



September E-News from LSSN



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
OF NEVADA
2010/2011 ACHIEVEMENTS

In the last year, LSSN was able to care for 17,613 homeless, low and moderate income individuals and their families.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I needed clothes and you clothed me...

- 16,442 individuals were served with nutritious food, drinks and pet food for their pets, including 2,371 homeless.
- 327 families, including seniors and children, shared turkeys and 13,713 pounds of trimmings through our special Thanksgiving dinner food program.
- 102 families, including seniors and children, shared 4,621 pounds of food through our Easter special food program.
- 141,362 pounds of food were distributed through our food pantry, including food recovered from local churches (43,252 pounds) and grocery stores/community food drives (32,895 pounds).
- 147,978 nutritious meals were provided to people in need.

I was a stranger and you invited me in...

- 38 people, members of homeless families with children, were served through our supportive housing program.
- 1,072 individuals received rental and/or utility assistance support.

Empowering people back to independence...

- 57 individuals acquired birth certificates and State Identification documents through our career assistance program.
- All individuals received case management support services in addition to direct assistance.

Giving smiles to area children...

- Over 100 children received Christmas gifts through our Adopt-a-Family program.
- 467 children received Easter Egg Baskets in time for the holiday.

We appreciate your help as we express the love of Christ by serving and caring!

LSSN is Moving, and We Need Your Help!



Does our storage dock look a little different than you're used to? That's because LSSN has now received the keys to our new location at 73 Spectrum, which doubles our physical size at the same rent that we have been paying! This is going to allow us to make even more of a difference in our community on a daily basis, and we need your help! We are asking for individual volunteers, as well as church groups or teams from local companies to step up in our time of need. We could use your help! We've already started the moving process and are planning to continue an incremental move over the next several weeks, with the anticipation of starting operations at the new location on Monday, September 12th. More information on client services will be provided as we get closer to that time.

Our volunteer needs are as follows:

Week of August 29th: 6-10 volunteers (some with heavy lifting capability)

- This involves the continued moving of the pantry. Volunteers that can assist with lifting heavy items are essential. People that cannot lift heavy items are helpful (and will be working to unpack the boxes and stock the shelves at the new location), but our real need during this period is to move boxes of food, furniture, & the large refrigerators, along with disassembling and re-assembling the pantry shelving.

Week of September 5th: 2-3 volunteers per staff member (20-30 total) on 8th and 9th for offices

- This is the final move, where we will be actually moving the staff offices and the files we use on a day to day basis. LSSN will be closed on the 8th and 9th for this purpose. Each staff member will be organizing their office for the move, but we need 2-3 volunteers to help each staff member pack, move, and unpack the things they use on a daily basis – including desks, filing cabinets, and computers.

If you can help, please contact LSSN's Derrick Felder at derrick@lssnv.org or 702-639- 1730 extension 16 as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness!

LSSN Congregational Summer Food Drive: The Home Stretch!

Contest Update – as of 8/22/11

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church - 878 lbs
New Song Lutheran Church - 492 lbs
Christ Lutheran Church - 400 lbs
St. Andrew Lutheran Church – 289 lbs.
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – 196 lbs
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church - 93 lbs
Mountain View Lutheran Church - 74 lbs
Green Valley Lutheran Church - 56 lbs
First Good Shepherd Church – 44 lbs
Holy Spirit Lutheran Church - 34 lbs
Grace Lutheran Church - 32 lbs

If you notice any errors, please let Pastor Tom know immediately at Thomas@lssnv.org. Pickups and processing of incoming collections are still underway.

While our initial results are in, the drive will continue throughout the month of August. Final results will be tabulated and reported as quickly as possible. Remember: small bags of rice and small bags of flour qualify. 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.

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.



A special honorable mention goes out to Christ Lutheran Church on Torrey Pines. In responding to our other summer need, they've collected over a ton of water to help quench thirsty throats. Thank you for your thoughtfulness during this amazing heat!

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!

Local Thrivent benefit members have over \$80,000 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, Shawna Brody, by e-mail at 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 .

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 September is all about the children: "Pink and Blue". Suggested items are anything baby-related: food, formula, diapers, bottles, wipes, lotion, soap, and the like.

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!

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