



Lutheran
Services
in America

2016 Annual Report

united

Together we are creating better, stronger and more resilient communities.

“[T]he
righteous
are bold as
a lion.”

Proverbs 28:1

May 2017

Dear Valued Supporters, Members and Friends—

In 2016 the Lutheran Services in America network moved forward with new boldness and energy. Thanks to your contributions to the LSA 20–500 Fund our network deepened its collaboration—both among members and with external partners—leading to the replication of successful strategies and programs.

Together we are creating better, stronger and more resilient communities. And with a unified voice, we are increasing our advocacy on behalf of our nation’s most vulnerable people.

Twenty years ago Lutheran social ministry organizations united—along with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod—to form Lutheran Services in America. Today our network provides services to seniors, children, youth and families, refugees, people with disabilities, veterans and those affected by disasters—making a difference in the lives of one in 50 Americans every year. The work takes place in communities rural and urban and serves all people—regardless of faith, race, ethnicity or background.

As we look to the future we remain united—united in our mission to strengthen communities and to ensure that all people can live abundant lives. We thank you for your support of our mission, our work and our commitment to the people we walk alongside.

Blessings,



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Lutheran Services in America is one of the largest nonprofit organizations in the United States.

We unite the vast web of Lutheran social ministry organizations because—together—we can tackle society's most complex problems in a way that no individual organization could on its own. And when we speak with a unified voice on behalf of the people we care for we are a force to reckon with.



Advocate for public policies that protect America's most vulnerable people

Develop partnerships with national organizations to dig in and tackle complex societal issues



Secure funding to promote innovation and replicate successful strategies and programs across our network



195
Senior Services



103
Health Care



50
Disability Services



105
Children, Youth & Families



31
Immigration & Refugee Services



55
Housing & Community Development



22
Economic Empowerment



150k
Volunteers engaged every year

Employees in Lutheran Services in America member organizations

250,000

LSA + 300 members = Care for 6 million Americans

Lutheran Services in America is dedicated to ensuring that all people have access to the health care and social services they need to live full, independent and abundant lives. We achieve this goal through our network—by making the organizations within it stronger, by multiplying and scaling successful programs and initiatives and by providing the resources, expertise and thought leadership to tackle large, broad-scale change.

Giving a Voice to America's Most Vulnerable People.

In early 2017, Congressional leaders introduced legislation that would cut federal Medicaid spending by nearly \$900 billion, stripping coverage from 14 million Americans. To protect the two-thirds of seniors in nursing homes, 40 percent of American children and over 10 million people with disabilities who rely on Medicaid, we launched a full-scale public affairs campaign. Because of the collective voice and efforts of our members we succeeded in defeating this legislation.

Ensuring Children are on a Pathway to Successful Adulthood.

Through a partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, we are leading a twelve-month initiative to achieve measurable change in the lives of children and youth. Through intensive leadership tools, coaching and peer learning, organizations in our network are achieving measurable improvement in the lives of the vulnerable children and youth they support.

Maintaining Seniors Independence.

Together with our members, Lutheran Services in America launched the Senior Services Collaborative to pilot integrated and innovative care models that allow seniors to live at home as long as possible. The Collaborative is also a vehicle for developing relationships with payers and health systems to ensure that low-income and vulnerable seniors receive high quality care.

Creating Meaningful Relationships for Youth Aging out of the Foster Care System.

Lutheran Services in America partnered with the Annie E. Casey Foundation on a year-long initiative to help older youth aging out of the foster care system establish a meaningful relationship with an adult in their lives. Evidence shows that such relationships prevent homelessness, unemployment and other challenges facing youth who age out of the system. The results will be captured in a white paper developed in partnership with the Harvard Kennedy School.

Supporting Seniors in Rural Communities.

In 2016 we formed the Great Plains Senior Services Collaborative to find solutions to address the health care needs of seniors in rural communities. The goal is to test five models of service, evaluate their effectiveness and develop a plan to sustain services that allow seniors in rural areas to remain in their homes and communities.

Making Communities More Resilient.

Lutheran Services in America—as part of a collaboration with The Corporation for National and Community Services—sponsors eight AmeriCorps VISTA members to improve community resilience across the country. This helps underserved communities be better able to withstand and recover from disruptions ranging from small to large such as home fires, economic crisis, extreme weather events or human-caused disasters.

Meeting our goals with your support

We gratefully acknowledge our faithful supporters, whose generous contributions sustain the life-changing work of Lutheran social ministry and Lutheran Services in America. The ongoing and continued investment from the organizations, corporations, foundations and individuals listed below makes it possible to transform the lives of people and communities across the country.

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- Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund
- Organizational Contributors
- Grants, Foundations & Sponsors
- Memorials, Tributes & Celebrations
- Thrivent Choice Donations

Together, we met the LSA 20–500 Fund goal

We are thrilled to announce the achievement of the \$500,000 goal of the LSA 20–500 Fund six months ahead of schedule. Support of this special three-year fundraising campaign from our members, individual supporters and corporate partners have made it possible to make our new strategic direction a reality. A resounding thank you for making it possible to celebrate this great success.

LSA 20–500 Fund Organizational Contributors—

These LSA member organizations provided funds beyond sustaining dues to support the Lutheran Services in America strategic direction and the network's collective impact over the three year campaign period (FY 2015–FY 2017).

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