

**Change and Collaboration**

*Fortune Magazine's* list of **Change the World** companies that successfully tackle society's unmet needs came out last week. They noted that what was new this year was the unparalleled level of collaboration among the companies from developing a COVID-19 vaccine to fighting income inequality. They noted that no business succeeds alone.

As Lutheran social ministry, we've long known about the power of collaboration and strength in numbers that come from a shared mission and values. We see it in the Zoom breakout rooms at the [CEO Summit Series](#) where member CEOs come together, in the sharing of innovative ways to help rural seniors live independently in the [Great Plains Senior Services Collaborative](#), and when we come together to advocate as a faith-based network that works with one in 50 Americans each year.

We saw it last week when 43 leaders in 13 Lutheran social ministry organizations came together in our new **Results Network** to collectively address what it will take to stabilize families so they can remain intact. From New England to Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, New York, Nebraska, Florida, Minnesota and Wisconsin, Lutheran social ministry leaders came together to learn, share and collaborate in our shared goal for all children to live in safe, stable, and permanent families.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> (1-2 pm EDT), you can join **Mike Bertrand**, President and CEO and **Bev Jones**, COO at Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, **Damyn Kelly**, President and CEO of Lutheran Social Services of New York, and **Paulo Pina**, Pediatric Medical Director, Family Health Centers at NYU Langone for a [candid conversation](#) about how they have addressed systemic racism, what steps they have taken in their organization, what has worked and not worked, and what tools and resources have supported them.

Then on October 29<sup>th</sup> (1-2 pm EDT), join **David Gehm**, President and CEO of Wellspring Lutheran, **Kevin McFeely**, President & CEO of Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community, and **Jack York**, President and co-founder of iN2L, as they share how they have used [technology](#) during the pandemic to strengthen communication with their teams, residents and clients. Engage with them about what they have learned during the pandemic—and what they plan to continue post-pandemic.

Both sessions are open to anyone in your organization.

*Fortune Magazine* called cooperation a “business super-power” among its list of change-makers. We know it as part of the DNA of Lutheran social ministry organizations, in the passion and dedication you bring to achieving your mission, and in your commitment to bring hope, healing and positive change in your community and the world.

In gratitude for all that you do,





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