

FOOD FOR SHARING Reception

On November 10th the Lutheran Foundation of New Jersey held its second annual Food for Sharing Event at the Breidenhart Castle on the campus of Lutheran Care at Moorestown. Over 100 guests sampled festive foods and

wines from Mexico, Italy and France while supporting those in New Jersey that live each

day wondering where they will sleep or how they will eat. The proceeds from the event benefit two of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey's programs Lutheran Feeding Friends and New Visions Homeless Day Shelter. ❖



Jerry Nugent and David Waddell congratulate John Mapes on his winning bid of the Ole! Basket



Mark Ross and Parente Beard team members

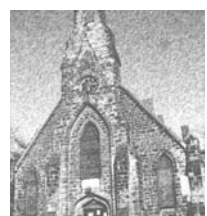


Guests placing their bids on auction items



Lutheran Feeding Friends – started in 2009 is a grant funding and training program that was developed to support and replenish the shelves of Lutheran Food Pantries in communities across the state of New Jersey. The pantries are generally run by Lutheran church congregations; however the food pantries supply food not only to Lutherans, but to hungry people of any background. Since 2009 Lutheran Feeding Friends has distributed emergency funds in the amount of \$63,500 in the form of grants to 32 organizations across the state.

New Visions Homeless Day Shelter – located in Camden, provides a daytime safe haven for men, women and children to receive a nutritious meal (breakfast and lunch), a hot shower, and access to job placement assistance and social services. Since January 2010 New Visions has ministered to over 34,000 patrons offering a wide variety of services including: laundry, mail, showers, medical assistance, food bags, breakfast, as well as access to job placement. ❖



New Visions HOMELESS DAY SHELTER receives \$5000 ECONOMIC BRIDGE GRANT

New Visions Homeless Day Shelter received a \$5000 "Lutheran Community Economic Bridge Grant" from the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Foundation. The funding was awarded to LSM/NJ based on mission, financial stability effectiveness in addressing basic needs such as food, clothing or shelter, use of volunteers and creativity. Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey was one of 76 Lutheran organizations and congregations nationwide selected to receive funding as part of the \$1.2 million pilot program. As a result of receiving the grant LSM/NJ is now eligible to participate in an additional \$10,000 challenge grant, in which funds raised by



Check presentation from Thrivent Financial, Monica Konopka and Kevin Moran

Foundation. This grant program is designed to help effective organizations maintain their financial stability in the face of increased demand on their resources." ❖

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LSM/NJ Services

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Adoption Program
Assisted Living Program
Community Partnering
Immigration & Refugee Services
Lutheran Disaster Response
Lutherans Feeding Friends
Lutheran Senior LIFE
New Visions Homeless Day Shelter
Speakers Bureau

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
Lutheran Home for Children
Piscataway Community Residence
Sayreville Community Residence

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT**
Lutheran Social Ministries of Camden

SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING
Luther Haven
Project Home
Stepping Stones Commons

AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOUSING
Cadwalader Apartments
Chestnut Monmouth Apartments
Elwood Driver Townhomes
Mott Centre Street Apartments
Peapack-Gladstone
Family Housing
West Hanover Street Apartments

AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING
Birchwood at Old Bridge Senior Apartments
Circle F Senior Apartments
Lutheran Senior Residence at Pennsauken
Mirota Senior Residence
Mt. Olive Manor I & II
Roosevelt Solar Village*
South Plainfield Senior Residence
Zurbrugg Mansion*

SENIOR HEALTHCARE
Lutheran Care at Moorestown
CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
Crane's Mill

*Professionally managed by Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey

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Through the power of the Holy Spirit, and in response to God's love as revealed in the Gospel, the mission of Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey is to serve those in New Jersey who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices.



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Lutheran Senior LIFE Launches All-inclusive Care for the Elderly

Lutheran Senior LIFE at Jersey City, a program of LSM/NJ, has opened its federally recognized Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, known as PACE. This widely accepted program throughout the United States enhances the quality of life for seniors by managing all of their healthcare needs enabling them to continue to live safely in their community. The 14,000 square foot facility, located at 377 Jersey Avenue in Suite 310, adjacent to Jersey City Medical Center, provides participants with central access to a team of physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, and support staff to help keep them healthy, active, and as independent as possible living in their own home environment.



Peg Buccì, Mayor Jeremiah Healy, Jerry Nugent and members of the LSM/NJ team get ready for the ribbon cutting ceremony

"Participants in the program receive home health care services and adult day services based on their individualized care plan determined by the interdisciplinary team," explains Peg Buccì, Vice President of Housing and Community Services at LSM/NJ. "The Lutheran Senior LIFE program has all of the components needed to keep seniors in their own home, while properly addressing their healthcare needs. It also provides peace of mind to families who need help caring for their elderly relative."

