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Dear readers,

Our Most Blessed Trinity church community social service programs recently received a generous donation from the HELP THEM TO HOPE program. This donation assists to meet costs of food we purchase from Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) for our food pantry and soup kitchen. These are both located at 8th St. and Lincoln Ave. We serve meals four evenings each week preparing for 140 meals Wednesday to Saturday. Our food pantry gives groceries each Tuesday and Thursday. Though we receive many donations of food from church groups we do purchase monthly from the Food Bank to meet our needs. Your donation helps pay this cost.

Additionally we pay our expenses to maintain our House of Peace, a residential domestic violence shelter for women and children and our Fr. Gary Graf Center, an adult literacy and advocacy center. Our bi lingual staff helps individuals apply for basic needs; we interpret as pro bon legal experts come to counsel clients. We need materials for teaching English classes and citizenship class as folks prepare to become U.S. citizens. Help Them to Hope donations reach many people in our social service centers each day all year. Yes, many are more hope filled through our service in this community. God has blessed you readers as you contribute to this community fund. Thank you! It is gratifying to read in the News Sun how the fund grows week by week and see the names of the contributors.

Our four community social services continue due to generous donors. Our staff at Most Blessed Trinity catholic community is blessed to continue this great ministry for those in need. We are indeed grateful to Richard Ribando, President and all other leaders in Help Them to Hope, Inc. You invite readers to help significant community organizations. God bless you!

Gratefully,

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