

# Partner Updates, 1/8/26

## **Atfaluna (Chris):**

Despite ongoing conflict in Gaza, Atfaluna continues providing inclusive education to over 4,000 children, both with and without disabilities, across 15 learning spaces. Their programs combine sign-language-based instruction, psychosocial support, assistive tools, and community-based learning, ensuring education goes beyond academics to include protection, dignity, and hope. Educators, therapists, and social workers remain committed to supporting children and families despite displacement, fuel shortages, and other challenges. Read additional Facebook updates by clicking [HERE](#).

## **Children of Faith (Ginny):**

The past couple of months have been very busy at Children of Faith. The Dining Hall project, funded by the COF 20th Anniversary Gala in May 2024, was completed, and the Home hosted a Grand Opening with a ribbon-cutting and catered meal. The celebration included all the children, dressed in their best outfits, along with many neighbors and friends of Children of Faith.

Several property improvements are also underway, including painting, electrical upgrades, mattress replacements, and a toilet/shower building remodel.

As COF moves into 2026, the focus will shift toward creating a school in conjunction with the Home. Steps are already in motion: property adjacent to the Home has been secured as a swap for land purchased years ago for the school, and government registration for the school has been completed. Architectural plans have been drawn up for the new parcel, and fundraising will begin in earnest in the coming months.

Please continue to pray for the health and success of the children at COF and for the Hope Academy Project.

## **Monument Crisis Center (Jim):**

MCC is now scheduling volunteer activities through March. LOPC aims to have a small group each month serving as Food Distribution Warehouse volunteers; the next opportunity is February 18.

Our bagging activities with the beans and rice need to be coordinated with MCC's Warehouse Manager Anthony. Space constraints due to construction have disrupted scheduling, so while the activity is needed, actual dates depend on multiple factors.

A spring “Love Does” activity could involve a day, or several days, of painting. Francisco has been patching walls and doing touch-ups, but a full repaint would be a great project, possibly on a weekend once the food room extension is completed.

The first week of the new year has been spotty for client visits. Several ICE activities over the holiday break appear to have left clients feeling intimidated about coming to the Center.