

Voices OF Hope

OCTOBER 2017



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Dear Friend,

Food and water: no one on earth can survive without both. Lutheran Social Services has been providing food and water to men, women and children from all walks of life, and in all kinds of situations, for over seven decades. We are so grateful for your support across the years.

LSS offers more than 50 programs, at over 20 locations in 10 Southern California counties. But a high percentage of our clients first come to us for food.

Many of those we serve are very poor, and are struggling simply to make it though the day. But there are also many individuals and families, who are not living in poverty, but find themselves in a temporary crisis. Everyone who walks through our door, regardless of the need, is welcomed with compassion, and treated with respect.

The Tomaso family was referred to our LSS Community Care Center in the San Fernando Valley. Both parents lost their jobs around the same time, and could not afford the rent. Along with their son and daughter, they moved in with a single mom who also had two children.

Three adults and four children living together in a one-bedroom house did not work. The Tomaso's moved out with nowhere to live.

After time at a homeless shelter they came to LSS. Our caseworker embraced the family, placed them temporarily at a motel and gave them groceries for meals.

Mr. Tomaso looked for work and housing for his family. Because of the help and resources from LSS, he found employment, and the perfect three-bedroom house.

Mrs. Tomaso said, "LSS helped us with the deposit and 1st month's rent, and now we are able to maintain our housing, and provide for our family's needs. I don't know how we could have survived without Lutheran Social Services."

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of how you can come alongside LSS in reaching out to others like the Tomaso family.

Our LSS Community Care Center in Canoga Park is moving to a new location. The new location will be Valley Lutheran Church, 7400 Tujunga in North Hollywood.

Food services will be offered to the homeless in North Hollywood twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday, from 11 AM to 2 PM. We will open our offices at the new location on October 9, 2017 to receive food and clothing donations. Canoga Park closed on September 15.

The month of October will be used to set up the food distribution program and begin outreach to the community. We plan to have a soft start of the food program around mid-October, with a go-live date for the food program of November 7.

LSS is also providing case management at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in North Hollywood, and at Our Savior's First Lutheran Church in Granada Hills. Each congregation operates a food program, and LSS offers case management for their clients during the food distribution.

We are also providing case management services at three community apartment complexes: Casa De Canoga, Simpson Arbor Apartments and Casa Familiar.

Our long-range plan is to expand services, while moving closer to those we serve. But we cannot do it alone. Without your financial support, some of God's children will be overlooked.

Will you contribute today, so that people, who fear their life is out of control, will find the help they crave, and the hope they need?

Ron Drews, President/CEO
Lutheran Social Services of Southern California



P.S. Attached is your LSS reply slip. Please check the box for the amount of your gift. No gift is too small, but we hope you will be as generous as possible. Return the reply slip in the enclosed envelope. Thanks, and God bless you.

Join the Fight Against Poverty in Our New San Fernando Valley Location!

Pray for us and for those whom we serve

Collect canned goods to help us stock our new pantry

Use your Thrivent Choice Dollars and buy groceries for the pantry

Donate a Thanksgiving Day meal for our clients (nothing homemade): Stuffing in a box, sweet potatoes, corn or green beans (canned), packaged cookies and a gift card for the purchase of a turkey

** To maintain confidentiality, identifying story details, names and pictures are changed*

Thank you for your gift!

Yes! We've Moved! Join the Fight in Our New San Fernando Valley Location!

Make checks payable to **LSSSC**. Gifts are deductible from taxable income to the full extent allowable by law.

Direct my gift of: \$ _____ _____
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Please fill out and enclose this form with your gift in the envelope provided.



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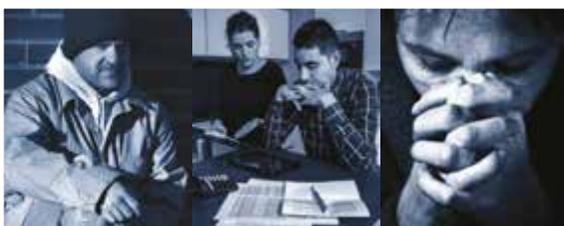
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