

DEAR FRIEND:

For over 100 years, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana (LSSI) has faithfully served our community's families in need. In 2007, that service was provided to more than 5,115 area individuals and families. LSSI is proud to be a part of the Fort Wayne social-service-provider community and humbled to be able to play a part in changing lives for the better.

While our roots are grounded in the Lutheran Church, our services are directed to people in need—regardless of denominational affiliation. In fact, over 90 percent of the people we serve each year are non-Lutheran. Our mission compels us to "love our neighbor."

This care and support is delivered in many ways, including educational support for pregnant and parenting teen mothers; child-care scholarships for low-income families; assistance with rent, mortgage, and utility payments for unemployed and displaced families; and compassionate Christian counseling for individuals struggling with life's challenges.

To continue providing these critical services each year, LSSI relies on the generous support of individuals.

Today, I invite you to join with me in changing lives right here in our own community by becoming a "Halos of Hope" partner. Our goal this year is \$125,000 in unrestricted program support. Please know that every gift received goes directly to impacting lives through exceptional programs and services. Your donation will make a difference.

Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Dennis L. Herman

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Board Chair and "Halos of Hope" partner

YOUR GIFT MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE!

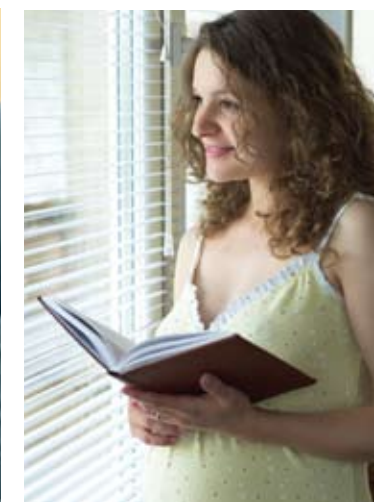
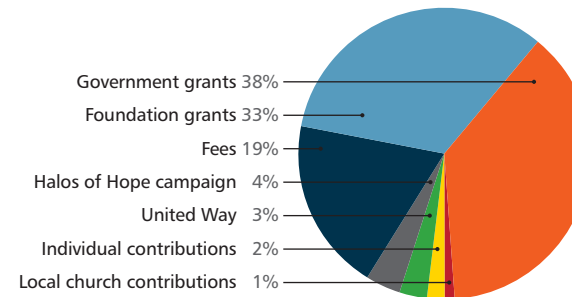
- **\$65** underwrites the cost of one hour of professional Christian counseling. Last year, 1,244 sessions were provided to 194 area families.
- **\$75** provides one week of scholarship assistance to low-income working parents unable to afford full tuition for their sons and daughters at our Children's Village Early Learning Center. Last year, the majority of families received financial assistance.
- **\$125** provides three hours of support and mentoring services that enable pregnant and parenting teens to complete high school. Education Creates Hope and Opportunity (ECHO), a collaborative program joining LSSI, Catholic Charities, and local public schools, served 177 young women last year. Teens in ECHO have a 90-percent graduation rate, compared with a 40-percent national graduation rate for pregnant and parenting teens.
- **\$250** provides one week of overnight camp for a developmentally disabled individual in our Lutheran Disability Outreach (LDO) program. This program also provides Friendship Bible Classes at 54 locations in northern Indiana.
- **\$325** was the average assistance provided to 1,333 families in crisis through our Cup of Kindness program. Assistance included money to buy food

or clothing required for new jobs, or to make utility, rent, or mortgage payments.

- **\$500** helps furnish the paint and supplies necessary to paint the exteriors of the homes of people with disabilities or low-income seniors during our Paint-A-Thon. Sprucing up these residences gives people more pride in their homes and helps them maintain an independent lifestyle. Since 1989, 13,685 Paint-A-Thon volunteers have spent 106,996 hours bringing new life to 566 homes.



2009 REVENUE BY SOURCE



"HALOS OF HOPE" PARTNERS

Yes! As an investment in our community and in changing lives, I/we want to become a "Halos of Hope" partner. Please accept this gift/pledge accordingly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

"Halos of Hope" Partner Levels:

- Platinum \$ 1,000
- Gold \$ 500
- Silver \$ 250
- Bronze \$ 100
- Other \$ _____

- My/our payment is enclosed.
- I/we wish to pledge on either a monthly or quarterly basis (please circle one) beginning on _____ (please enter date). LSSI will send a reminder.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF INDIANA PLEDGE CARD

HOW TO HELP

"Halos of Hope" represents LSSI's annual giving recognition program. All gifts given to LSSI during the year are recognized in our Annual Report. And gifts are tax-deductible. To make your contribution, please fill out the detachable pledge card below and send it to:

Halos of Hope
c/o Lutheran Social Services of Indiana
330 Madison Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

THANK YOU!

Please direct questions to Donna Elbrecht, CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Indiana, (260) 426-3347.



CHILDREN'S VILLAGE CHILD CARE CENTER

Children's Village Child Care Center provides intergenerational activities between the residents of Lutheran Homes and Concord Village and children ages 6 weeks to 6 years. This early-learning center provides loving Christian care,



fosters a learning environment, and enables residents in the southeast area of Fort Wayne to work and go to school as they strive toward self-sufficiency.

EDUCATION CREATES HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY (ECHO)

Indiana has one of the highest teen-pregnancy rates in the nation. Nationally, 60 percent of pregnant and parenting teen mothers drop out of school before graduation. A collaborative program joining Lutheran Social Services of Indiana, Catholic Charities, and local public schools, ECHO provides



support, mentoring, and social-service access to these teens. Ninety percent of ECHO clients graduate from high school, and many of them set their sights on higher education.

CUP OF KINDNESS

The Cup of Kindness program provides financial assistance to individuals and families



during times of crisis. For example, assistance may head off the disconnection of utilities or go toward rent or mortgage payments to prevent eviction.

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