



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
OF NEVADA

June E-News from LSSN



On Saturday, May 14th, volunteers helped LSSN collect over 18,000 pounds of food in about six hours as a part of the annual National Association of Letter Carrier's Food Drive at the East Las Vegas Post Office!

Volunteers attended from numerous local congregations and organizations, including youth groups from New Song Lutheran Church & St. Thomas More Catholic Community, as well as groups from Community Lutheran Church, First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mountain View Lutheran Church, the Home of the Redeemed, Safe House, and thanks also to our regular pantry volunteers that helped!

Special thanks to the United States Postal Service and their employees for making this event possible, to Goodwill of Southern Nevada for providing the truck and trailer for transport and storage of all that food, and to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, for covering the expenses for food and water for our ardent volunteers!



Of all our events during the year, this one most certainly would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers. Thank you so much for helping LSSN to make such a difference in our community!



Bank of America Awards \$15,000 Grant to LSSN



LSSN is pleased to report that we recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Bank of America Foundation. The grant will make a serious impact in the lives of the clients that we serve.

LSSN is humbled and deeply grateful to the Bank of America for their continued support and partnership of our work in the community, of which this grant is only the latest example. Bank of America, in partnership with Merrill Lynch, also provides classes to our clients in basic banking skills, credit management, and budgeting to help them create a strong plan for success in their lives.

Again, we would like to offer our most sincere thanks for their thoughtfulness.

Food Themes Come to Life at Christ Lutheran, Torrey Pines



Once again, Christ Lutheran Church on Torrey Pines has been REALLY getting into LSSN's monthly food themes. Check out their display from April, that collected 301 cans of vegetables to help our clients! Thank you so very much!

Summer is Coming: You Know What That Means!



Summer is coming, which means that it is once again time to challenge each other with one of our most popular and nutritious food drives. This is an opportunity for you and your congregation to engage in a friendly competition with other Lutherans across the valley, while working to fulfill our Lord's call to feed the needy. With the amazing success of last year (raising over four tons of food, including 3,000 pounds from our winner – Good Samaritan Lutheran Church – and 2,600 pounds from our runner-up – New Song Lutheran Church), the drive will again take place during the months of July and August.

This year we're doing something a little different. While we know the passion that our local congregations have for peanut butter, our stocks are actually much better this year than in past years. Instead, we're hoping that you can help us instead with items of particular need: small bags of rice and small bags of flour, **between two and four pounds**.

In addition, financial contributions from individuals may be directed toward the drive and, due to LSSN's ability to purchase food at discount prices, will be credited toward the congregation at a rate of \$1 equaling 3 pounds of food. Please make sure to list clearly which congregation your contribution should be credited toward.

Rest assured, we will come up with an appropriate award to continue this tradition. Only time will tell. Past winners have included Pastor Paul Hanson of Holy Spirit Lutheran (1st annual), Pastor Phil Shuart at St. Andrew Lutheran (2nd annual), Pastors Kurt Sortland & Carolyn Arness at The Lakes Lutheran (3rd annual), Pastors David and Marta Poling-Goldenne at New Song Lutheran (4th Annual), and Pastor Don Lorfing of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church (5th annual).

Who will rise to the challenge this year?

To participate in the drive, bring your food donations to church. Every donation makes a tremendous difference in the lives of hungry people in our community, so please give generously.

Updates as to current standings will be posted regularly on our website and posted in future e-newsletters.

Look for the Donation Station at your local church.

Speaking of Which...



LSSN has several of our “Giving Houses” available for use in congregations, local businesses, or for groups to assist with their food drives. These beautiful food receptacles have a chimney for canned goods to roll down, for boxed goods to slide down, have a hinged roof for easy access, and are on wheels to allow easy transport for collection.

Should you wish to create a home for one of our homes, please contact Derrick Felder at 702-639-1730, ext. 16, or derrick@lssnv.org .

LSSN Wine Tasting Sells Out, Raises Almost \$7,000!



LSSN's inaugural wine tasting on May 17th was a tremendous success. Between donations received, incredible participation in the silent auction, and a sell-out of tickets, attendees not only enjoyed an outstanding spread of food and wine, but also raised almost \$7,000 to support LSSN's work with the needy in our community.

