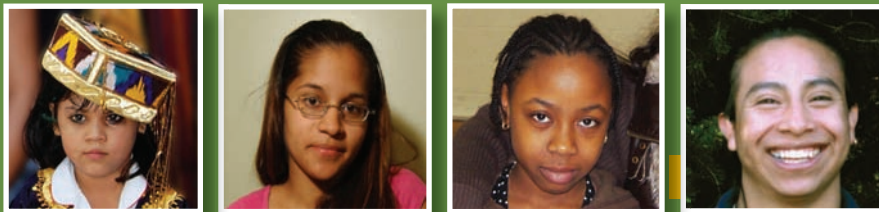


LSStoday



Akriti, Marion, Angela and Orlando: these are the faces of LSS featured on the new online giving catalog – these faces and many others. While the LSS website has offered online giving for a year, the new and enhanced catalog will offer many more choices. And it has a whole new look. Visit www.gifts.lssne.org

LSS launches enhanced online Gift Catalog in time for giving season

By Heather Feltman, President/CEO

Visitors to the site will find gift choices that meet specific needs of specific client groups: refugee children, like Akriti; single mothers and their children, like Marion and her brood of three; children in intensive foster care, like Angela; and refugee teens, like Orlando.

Whether you have a heart for low income elders or abused and neglected children or adults with disabilities, your online gift will make a positive difference in the life of an LSS client this season! *(continued on the back page)*



Lutheran Home of Southbury leads in Alzheimer's care

It's a place of open doors and broad hallways, where residents walk or wheel themselves freely, where nurses and aides encourage movement and socializing, and where family members accompany their loved ones on these small journeys of exploration.

In response to Christ's love, LSS serves and cares for people in need.



Mabel Harper (left) and Mary Stebar, residents of the Lutheran Home of Southbury, recently won third prize for their hot pepper jelly at the Bethlehem Fair. Mabel Harper is also the artist of the baby in the manger that appears in this issue of LSS Today and on the 2010 LSS Christmas Card.

Yet the overwhelming majority of the residents at the Lutheran Home of Southbury (LHS) have moderate to severe Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

The exceptional openness of the program at LHS is due to its uniquely enlightened and progressive philosophy of care.

In 2001, the Lutheran Home became the first nursing home in Connecticut to certify its entire staff in Alzheimer's and dementia care.

"The openness of our program is what sets the Lutheran Home apart in this field," states Todd Gaertner, administrator. "Residents who are mobile and active and who socialize fare better on every level than those who are kept confined and disconnected from the world."

In October, LHS offered a four-hour symposium called "Caring for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease: Integrating Best Practices in 2010 and Beyond." Dr. Daniel Wollman, the home's medical director, was the presenter. For more information, visit the LHS website at www.lhsouthbury.org.



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Antrim Guild members host reception for state local and candidates

Antrim Girls Shelter (AGS) Guild members Gail Tapply, Sherri Harden, Kathleen Robbins, Ann Gratton (LSS senior program manager) and Gayle Terranni stand before the new rock-climbing wall at the shelter during a reception for state and local political candidates in October. Established in 1988, AGS is the only all-girls shelter in the state. In April of 2010, the funding was cut for Antrim and two other N.H. shelters. In response, the Antrim Guild launched a massive information campaign and played a major role in convincing legislators to continue funding the shelter for one more year. (Inset: Randa Tenney, AGS program manager and Guild member speaks with N.H. State Representative Lynne Ferrari Blankenbeker). ♡



Sister Carol Weaver and special pal Gracie spread the word about LSS ministries in the northern states

Winter is the time for cold noses, but one cold nose that is making the rounds of Northern New England congregations and LSS programs has a special purpose: to help Sister Carol Weaver, LSS church relations associate, reach out to New England communities and churches with news of the LSS mission to serve and care for people in need.



The cold nose belongs to Gracie, a miniature toy poodle-Bichon Frise mix, who is fully trained as a service dog. Sister Carol is a member of the Deaconess Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and was previously on the staff of Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Warwick, Rhode Island. She was on the steering

committee that started the LSS Good News Garage program in Rhode Island. Sister Carol lives in Lewiston, Maine and travels to congregations and LSS programs in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. In this photo, Sister Carol introduced Gracie to Jim at his LSS group home in Westbrook, Maine. Sister Carol considers Gracie her full partner in ministry on behalf of LSS clients and programs! ♡



Sister Carol Weaver and Gracie visiting LSS programs and congregations in Maine.

\$10,000 Mifflin Grant advances Ruth House one step closer to goal



The George H. and Jane A. Mifflin Memorial Fund made a gift of \$10,000 toward the Ruth House capital renovation project in September. While the \$10,000 was not earmarked for any specific aspect of the project, Bill Ames, vice president for LSS program operations, stated, "This has tipped the cash balance over the top to get the roof done before winter."

The Ruth House, located in Brockton, Mass., is a residential program for parenting teenage mothers and their children who are homeless. To make a contribution to the Ruth House campaign, go to www.LSSNE.org. ♡

Lutheran Healthcare

Members of the Mission Investment Fund (MIF) staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) traveled to Worcester recently to check on the progress of their \$1.5 million loan to Lutheran Healthcare Center to accomplish some essential renovations and upgrades. The renovations include a literal face lift – a new outer "skin" for the Olander building, which houses the skilled nursing program.

Iraqis remember Christian victims of violence

Iraqi refugees joined hands against terrorism at a memorial service at Trinity Lutheran Church, Worcester to remember 58 fellow Iraqis who were killed in the Oct. 31 terrorist bombing of the Syrian Catholic cathedral in Baghdad. Christians, Mandeans, Kurds, Chaldeans, and Shiite and Sunni Muslims condemned the violence that divides their people and pledged to work together for peace. Wisam Brige, president of the Mandaean Community of Mass., and LSS organized the event. A similar LSS-sponsored event was held in West Springfield at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Church.



Pr. Susan Nachtigal (right), Trinity Lutheran Church, with the Mandaean refugee family that the congregation sponsors: Nariman Badr (left) and her daughters Yona and Rania.



Third Annual "Cars for a Cause" nets \$2,500 for Good News Garage

Hillcrest Terrace Retirement Community of Manchester, N.H., once again hosted Good News Garage New Hampshire's largest annual fund raiser. The family friendly event featured classic and show cars, live music, a delicious barbecue courtesy of the Hillcrest residents, baked goods and prizes — with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting Good New Garage. Vehicles on display ranged from American muscle cars to European roadsters. ♡

From left are Trudy Sutherland, GNG advisory board member; Bob Buckley, GNG N.H. program manager; Gail Bucher, GNG advisory board chair; Janet Bamberg, Hillcrest Terrace board of trustees chair; and Gary Zabierek, Hillcrest Terrace president/CEO.



Center gets a facelift

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From left: LSS CEO Heather Feltman; CFO Angela Wallingford; Amelia Dawkins, MIF director of loans; LHC administrator Steve Scheibel; Devin Burg, MIF loan administrator; and Don Hallberg, vice president for business development for MIF.

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You'll have the option of sending e-cards to your family and friends

Please do your shopping and your giving at www.gifts.lssne.org this year. The LSS gift catalog will even give you the option of sending an e-card to your family and friends, who will be thrilled by your meaningful gift of hope in their honor.

If you're like me, you've been doing more and more shopping online in the past few years. I'm sure that you

appreciate the ease and efficiency of this new utility we all enjoy.

It's especially satisfying when you know that your gift is helping someone in need. 

In Service Together!



Heather L. Feltman



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