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**FREEPORT AREA CHURCH COOPERATIVE INVESTIGATES
EXPANSION WITH DONATION FROM LOESCHER HEATING
AND AIR CONDITIONING**

FREEPORT – The Freeport Area Church Cooperative is known throughout the region for their work to combat homelessness and hunger. Their efforts received an additional boost this holiday season with a \$3,000 donation from Loescher Heating and Air Conditioning.

Dean Wright, Executive Director of the Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC) stated the organization's use of the gift, "Our Chicago Avenue Mission only houses 14 single men. We'd like to expand our services to be able to help single homeless women. To do so, we would need to construct a secure area through renovations and provide furnishings, as well. This unexpected gift from Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning will allow us to budget more on our expansion efforts."

Sean Lane, Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning, explained, "Through our work in the community, we are well aware of the impact that FACC has on the homeless and hungry in our area. We wanted to show our support toward their efforts and help them further expand their services."

The Freeport Area Church Cooperative is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide emergency food, clothing, and shelter to those in need in northwest Illinois and to empower those served. The Chicago Avenue Mission is a 10-bed emergency homeless shelter for men. The Mission is open nightly from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. and is located at 514 S. Chicago Avenue.

Wright added, "So far this year, FACC has served over 300 homeless through all of its programs. We will serve over 50 unduplicated homeless men through the Chicago Avenue Mission in 2013. All of the maintenance, snow removal, and working within the shelter and FACC building are provided by the men staying with us in the shelter."

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