your gift matters at Outreach, because every person matters here.**

Through your support for the **Outreach Community Center in Carol Stream**, youth, families and older adults experience hope.

Every program offered provides new opportunities for success.

More neighbors in our community receive help in times of crisis.

Through you, Outreach's mission – "to restore hope and provide opportunities for people to become all that God intends them to be" – is fulfilled.

**Thank You!**

*"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" - Jeremiah 29.11*

**Outreach**  
Community Ministries



### Your Gift Matters to Makedase

"My parents came here to America from Ethiopia, not only to give me and my sisters a better chance at success, but to give us a good education. I started with Outreach when I was in sixth grade and am now part of the Student Achievement Leadership Team (SALT) – the high school ministry. Outreach is a safe community and we love each other like family. The staff and mentors support us by helping with homework, finding jobs and applying for colleges - and I'm proud to say that I've been accepted to 15. I look forward to is going off to college and studying the profession that I really love, which is nursing. My dream is to help my community and make my family proud."

### Your Gift Matters to Uhanna

Uhanna and his parents Bijon and Iman, moved from Iran in 2010 for a better life for their family. Bijon shares, "We struggled with the language." So, helping their son with homework was very challenging. "We was asking people to help us and everybody recommended Outreach. Here, they put in a tutor for our son and It was helping. It was making his English stronger – and practicing with Uhanna made our language stronger. We want him to be at Outreach Center as long as he can go because it's really helpful and he loves it. We feel that help. How it affects our family. My hope for my family is to provide support to Uhanna to be whatever he wants to be -- whatever his dream. And for us, we live better and better - we are so happy."

### Your Gift Matters to Adrienne

"I received service from Outreach in the past, and, now I'm back doing an internship in case management so I can help people the way I've been helped over the past. My son's teacher told me about the services at Outreach and the Christmas Store when my son was little. While I was there, I had an encounter with one of the staff, Gigi, who asked to pray for me -- and that just made a big difference. It showed me that there are people that care. That first prayer helped me to turn around and go back towards God because I'd been running. Once I knew that I had this internship, I knew it was the Lord. So, everything has been me being in alignment with God - having Outreach there and GiGi there to pray for me -- If that didn't happen, I don't know what I would have done as far as my spiritual journey."

## The Need Is Real

In DuPage County alone, over 5,000 youth from low-income neighborhoods are vulnerable: underperforming in schools, unsure of the future and overwhelmed by family instability.

Fewer than 33% of adults and 50% of children have access to affordable counseling services.

30% of older adults do not have anyone to call in an emergency.

92% of OCC clients are considered low-income.

## The Outcome is Real *Thanks to Your Support:*

Outreach Community Center provides a holistic approach to help families beyond our successful youth development programs – with family stabilization services that include crisis management, mental health, case management and older adult programs.

**1700 individuals** were served in just the last year.

**294 children** benefited from youth development programs.

**100% of OCC's high school seniors** were accepted to college or trade school for the 11th straight year! 85% are first-generation college students.

Family Stabilization programs assisted **415 individuals** through OCC's Counseling Services and another **691** through Case Management.

**305 older adults** took part in community-enriching activities, case management, transportation services and a host of ongoing educational opportunities.



**All of those served at the Center were served in the name of Jesus by hundreds of staff and volunteers. Many accepted our invitation for prayer and heard the Good News. And like Adrienne, a number have found their way to a relationship with the Lord. We thank God for being a powerful presence with us at the Center.**