



*Thank you* for your gift of prayer, which strengthens our partnership of Embracing, Equipping & Empowering people in Southern California.

Dear Friends,

June is the month that families across America celebrate Father's Day. It's a time to honor those men who do so much for the children they love: whether cooking for the family in the backyard, or taking their sons or daughters to the park.

Earlier this year, Lutheran Social Services met a father facing a very unique and critical situation. He didn't take his son to the park. He lived with his son in the park. For over a year, Frank and his son, Frank, Jr., had been homeless. They lived in a park in the center of Long Beach.



Frank, Sr. suffered from diabetes, congestive heart failure, high blood pressure and substance abuse disorder. He had neglected his own needs in order to focus on the health and welfare of his special needs teen-aged son.

After being notified by the Long Beach Police Department, the Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office contacted LSS. Our staff responded immediately. We provided case management services, transportation, gift cards to local stores, groceries from the LSS food bank and temporary motel stays. We helped Frank, Jr. obtain housing, while his father focused on getting stable enough to undergo heart surgery. An LSS Benefits Specialist helped Frank increase his monthly Supplemental Security Income payments from \$15.72 to \$379.00.

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### **\$50 FOR ONE HOUR OF CASE MANAGEMENT**

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Currently, Frank has recovered from the defibrillator implant procedure and has received early retirement. He is living in a shelter while LSS staff helps him apply for Section 8 housing.

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### **\$25 PURCHASES \$75 WORTH OF FOOD**

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This situation brought together numerous agencies and LSS personnel: the Long Beach Police Department, Long Beach City Prosecutor's Office, Department of Health Services, the Inner City Law Center and at least four LSS staff members. Together we have taken two people off the streets, provided housing, and helped create a financial safety net for both of them to live in safety and with hope for the future.

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### **\$100 PROVIDES COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR MOTEL VOUCHERS, TRANSPORTATION, FOOD & CLOTHING**

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You have been a faithful donor for LSS, and with your donations, we have been able to address many dreadful situations, and offer a second chance to many depressed and discouraged people. We can't do everything, but our network gives us the ability to do what we can, and then move our clients out to other groups within each community, to ensure that these women, men and children gain the chance to move beyond their distress into the possibilities of a better tomorrow.

Your donation today will help us offer to someone in need, the same assistance given to Frank and his son. Without your support, another father and son might be stranded in the street instead of having safe and secure housing. Thank you for your generous support.



In Christ's Service, Ron Drews, President/CEO

***P.S. Attached is your LSS reply slip. Please check the box for the amount of your gift. No gift is too small, but please be as generous as possible. Return the reply slip in the enclosed envelope. Thanks so much!***



### **Project Hand Go Fund Me**

Lutheran Social Services Southern California is initiating a **Go Fund Me Campaign** to raise funds for **Project Hand**, our pantry located on the campus of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Chula Vista.

LSS started immediately after the end of World War II, and those first years were focused on getting groceries to returning Veterans and their loved ones. As such, **Project Hand** has been serving the greater San Diego area for over 70 years.

We are currently engaged in a funding effort to raise \$50,000 for the purpose of keeping this pantry open and filled with food. We have operated on a deficit for generations, and thus need everyone's help to make contact with as many people and organizations as possible.

#### **Here's how you can help:**

1. Go to this link and become familiar with our campaign:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/project-hand>
2. Will you be the one of the first to make a donation of any amount to this cause?
3. Please forward the link and poster to as many people in your network as possible and share on your social media.

**If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Olles at (714) 244-4276.**

### **WHAT, WHERE, WHY WHEN & HOW**

*Enclosed you will find a fold over business card to keep in your wallet or purse. It lists all our Lutheran Social Service locations, and can be given to someone you meet who is in need of assistance.*

*On the back is a list of items we must have available to our clients. This offers you the chance to help us be prepared to help people in emergency situations.*

*If you have any questions, please contact us at [Info@LSSSC.org](mailto:Info@LSSSC.org) and we will be happy to help.*

