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Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey Breaks Ground on New Corporate Office Site

BURLINGTON, NJ- Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ) officially broke ground on the new home of their corporate administrative office, located on an eight-acre campus on Elbow Lane.

LSM/NJ has been reaching out to those in need across New Jersey since 1904. The new corporate office building will provide the opportunity to expand the mission of serving those in New Jersey "who hurt, who are in need, or have limited choices."

Jerry Nugent, President and CEO explained, "By building our corporate office building on our own property, we will be better positioned to accommodate the projected growth of LSM/NJ. As New Jersey continues to face challenges of a volatile economy and growing senior population, LSM/NJ is strategically preparing to be able to respond to the changing needs of state residents. By expanding our programmatic space, I am confident we will be able to expand our services to better fulfill our mission."

The new corporate building, just minutes down the road from the current location on Terri Lane, will be two stories and just over 15,600 square feet. Designed by Kitchen and Associates Architects with Stout & Caldwell Engineers, LLC, the building itself will take up only a small portion of LSM/NJ's lot approximately two and a half acres, leaving the majority of the property as protected woodlands.

Describing the site selection, Jason Konek, LSM/NJ Executive Director of Project Development and Plant Operations said, "A huge reason we choose this location is because we enjoy a great working relationship with Burlington County, and, as we continue to grow, we felt confident doing so in Burlington. The centralized location of Burlington within New Jersey also made the decision of remaining nearby an easy one. Our properties extend across the state so it was important to keep our headquarters easily accessible for staff and residents throughout New Jersey."

Burlington Township, long time owner of this property, has coordinated closely with LSM/NJ in this building endeavor. Burlington Township Mayor, Brian Carlin and Burlington County Freeholder Joe Donnelly participated in the recent groundbreaking. Support provided by Thrivent Financial and the Burlington County Department of Economic Development and Regional Planning is key to the success of this project and the ensuing expansion of LSM/NJ programs and services.

Witherspoon Construction officially began the project in late August, with the clearing of trees across the two and a half acre site. Construction of the building will begin shortly and is expected to be a nine-month process. The corporate office will serve the current 38 corporate employees as well as provide additional space to accommodate future needs. Employees of the corporate office are expected to move into their new headquarters June of 2012.

For any questions, please contact Heather Kato at hkato@lsmnj.org or (609) 699-4139.

Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey (LSM/NJ) is a faith-based, statewide not-for-profit provider of compassionate, quality senior care services, as well as community programs such as adoption, immigration & refugee services, community residences for developmentally disabled women & affordable housing for seniors and families.

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