Transportation to the Lutheran Senior LIFE Center is provided as well, assuring participants quick and easy access to comprehensive on-site health care services, a nutritious hot breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a variety of social activities. To enroll in the Lutheran Senior LIFE program, seniors must be 55 years or older, and able to live safely at home at the time of enrollment, living in Bayonne, Hoboken, Jersey City, North Bergen, Union City, Weehawken, Guttenberg, or Secaucus. Additionally, an individual must be certified to need New Jersey nursing home level of care and want to stay at home.

For more information about Lutheran Senior LIFE visit us at www.lutheranseniorlifenj.org or find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/LutheranSeniorLIFE. ❖



William Friend - President of Friend Insurance speaks with guests at the open house

The Lutheran Senior LIFE Center offers primary and specialty medical care, access to medications, supplies, and medical equipment, after-hours care by a physician, adult day services, in-home support services, transportation to and from the facility, therapy, dietary counseling, support services, and much more. The Lutheran Senior LIFE team of healthcare providers offers an interdisciplinary team approach to managing the medical, social, and personal needs of seniors enrolled in the program.



Peg Buccì speaks with Wayman Gibson member of the PACE team



Camden Community's facelift is **COMPLETE**

It was a feeling of great satisfaction as the cake was cut to celebrate the completion of the redevelopment and transformation of 89 North Camden home sites into an affordable housing community, known as Lutheran Social Ministries of Camden. In just under two years, a complete facelift took place. Not only to the exteriors of the homes, but also in the minds of the residents of Camden.

Working alongside state and local government entities, as well as homeowners and renters, LSM/NJ has re-shaped the future of this Camden community. LSM/NJ will continue to manage the properties and help the residents by providing educational presentations on banking and employment, as well as case management and support counseling on family issues; and career planning, such as resume building and employment searches. ❖



SUBARU fuels GOOD NUTRITION with its **SHARE THE LOVE Garden**



Subaru employees display freshly picked produce from the Subaru "Share the Love Garden"

Over the years, New Visions has been fortunate to receive food donations from several food retailers, supermarkets and corporations who continually extend their generosity graciously donating on a regular basis, ensuring that our patrons have a variety of choices and a full plate. Recently Kevin Moran, Director of New Visions, decided it was time to work towards creating a more well-balanced meal offering – hoping to include more fruits and vegetables and healthier choices. "If we can present at least one meal each day with healthy alternatives, I believe we can improve the overall health of many of our clients," explains Moran. Kevin has been working with the Food Bank of South Jersey to provide nutritious casserole recipes to offer to the many volunteer groups and organizations that provide the shelter with casseroles on a weekly/monthly basis. One local organization has already jumped on board. Subaru of America, had already been providing New Visions with weekly fresh produce which the company grows right on its own property in its employee-run organic garden. They were delighted to hear of Kevin's initiative as it was already in line with a program they began last year, called the Subaru Share the Love Garden. In early 2009, Subaru created a 700 square-foot community-style garden in the middle of their property in Cherry Hill. Sandy Capell, Community Services Manager at Subaru of America and creator of the Subaru

Share the Love Garden program, was looking for a way to engage more Subaru employees in its environmental initiatives, as well as help Subaru support its community. Sandy explains, "our executive team and employees embraced the idea, with hopes of growing vegetables to donate to local food banks to help feed the hungry." Subaru turned to Mario Partee at the Food Bank of South Jersey to find out which local programs would benefit from receiving the produce it harvested.

New Visions was one of the programs identified and shortly thereafter, Subaru began delivering fresh produce to feed its patrons. Sandy further explained that this year New Visions is the sole recipient of Subaru's produce. "As the produce is harvested, we are delivering it directly to New Visions. Over the summer months, we were able to donate produce, including squash, zucchini, cucumbers, onions, lettuce greens and more," boasts Sandy with great enthusiasm in her voice.

"This is a unique program, and I'm thrilled that the garden continues to exceed our expectations," explains Sandy
"The corporate culture at Subaru is as unique as the garden, and this program fits very well with our drive, passion, and commitment to our community."



