



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We provide assistance to families with young children in need in our community.

HOW YOU HELP THE OUTREACH HOUSE HELP

Marisol and Geraldo arrived in Villa Park with their three small children in 2010. Geraldo works as a brick layer and Marisol works part-time cleaning houses and swaps child care time with her cousin who works second-shift as a nursing home orderly. Even with careful budgeting, an unexpected hospitalization and an especially high heating bill made pharmacy necessities such as prescribed antibiotics and diapers unattainable...

Until a neighbor introduced them to The Outreach House.

Where the Outreach House comes in:

When Marisol and Geraldo entered the Outreach House, they were greeted warmly and empathetically by one of our Spanish speaking, trained volunteers. While the two older children played nearby, a First Things First volunteer visited with the couple to hear their story and assess the family's needs. In short order, the couple was equipped with a week's worth of infant food needs, winter outerwear for their children as well as a referral to the Elementary District 45 Early Childhood Preschool Screening for their 3 year-old daughter. The couple was also given a gift card for the Lombard Pharmacy so that Geraldo could heal safely following his surgery and return to work, and a referral to Illinois Department of Family Services to apply for food assistance benefits.