

# Social Services

People need help in many ways. The Board of Deacons is involved in supporting the following organizations in Lake County, IL. Contact [moderator@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:moderator@firstchurchlf.org)



**Ten Thousand Villages.** Markets products from handcraft and agricultural organizations based in low-income countries. They provide consumers around the world with products that have been fairly purchased from sustainable sources. They sell items from their Grayslake Prairie Crossing Store and have also held a sale at First Church.

**Catholic Charities.** A non-profit social service which serves poor, desperate, suffering people on the brink of hopelessness, including the young, the old, the troubled, the sick, the disabled, and the disturbed.



**Lake County Community Foundation.** First Church has a donor-advised trust that benefits numerous agencies in Lake County.

**Salvation Army Christmas Baskets** is a ministry of First Church during Advent. The Salvation Army supplies the names of families in Lake County who are unable to get Christmas gifts for their family. These families are adopted by First Church families. Many of these families would otherwise be left without gifts for the holiday. Not only are actual gifts given, but nearly 150 additional families are served with the donations received. Cash received was shared in the form of food and gift cards with those families who were not adopted.



**La Casa** is a non-residential facility that serves all survivors of sexual assaults. Services include a 24-hour hotline, counseling, legal and medical advocacy, and community education and risk reduction programs. LaCasa stands for Lake County Council Against Sexual Abuse. It is one of the country's most influential and respected public service organizations.