Special thanks to board member Robin Smith for her organization and generous support of the event, to the Grape Street Café for the phenomenal venue and wine, to Sylvia Wolf and the Pacific Auction Company for administering the silent auction, to NV Energy for their support and participation, and to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for once again providing supplemental funding to support our ministries!



Myron Heaton Chorale Makes Beautiful Music, Supports LSSN



LSSN would like to thank the Myron Heaton Chorale for their wonderful performance on Sunday, May 15th. Their thoughtfulness provided over \$1,000 to support LSSN's ministries.

Thanks also to all that attended, to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for hosting the event, and to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for providing supplemental funds in sponsorship!



Are you a Thrivent member?



Are you a Thrivent member? Want to help your favorite Lutheran congregation or organization in a simple and quick way? If so, you may have Thrivent Choice DollarsSM still available to donate! Through the Thrivent Choice program, Thrivent sets aside money for every person that owns one of their policies, annuities, or products. Each member then gets to choose where to send this money without having to make any out-of-pocket donations or fill out any paperwork!

Now that we've passed Thrivent Choice's One Year Anniversary, local Thrivent benefit members have over \$110,000 in their accounts available to be donated!

This is an amazing opportunity to make a real difference in our community!

All it takes is an easy five minute phone call to 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836)

At the prompt, say "Thrivent Choice", then choose "1" from the next menu. You'll then be connected with a friendly customer service representative who can answer your questions, check to see if you have any Choice Dollars remaining, and help you send them to the Lutheran congregation or organization of your choice. **That's all it takes!**

Or, if you prefer, you can also log in at <https://choice.thrivent.com> and go through the process online.

As always, the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada is grateful for your consideration when you make charitable giving plans. If you are a Thrivent Financial member who is eligible to direct Choice DollarsSM, we ask you to consider the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds.

If you'd like to make your contributions even more convenient, you can even choose to automatically send Choice DollarsSM to LSSN every month or year using this option!

If you have any questions or encounter any issues with your direction, LSSN Development Director Tom Maatta will be happy to help. He can be reached at 702-807-5707 or thomas@lssnv.org.

\$500 Voucher for Respite Care Available for Angels of Care – Home Care!



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Angels of Care - Home Care

In order to make our home care even more accessible and affordable to those in need, LSSN is proud to announce a partnership that provides a free voucher for respite care up to \$500 for those who qualify!

This voucher is available through the wonderful participation of [Helping Hands of Vegas Valley](#)

In order to participate, please download [this form](#) and return it to LSSN's Home Care Coordinator, Cherry Richardson, by e-mail at angelsofcare@lssnv.org or via fax to 702-639-1736.

Questions about the voucher program can be directed to Cherry at the above information or to Helping Hands of Vegas Valley at 702-633-7264.

What does Home Care consist of?

Home Care is the term we use at Angels of Care-Home Care to describe all services provided to the client at home.

Our services include:

Homemaking Services can encompass planning & preparation of meals, along with routine housekeeping activities such as making/changing beds, dusting, vacuuming, washing floors, cleaning kitchen and bathroom, and laundry.

Companion/Sitter Services includes non-medical care, socialization and basic supervision to ensure a client's safety and well-being. Companions may provide light housekeeping tasks, which are secondary to the care and supervision of the client.

Respite Services are services furnished on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care.

If you know of anyone who might be in the neighborhood for home care services, or if you would like more information, please check our website at http://www.lssnv.org/home_care.php.

Would you like to join us in expressing the love of Christ by serving and caring for those in need?

Food donations are collected at many congregations or may be delivered to LSSN.

Financial contributions may be mailed to LSSN, PO Box 2079, Las Vegas, NV 89125.

Online secure donations can also be made at https://www.lssnv.org/secure_donate.php.

Thank you for your support!

***Please note that Derrick Felder is the contact for food pick-up scheduling.
He can be reached at derrick@lssnv.org or 702-639-1730, ext. 16.***

LSSN has a particular need for the pantry of small bags of rice and flour, between 2 and 4 pounds, as well as a distinct need for bottled water during the summer months.

Our theme for June reflects beating the heat during the "Sweet Days of Summer". Suggested items include non-perishable food items associated with summer cook-outs and barbeques, as well as canned vegetables, canned fruits, boxes of Jello-O and Pudding, and boxes of fruit juice.

July and August Food Themes are in concert with our summer food competition (rice and flour).

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