COMING TOGETHER:
BUILDING THE PATH,
SHINING THE LIGHT

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
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Dear Valued Supporters, Members and Friends –

In 2015, the Lutheran Services in America community came together as a collective network to make a real difference in the lives of children, seniors, families, persons with disabilities and the many communities we serve.

Your partnership and support enable us to bring the pieces together – to make our collective voices stronger, to shine a bright light into the communities we help to strengthen, and to allow us to build the future of Lutheran social ministry, together.

Behind every piece shared here, there are millions of lives touched. The story of our network is comprised of the countless stories, challenges and triumphs of the people we walk alongside every day.

With our vibrant programs and advocacy we seek to share these stories and the light that guides us on our path. Thank you for being a part of our story and walking with us on our journey. Together we are shining the light. Together we are building the path.

Blessings,

Charlotte Haberaecker
President & CEO
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Betty Oldenkamp
President & CEO
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“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.” 1 John 1:5
COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our networks and Communities of Practice come together to build strategic and meaningful connections that foster resilience and act as a catalyst for service transformation. By gathering our diverse members along service lines and geography, we are able to do more together.

LSA’s Children, Youth & Families Community of Practice established a partnership with The Annie E. Casey Foundation to provide LSA members technical assistance to improve their evaluation of programs and develop measures of well-being for children and youth. Twelve members have been working and learning with each other for a year, and in Spring 2016, LSA will launch the second group of members to participate in the program.

“As a national network, we can have a stronger voice. … we can improve programs, talk to funders and advocate with state and national policy makers on the benefits of programs that truly make an impact.”

— Darrell Gordon, President & CEO, Wernle Youth & Family Treatment Center

LSA brought together the Senior Services Community of Practice to examine ways to improve care for seniors. Our collective is greater than the sum of its parts – by bringing in outside health care expertise and working together, members have charted a course to help seniors achieve more abundant lives. In October 2015, LSA launched the “Great Plains Senior Services Collaborative,” a three-year project to develop a model for serving seniors in rural communities.

Through the LSA Disability Network (LSA-DN), we walk alongside people with intellectual and developmental disabilities so they can live with more dignity, independence and abundance. We empower them to advocate on their own behalf, including the Self Advocacy Summit held in October 2015, when participants were able to thank legislators directly for passing the ABLE Act.
SHINING THE LIGHT

Your investment helps drive learning across 300 members and all 50 states.

Our **CEO Academy** and **Lutheran Leadership Summit** bring our social ministry leaders together to advance our missions and walk alongside those we serve. We tap into outside expertise and the deep well of knowledge within our network, tackle shared goals and strategic issues, and create the vital bonds that move our network forward.

“We are joined together by our Lutheran heritage of service and our passionate commitment to mission. I felt so blessed to be welcomed into such an accomplished group of leaders with open arms. Thank you for helping to make this possible. I am grateful to have found such a supportive network of colleagues.”

— Kristen Gay, President & CEO, Silver Springs-Martin Luther School

THE STRENGTH OF OUR NETWORK

300 members in our network

#23 on the Philanthropy 400 list of largest nonprofits

Touching the lives of 1 in 50 people in the U.S. each year

LEADING IN SENIOR CARE

Lutherans are the largest faith-based group serving seniors today, and about 20% of the senior residential living units among the top 100 nonprofit senior providers in the U.S. are members of the LSA network.
BUILDING THE PATH

We gratefully acknowledge our faithful supporters, whose generous contributions sustain the life-changing work of Lutheran social ministry and the Lutheran Services in America network. 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 United States, touching the lives of one in 50 people in the U.S. each year.

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