Subaru employees harvesting produce from the Subaru "Share the Love Garden"

In addition to the Subaru Share the Love Garden, Subaru of America has also provided numerous volunteer hours at New Visions through its Subaru Legacy Days, a program that places Subaru employees into volunteer roles during a two-three week timeframe. The program is kicked off every year on Martin Luther King Day. More than a dozen employee volunteers spend time at New Visions serving the patrons lunch, organizing the clothing room and just sitting and talking with our clients. As the result of their first-hand experience of New Visions and its clients, the employees at Subaru nominated New Visions to receive a \$5,000 Subaru Celebration Grant, in recognition of Subaru's record sales year in 2009. As the team at Subaru of America has shown us, there are creative ways to lend support to New Visions. If you would like to find out more about ways to support New Visions Homeless Day Shelter, call us at 856.963.0857. ❖



Becoming Family

Our central office is where we house a number of LSM/NJ's functions, such as management staff, accounting, and several of our ministry programs. I asked someone in the office how they describe the place. The response was, "We eat well." This is not implying that staff are overweight, but rather that we seem to find lots of occasions to share food or a meal. People bring food in and potlucks have become an honored ritual. Eating together is one of the signs of family, and in that sense, there is a quite a bit of family going on at LSM/NJ.

At the "Food for Sharing" event a few weeks ago, we had another sign of family. This event, held at Lutheran Care's Breidenhart Castle, was a special evening where people came, ate food, and shared together in the broader ministry of LSM/NJ. Many of the people there were ones who faithfully support our events, but a large number were new to the event. However, by the time the evening was over, there was a sense in which everyone felt a part of the LSM/NJ family.

Every couple months, we bring all of our program managers and leaders together for what we call "Management Council."

The point of the council meeting isn't simply to eat, although, again, we do that well. The meeting is a time of learning about each other's programs, developing strategy for LSM/NJ, and just being family.

LSM/NJ is much more than just a set of programs like housing, skilled care and PACE. We are, in many ways, a family united around a common mission statement. And we eat well.

Sincerely,

Jerry Nugent
President/CEO



LSM/NJ Welcomes **BETH GEBHART**

Director of Community Partnering & Advocacy

We are pleased to announce that Beth Gebhart has joined the Christian Education team. She has been an active member of several Lutheran Churches in New Jersey serving on Social Ministry, Christian Education and Youth committees. "My experience and passion for social ministry has led me to serve on the Aging and Disabilities Committee of Camden County, task force group for Linkages of Camden and several PTA board positions."

When asked about her vision for Social Ministry Beth responded with a vacation bible school song from several years ago; "First, God loved us first, we love because God loved us first". "I truly believe we serve food to the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless, speak for those who cannot speak for themselves, nurse the sick, provide compassion to the hurting and safe haven to those who are in danger because that is the example set before us. Great needs exist in our communities, but with great need comes great passion. Lutheran Social Ministries has its finger on the pulse of that passion". Beth went on to say, "I am excited to be a part of the team and passion and look forward to working with the many Lutheran congregations as we grow in our understanding and further development of social ministry". Beth can be reached at 609-699-4133 or bgebhart@lsmnj.org. ❖

"The verse Micah 6:8 is on the wall of my office to remind me in which direction to head. I look forward to the work we have set before us." He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

Beth is a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Cherry Hill where she teaches confirmation and serves on



ROOSEVELT SOLAR VILLAGE

located in Roosevelt, NJ received a Community Development Block Grant from Monmouth County. The \$122,000 funded the creation of additional parking as well as improvements to the property walkways and apartment entrances to improve ADA accessibility. The Village is home to 21 elderly and disabled individuals in 20 apartments.



CHESTNUT MONMOUTH is made up of 13 affordable rental apartments for families in Trenton, NJ. The one, two and three bedroom apartment homes are available in four renovated houses, three along Monmouth Street and one on Chestnut Street.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM



This year, LSM/NJ received 539 assembled backpacks from congregations, community groups, and individual donors which were distributed to children in our programs throughout the state. Many of our families cannot afford the added expense of school supplies. Through this initiative, we are able to alleviate this worry and distribute back packs filled with important necessities to our children at Lutheran Home for Children, Project Home, Lutheran Social Ministries of Camden, New Visions Homeless Day Shelter and Trenton Affordable Housing. ❖

HOLIDAY FOOD & TURKEY DRIVE



Kevin Moran, Executive Director accepts turkeys & all the trimmings from representatives from Moorestown Friends school

Hundreds of New Jerseyans are homeless or are unable to provide for their families. At Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, we feel it is our job to see that these individuals have a place to come to for a hot meal and/or a bag full of groceries – especially during the holiday. LSM/NJ is proud to provide various programs in New Jersey that help those who hurt, who are in need, or who have limited choices. One of the programs especially important during the holiday season: New Visions Homeless Day Shelter in Camden. This program helps feed families and individuals that are financially burdened and/or homeless. During the 2010 holiday season, we will provide frozen turkeys and the "trimmings" to over 800 families living in Camden and located in low income housing or patrons at our shelter. ❖