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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,

Charlotte Haberaecker
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Betty Oldenkamp
President and CEO
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“[T]he righteous are bold as a lion.”
—Proverbs 28:1
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 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.

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—part of a collaboration with The Corporation for National and Community Service—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 communities across the country.

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These LSA member organizations provided funds beyond sustaining the Lutheran Services in America. Contributions from the organizations, corporations, foundations, and individuals, listed below, have provided funds for the strategic direction of the network and the network’s collective impact for the period of the first half of the Fiscal Year 2017 (January 1 – December 31, 2016)

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