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FOCUS will host a conference to bring together social service leaders throughout the United States.

Antiochian Women provide support through fundraising events

FELLOWSHIP of ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS UNITED to SERVE



FOOD OCCUPATION CLOTHING UNDERSTANDING SHELTER

## Volunteer Quote: Lisa Mikail



*"Almsgiving, in addition to writing checks, is giving of your time and talents. When we first started coming down [to FOCUS] with food, we were filling people's stomachs, but in turn you got a lesson in life that people have hardships and they work through them and you just keep persevering. It's fun to see some of the people that come in [for assistance] and later start giving back because they were given food: bringing back clothes or bringing in food because they had gotten food-shelf bags. The work of FOCUS Minnesota is very important."*

**Lisa and her husband, Dn. Sherif, have been key supporters and volunteers at FOCUS Minnesota since it's founding in 2010.**

## Get Involved This Summer!

Your parish can participate in FOCUS' national Back to School Backpack Program for children who attend the first day of school without a backpack or adequate school supplies.

The reality is, that even if you live in an affluent area, there are children experiencing poverty in all kinds of neighborhoods across the US. Even beyond your immediate community, there may be unnoticed, and therefore unmet needs in poorer neighborhoods, adjacent to affluent ones.

Last summer, FOCUS worked with 56 parishes in over 50 US cities to serve 2,425 children and youth in need prepare for school. This year, our goal is to up our impact to at least 3,000 children and 60 parishes. Consider making one of those parishes yours.

You can lead this program with your teen group, social outreach team, or even Summer Camps and Vacation Church Camps.

Contact National Programs Manager John Moxen at [jmoxen@focusna.org](mailto:jmoxen@focusna.org).

## FOCUS Teams up with the Antiochian Women



FOCUS was selected to receive support through the Antiochian Women of North America's Humanitarian Act of Mercy. The Antiochian Women are specifically supporting FOCUS' programs that provide educational support to children, like tutoring, books, and school supplies.

We are so grateful for their help.

One chapter at St. Michael Church in Van Nuys, CA used their annual Chili Cook-off to raise support. There are many creative ways for any church group to get involved by helping with a fundraiser.

Contact us at [info@focusna.org](mailto:info@focusna.org) for ideas.

## CALLED TO SERVE

**November 1 & 2**



FOCUS is hosting a national conference to bring together leaders and volunteers who are making a difference in their own communities.

**Join us** for two days in St. Louis for prayer, workshops, discussion, fellowship, and some hands-on service at the local FOCUS Center.

## WHY YOU SHOULD COME

### Networking

Are you looking to grow your impact and learn from others in similar situations?

### Leadership

Are you involved in local social ministry?

### Retreat

Are you looking to be spiritually nourished, and further connect your service to your Orthodox faith?

**For more info and to buy tickets visit:**

**<https://calledtoserve.focusnorthamerica.org>**

# YES

***"The YES trip in Ann Arbor was a humbling experience that allowed me and other fellow Orthodox Christians to expand out of our comfort zones and encompass a mission of pure compassion and love. We visited a homeless shelter with no specific instructions but to interact with humanity, and the result of our interactions were nothing less than love, fun, and conversations. I learned on this trip that despite our social status, we all have at least one thing in common - humanity. Glory to God"***

— **Melissa**, YES Participant

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