



LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES
OF NEVADA

December E-News from LSSN

Before Thanksgiving, LSSN partnered with the Housing Authority of the City of Las Vegas to provide about 10,000 pounds of “Thanksgiving-to-Go” complete turkey dinners to community families and seniors. Congregational contributions were central to being able to help these people have a blessed and dignified Thanksgiving.



On Dec. 12th, Family Promise of Las Vegas joined with LSSN, the LVMPD, Catholic Charities, and Thrivent for their “Phone Home for the Holidays Program”. The program assists in reconnecting homeless people to loved ones during the holiday season by providing access to free phone services. Last year, hundreds were able to “reach out and touch someone” as a result.

LSSN is also proud to team up with Vons to help children and families in need. Vons has named us the recipient of the proceeds from the 2009 Season of Giving campaign for all fifteen of their Clark County stores, running through December 31. LSSN and Vons have a history of working together: at the beginning of the year, Vons generously donated \$65,000 in food products to LSSN.

One of the primary missions of the Lutheran Social Services of Nevada is to focus upon the prevention and alleviation of homelessness. November 24th marked a major milestone toward that goal as LSSN unveiled a new building to provide safe, secure, and dignified housing.

We are honored that the Honorable Oscar B. Goodman, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, spoke at the ceremony to mark the occasion.



This new building was purchased and renovated with funds awarded to LSSN through a Clark County grant and contains four completely refurbished, two bedroom apartment units. This project is an expansion of Lutheran Social Services of Nevada's current supportive transitional housing program and intends to provide 12 more beds to 4 unduplicated homeless families with an emphasis on Clark County homeless families with children up to 18 years old for a duration of up to 24 months.

As with all LSSN housing, clients living in this building will have access to wraparound community collaborate services with intensive case management to reduce the barriers faced by homeless families on their road from homelessness to permanent stable housing.

LSSN would like to especially thank the Regional Homeless Coordinator's Office and Staff, along with the Board of County Commissioners, without whose help this project would not have been possible.



The LSSN "Helping the Homeless" Raffle will kick off on December 20th. Prizes include a 42" plasma HDTV (courtesy of Technology West), a "Night on the Town" at the MGM Grand (courtesy of Beasley Broadcasting of Las Vegas), and a \$500 Red and White Wine Package. Tickets are \$20, and the drawing will be held on February 7th (Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday). Volunteers will have tickets in many area congregations. If you are interested in helping to sell or to purchase tickets, go to www.lssnv.org or contact thomas@lssnv.org for more information.

Updated information on all the above, along with volunteer needs, the opportunity to make secure online donations, and much more, can be found at www.lssnv.org.

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