



## **October E-News: LSSN Has a New Home!**



We are proud to report that, as of September 12<sup>th</sup>, LSSN is now in business at its new location of 73 Spectrum Boulevard, right around the corner from our previous location. Here are some “sneak peaks”.



This new location doubles our physical size and triples the size of the pantry, while we are paying the exact same amount in rent. We look forward to all the opportunities that will be available in this new location and we will certainly keep you all up to date!

While we are operational in our new home, we are still smoothing out the details of being in the new location and making it reflect the dignity that we hold so dear in our organization. Once this is completed, we will be hosting an Open House to introduce our new home to the community. Details will be provided in future newsletters and on our Facebook page as they become available.



Many volunteers and organizations contributed an amazing amount of help, and to all of them, we would like to offer our most heartfelt thanks. Of particular note, we would like to thank:

- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southern Nevada, for providing trucks and drivers.
- Goodwill of Southern Nevada, for providing trucks and drivers.
- Three Square, for providing over a ton of food as a “housewarming present” to help stock the expanded pantry.
- The Salvation Army, for providing trucks and a team of “heavy lifters” to help move all of our furniture, food, filing cabinets, client records, and other equipment.
- The Las Vegas Professional Institute of Technology and Accounting Software, for providing a trained team of networking professionals and students for over a week to help wire our building and set up our server and Internet structure.
- The technology team of Gail & Carl Bates (and friends), for helping to move set up our client computer center.
- The construction and repair efforts of Gor Mnatsakanyan, for helping with dozens of projects during the move.
- St. Andrew Lutheran Church, for donating a number of round tables.
- And a very special thank-you to Albertson’s, for donating an amazing amount of fixtures, shelving, and equipment that will literally turn LSSN’s pantry into a virtual supermarket.

Thanks also to the \*many\* individual donors that contributed physical items to help furnish our location so far, including many plants & pictures, a beautiful marble top cherrywood banquet table and a complete dining room set! Keep an eye out for more information and pictures as we continue to settle in!

## **And While We're On The Subject: LSSN's New Home Wish List**

LSSN could also use your help as we look for donations of specific items to help us settle in.

Financial contributions are especially appreciated at this time. We are most in need of general contributions that we can use for any area of our greatest need, but donations for the following are also being sought:

- Contributions for new matching chairs for our client waiting area: \$1,000 needed.
- Contributions to assist with additional renovations to the building: \$5,000 needed.

*As for specific items:*

- 3 to 5 small to medium artificial plants
- One large artificial tree for our Community Resource Center
- One area rug (approx. 12 ft. by 7 ft.) in darker colors for the Community Resource Center
- One good quality coffee table and several armchairs for the Community Resource Center
- 2 to 4 good quality tables, including a "long table" to be placed in our long hallway
- 2 good quality television stands
- One good quality rack for brochures
- One large doormat for the Community Resource Center
- One professional quality couch with chairs for office use
- One small table for office use
- Miscellaneous pictures to decorate the walls
- One push broom
- Filing Cabinets (that can be locked) for client record storage are especially needed
- 4 to 5 small and large office-style garbage cans
- 5 large bookshelves
- 4 plastic floor mats for office chairs
- One desk with matching chairs for our front office
- Miscellaneous vases

Should you be able to help, please contact Tom Maatta at [thomas@lssnv.org](mailto:thomas@lssnv.org).

Once again, to all who have helped and all who will help, we thank you very much!

## Time Again to Give Thanks – LSSN’s Thanksgiving Drive:



LSSN is excited to once again be hosting programs to give additional support to people during the most joyous time of year, allowing Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas blessings where there would otherwise be none. Our contact person for both Thanksgiving and Christmas is Derrick Felder at 702-639-1730 ext. 16 and [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org). Please refer any questions to him.

Our Thanksgiving distribution will be held on the Friday before Thanksgiving: November 18<sup>th</sup>. Last year, we were able to distribute 327 turkeys and an additional 13,713 pounds of trimmings to seniors and families through our partnership with the Housing Authority. This year, we hope to do even more...with your help.

### Our volunteer needs are as follows:

- 1) Volunteers are needed during the week of November 14<sup>th</sup> to help assemble the meal baskets. This will be in the mornings of these days, here at LSSN. Ten volunteers per day would be appreciated.
- 2) Volunteers (especially strong volunteers) are still needed for the distribution itself on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at LSSN at approximately 9:00 am in order to load the truck, then proceed to the housing complex for the distribution at approximately 10:00 am. Distribution is usually finished at about 1:00 pm.

### Food needs are as follows:

- 1) "Trimmings", such as boxed mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, gravy, and canned vegetables, for the meals are needed. These can be contributed at any time between now and Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> through the standard weekly pickups at congregations, as well as delivered to LSSN Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 4:00 pm.
- 2) Turkeys are especially needed. LSSN will have staff conducting pickups at congregations on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: if you have turkeys, please call Derrick for scheduling the pickup. If your congregation is able to store the turkeys until Monday, we will be happy to pick them up then. Should you be able to deliver the turkeys to LSSN, we ask that they be delivered between 8:00 and 4:00 pm on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Again, please let us know if you are coming and how many turkeys you have. With the additional space in our new location, as well as our new freezers, we anticipate having sufficient storage space here.

We would prefer to not receive turkeys any earlier than Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas is Coming Soon – Volunteers/Donations Needed!