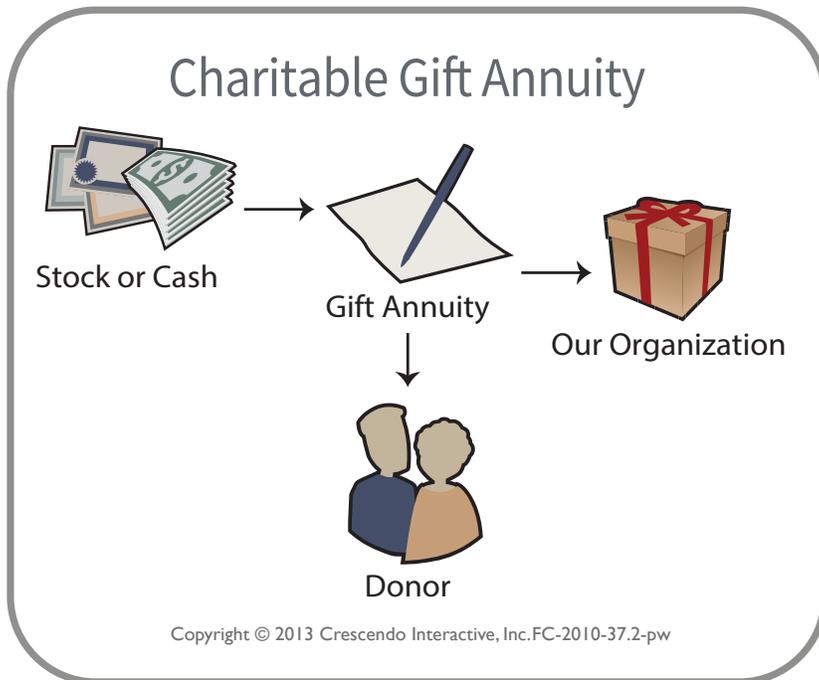
**THANK YOU!**

## Creating a Legacy

Did you know that you can leave a wonderful legacy to benefit your family, friends and causes like LSSSC using a future gift? Consider your checking, savings, investment and retirement accounts. With a beneficiary designation, you can name the people or causes you want to receive what's left of these accounts when you pass away. A beneficiary designation is easy and flexible. You can change your mind easily, and any gift you give passes automatically and outside probate.

Another way is through a charitable gift annuity. Among the possible benefits are the fixed payments we make to you (as high as 9.5%), an income tax deduction and capital gains tax savings.

Best of all, the payments continue for life, and then any remaining funds go to support our mission.



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Call or email us at:  
**[development@lsssc.org](mailto:development@lsssc.org)**  
to learn all about how  
great a gift annuity  
can be for you.

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The Pacific Southwest District of the LCMS and the Southwest CA Synod & Pacifica Synod of the ELCA present Lutheran Night at Dodger Stadium. This year we will join thousands of faith based organizations for Dodgers Christian Faith Day including pre-game, on-field recognition and post-game player event.

**NEW!** Select your own seats through our dedicated link.

**ALL TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED THROUGH LINK BY SATURDAY, JUNE 1st** (Use discount code **HEISRISEN** for a **10% savings** on your ticket order)

<https://groupmatics.events/event/DodgersLutheranNight>

For additional questions or info please contact:  
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**A L L R E S E R V E D S E A T S \$ 4 0 P E R T I C K E T**

*Yes!* I will donate today to help someone in need.

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

GIFT AMOUNT:  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$150  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO:  Food  Case Management  CCLM  Community Assistance  
 Disaster Response  Motel Vouchers  As Needed  Other \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME (as it appears on credit card): \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please fill out and enclose this form with your Gift and Email in the envelope provided.*



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## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

When veterans flooded San Diego at the end of World War II there were not enough jobs, homes or cash to go around. Five Lutheran congregations came together, and offered stations where America's patriots could receive groceries for their families. Lutheran Social Services Southern California grew out of that effort. From the beginning, the commitment was to be a servant of the church, and to serve those in need. Today LSS offers 77 programs in 20 locations across Southern California. Our clients are as varied as the areas where we work, and the staff whom we employ. But, like 75 years ago, we still serve those in need because of our commitment to Christ.