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**SERVANT LEADERSHIP
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Memorial Day Weekend
Detroit, MI

Fall 2019 High School Seniors & College Students
wishing to:

- Serve others on a more consistent & deeper level
- Take initiative in addressing the needs of their community
- Connect to others and build meaningful relationships
- Discover their purpose and the courage to live it out



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FELLOWSHIP of ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS UNITED to SERVE

The New Year brings cheerful beginnings and a new home for one of our centers

Orthodox Youth have the opportunity to develop leadership skills through serving the poor.



**Celebrating 10 years
of meaningful service
to our neighbors.**

A NEWSLETTER OF FOCUS NORTH AMERICA

WINTER 2019

FOOD OCCUPATION CLOTHING UNDERSTANDING SHELTER

FOCUS Spreads Christmas Cheer

THANK YOU to all volunteers who served with FOCUS this Advent. It was a true blessing to serve alongside so many communities.

In the spirit of the works of St. Nicholas, FOCUS was excited to partner with five new cities to distribute St. Nicholas Sacks, filled with food, hygiene items, and other necessities for those in need.

In Chicago, FOCUS partnered with City Hall and the Puerto Rican Cultural Center to help Hurricane Maria evacuees who are still struggling from their displacement over a year ago. With our partners, FOCUS volunteers from OCF and local parishes showed up to the December 9th event to provide two hundred and fifty individuals and over one hundred families with personal hygiene kits, snacks, and family board games, along with and a ham with Christmas fixings.

FOCUS is always looking to partner with new communities, churches, and groups. Whether it is a YES trip in your town, a service program, or a even a fundraising event, FOCUS is always a resource to those who are working to serve in their local community. In 2019, through the grace of God, we will touch many more communities.



To learn how you, your parish, or group can be **involved** next Christmas or at any time in 2019 email **FOCUS' National**

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FOCUS Minnesota is home and thriving



For more than eight years, FOCUS Minnesota has worked for the good of others. However, due to an unexpected location move, this past year was one of uncertainty for FOCUS Minnesota's beloved outreach. After months of searching, we are excited to say we now have a true home that will be the foundation for the future of the ministry in Minnesota.



In our journey to find a new location in the Twin Cities, God blessed us abundantly. This past year, individuals with great *compassion* for the poor and steadfast support of FOCUS came forward in extreme generosity to enable us to secure a wonderful new home.

In late December, volunteers moved the entire Clothes Closet and other items from storage to the new FOCUS House. They have painted, sorted,

cleaned, unpacked, removed items from the previous owners, and more. Kitchen renovations have also started so that we can begin to serve hot meals.

On December 22, 60 children received Christmas toys from the first public outreach event at the new house.

Our goal is to nurture the space as a refuge, a place of kindness and comfort. We are excited to continue providing food, clothing, and healthcare assistance to those in need in the Twin Cities!



Celebrating 10 years of service

In 2019, FOCUS is celebrating our 10-year anniversary. We are so grateful to those who have been a part of our Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve.

In honor of these 10 years, would you consider making a gift to our ministry of *just \$10 or more?*

With your help, we will continue to serve for the next 10 years and beyond.

YOUR GIVING IN ACTION 2018

414,273

healthy meals prepared and served

69,792

articles of clothing distributed

10,542

volunteers