For many of us, the Christmas season is the happiest time of the year. For many others, though, it can be the most difficult. LSSN works hard to spread holiday joy and cheer to those that need it the most through our Adopt-A-Family program.

Starting on October 17<sup>th</sup>, LSSN will begin seeking sponsors. We will then match preferred gift recipients with the Wish List of a client or client family for your shopping convenience. Sponsors may choose to support a family of any size, from two to even ten or more. LSSN places no minimums on what can be spent on each family, but from past experience, adopting groups, families, and individuals have spent approximately \$50 to \$100 per household and/or \$20 to \$50 per individual child. **Sponsor information must be collected no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, and all gifts must arrive at LSSN no later than December 12<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up form is attached at the end of this e-newsletter.** More information will be published in our newsletters, on our website, and through local congregations as the Christmas season approaches.

**During the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will need five volunteers per day to help with the final organization and distribution of the gifts.**

If you are willing to answer the call to serve by volunteering for one of these holiday programs, or would like to contribute to the programs with either food or financial support, please contact Tom Maatta at [Thomas@lssnv.org](mailto:Thomas@lssnv.org) and Derrick Felder at [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org).

We would also like to thank the Kiwanis for once again sponsoring “Lunch with Santa” for our supportive housing families on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## LSSN Congregational Summer Food Drive: The Results are In!

### Final Contest Results

*Good Samaritan Lutheran Church – 7,124 pounds*  
*St. Andrew Lutheran Church – 1,106 pounds*  
*New Song Lutheran Church – 589 pounds*  
*Christ Lutheran Church – 400 pounds*  
*First Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – 237 pounds*  
*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – 196 pounds*  
*Christ the Servant Lutheran Church – 137 pounds*  
*Mountain View Lutheran Church – 91 pounds*  
*Green Valley Lutheran Church – 74 pounds*  
*Grace Lutheran Church – 49 pounds*  
*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church – 34 pounds*

*If you notice any errors, please let Pastor Tom know immediately at [Thomas@lssnv.org](mailto:Thomas@lssnv.org)*

Once again, your generosity has stunned everyone here at LSSN. Last year, our summer competition collected over four tons for those in need. This year was even more remarkable – in fact, it was 22% more remarkable - yielding a total of 10,037 pounds. That's OVER FIVE TONS to support our food ministries.



Retaining the championship, the Rev. Don Lorring is awarded the title of “Official LSSN 2011 Doughboy”, and we offer our congratulations to the repeat victors of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church!

Our most sincere thanks to **all** that helped make this drive so incredibly successful.

(The real winners, after all, are the people who will have full bellies as a result of your thoughtfulness.)

## More Thank-Yous to Area Organizations



As we begin a new relationship to benefit the needy in our community, LSSN would like to offer its humble gratitude to the local Macy's, who recently provided us with a \$5,000 contribution to assist with our employment programs, as well as our general operations. We look forward to working together with them to make a real difference in the lives of those whom we serve.

## **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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup> 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!

**Local Thrivent benefit members have over \$60,000 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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup>, 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 Dollars<sup>SM</sup> 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](mailto:thomas@lssnv.org).

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



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES  
OF NEVADA

*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, Shawna Brody, by e-mail at [shawna@lssnv.org](mailto:shawna@lssnv.org) or via fax to 702-639-1736.

Questions about the voucher program can be directed to 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](http://www.lssnv.org/home_care.php).

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**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](https://www.lssnv.org/secure_donate.php).**

**Thank you for your support!**

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

*Our theme for October is "Autumn Harvestfest". Suggested items are potatoes (fresh or canned), canned green beans, corn, peas, beets, sauerkraut, egg noodles, gravy (mixes or in a jar), vienna sausage (or other non-perishable sausage), apple juice, applesauce, and gingerbread. Stuffing is also appreciated, as we get ready for Thanksgiving.*

*As we remember the needy at the holiday, our theme for November is "Counting our Blessings". Non-perishable food items appropriate for the feast table are most welcome: canned green beans, corn, yams; gravy, cranberry sauce, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, boxes of jell-o and pudding, coffee, tea, and canned broths (beef, vegetable, chicken).*

**WE ESPECIALLY NEED TURKEY DONATIONS FOR OUR MAJOR THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION!**

*As we continue in our holiday celebrations, LSSN's December theme of "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" once again prepares for the coming of Immanuel. Non-perishable food items appropriate for the holiday dinner table are most welcome: canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned broth (beef, vegetable, chicken), instant mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, rice, beans, coffee, tea, and fruit juice. Food from the Kosher section of the supermarket is also especially appreciated, as we wish our Jewish brothers and sisters a very happy Hanukkah.*

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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**Christmas Gift Program Sponsor Registration Form  
Adopt a child or senior for Christmas 2011**

A completed form can be emailed to [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org), faxed to 702-639-1736

Or mailed to LSSN at:

Attn: Holiday Adopt-A-Family

P.O. Box 2079 Las Vegas, NV 89125

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Would you like to receive the  
LSSN newsletter by email? (Y/N)

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Please deliver **unwrapped** gifts to LSSN at 73 Spectrum Blvd by **Monday, December 12, 2011.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Derrick at 639-1730 x16 or via email at [derrick@lssnv.org](mailto:derrick@lssnv.org).

***Thank you for your support this Holiday Season!***