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January E-News from LSSN

LSSN's annual Holiday Adopt-A-Family Christmas Program was once again a resounding success. Dozens of local families and seniors shared in full Christmas Dinners and thousands of dollars worth of gift cards, while dozens of children received presents that were generously donated by area congregations and community individuals. Thanks to everyone who participated in providing a joyous Christmas for those who would otherwise have had none!



From the imagination and generosity of some of our most involved volunteers, LSSN is looking for local congregations to serve as Homes for our Home. These beautiful creations are meant to be central points for collecting and storing food for our pantry, reflect the dignity that LSSN fosters in its clients, and provide a reminder of LSSN's presence in the community. They come either pre-painted or offer an excellent opportunity for parish youth to express their own sense of creativity. Look for them in local congregations soon!

Our fight against homelessness will soon reach the next level as we lead a consortium of 35 other local agencies through the start of the Housing Stability Services and Eligibility Screening Program. This program, funded through federal stimulus dollars and supported by Clark County, will provide much needed direct financial aid to the needy in our community that have been ravaged by the current economic downturn. Keep an eye on our website for more developments as we kick off this wonderful development.



While February 7th is often a time for football fans to celebrate, area congregations and schools are taking the opportunity to join LSSN in celebrating Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. The Souper Bowl is a national drive to equip and mobilize congregations, schools, and businesses to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. LSSN's food pantry has been a recipient of local Souper Bowl donations for many years, and this year is no exception for such congregations as The Lakes Lutheran Church, New Song Lutheran Church, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Lamb of God Lutheran Church, and the Mountain View Lutheran School. If you are available to join with one of our many partners for this event, we thank you for remembering the needy during the Big Game. Congregations are also encouraged to report their participation so that we can list and thank them properly!



LSSN is also proud to team up with Vons to help children and families in need. As the recipient of their 2009 Season of Giving campaign for all fifteen of their Clark County stores, Vons has generously donated over \$6,300 to support LSSN's ministries. We offer our heartfelt thanks for all their assistance during 2009 and look forward to our partnership continuing in 2010!



The LSSN "Helping the Homeless" Raffle is now entering its home stretch. Prizes include a 42" plasma HDTV (courtesy of Technology West), a "Night on the Town" at the MGM Grand (courtesy of Beasley Broadcasting of Las Vegas), and a \$500 Red and White Wine Package. Tickets are \$20, and the drawing will be held on February 7th at The Lakes Lutheran Church as a part of their Souper Bowl Sunday celebration.

This week is your very last chance to win while contributing toward LSSN's many ministries. Volunteers still have tickets in many area congregations. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, go to www.lssnv.org or contact thomas@lssnv.org for more information.

Sharing the love of St. Valentine, our congregational monthly food donation theme for February is "Gifts from the Heart." Suggested food items for the month are boxed foods, such as mashed potatoes, rice, stuffing, macaroni & cheese, Jell-O & pudding mixes, cereals, instant soups, and Hamburger or Tuna Helper.

Looking forward to St. Patrick's Day, our theme for March will be "The I(s) of March", focusing on Italian and Irish dishes. Suggested food items will include potatoes (fresh, boxed, or canned), corned beef, canned hash, mixed veggies, canned carrots, and any non-perishable Italian food items (such as pasta, sauce, Italian green beans, and cannellini beans).

Updated information on all the above, along with volunteer needs, the opportunity to make secure online donations, and much more, can be found at www.lssnv.org .

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