



The Voice

Celebrate the Season of Sharing with #GivingTuesday!

Mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday on December 1, 2020! Last May, we had a special Spring #GivingTuesdayNow campaign to raise funds to help us support youth and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the support of many donors, we raised \$13,700 with this initiative. This couldn't have been done without all of your amazing help and assistance.

The traditional Fall #GivingTuesday event will be held virtually and will take place from 12 a.m. December 1st until 11:59 p.m. December 1st, giving everyone the opportunity to participate at their convenience. Please stay tuned to our social media, our website, and your email in-box for more information on how you can help the most vulnerable in our community.

We will utilize the funds raised from this year's Fall #GivingTuesday to generate supportive services funding for our Pando project, which provides services to youth ages of 18-24 in Marion County who are experiencing homelessness. LCFS' Pando project has a special focus on serving youth who are "aging out" of the foster care system. Did you know that currently over 180 people under the age of 25 face homelessness just in the city of Indianapolis? In addition to monetary donations, you can help fight youth homelessness by donating household goods and supplies for the youth in the Pando program. For more information, please contact us at develop@lutheranfamily.org. This important project cannot be done without your help and we again thank you for all the contributions we received in the Spring of 2020, making our last #GivingTuesday so successful.



Stay tuned for LCFS programming updates in the coming months!

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*Engaging and
Empowering Families
and Community with
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Sven Schumacher Celebrates 25th Anniversary at LCFS



On August 21st, 2020, Sven Schumacher celebrated his 25th anniversary at Lutheran Child and Family Services. Sven is an active member of the Indianapolis community and serves on local boards. In addition, he is the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany. The year 1995 was an exciting time for LCFS. A transformative building campaign was underway creating a new chapter in LCFS' long history.

In August of that same year, Sven Schumacher began working as the Lutherwood Director and soon after opened the newly constructed secure facilities with a goal to provide more intensive residential services for young people. This was one of the first "Secure" facilities in Indiana, and this now meant that youth that required these services could remain closer to their home and family.

Recently, Sven was asked about service milestone and differences in the service environment over the years. According to Sven, "One thing that has not changed in 25 years is our commitment to help abused and neglected children, to support families, to meet the spiritual needs of those served, and to provide for the community".

Over the next 25 years LCFS continued adding additional programs and buildings in response to community needs. LCFS developed into what it is today: a state-of-the-art campus hosting the Lutherwood residential program, Emergency Shelter Care, and Trinity House Group Home. Additionally, LCFS forged new collaborative agreements with organizations such as Community Health Network, United Way of Central Indiana, Indianapolis Public Schools, the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township, Goodwill of Central and Southern Indiana, the Community Alliance of the Far Eastside, Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Paramount Schools of Excellence, and many others. Here's to Sven and the future of LCFS!



Join the Club!

Lutherwood Society (LWS) is a giving club for faithful donors who have committed to serve as a consistent, stabilizing force for the services and programs of LCFS through ongoing philanthropic support. The purpose of this club is to ensure our ability to respond to the growing needs of our community with adequate services and facilities, providing a fiscally sound future for the organization with unrestricted resources.

For more information or to request a pledge form, please contact us at (317) 359-5467 or email events@lutheranfamily.org

Annual Hike is Re-Imagined for 2020

As you may know, every year our very own Sven Schumacher hits the trails of Europe with his wife to help raise money for our Sharing Place food pantry. This year, due to the current pandemic, they are re-imagining the experience and visiting southern Indiana.



This hike will take place throughout September and October on the 42-mile Tecumseh's Trail within the Morgan-Monroe State Forest about 45 minutes south of Indianapolis. The hike brings a beautiful trail, spiritual opportunities for prayer, and an opportunity for close friends to come together for something



great. Every year Sven aims to raise around \$20,000 dollars to support the Sharing Place. These donations are more important than ever this year. As the winter season quickly approaches and the Sharing Place is still recovering from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sven aims to help fill the shelves and assist in providing food for our community. This year is especially important because it is dedicated to philanthropist and local business woman, Christel DeHaan, who offered continued support for our organization and this annual hike for many, many years. Ms. DeHaan unfortunately passed away in June 2020, but her impact will continue to live on through her legacy of charity, caring, and community support.

If you're interested in learning more about this event, please e-mail us at develop@lutheranfamily.org.



Our Pando Project has Begun!

Bring hope to youth experiencing homelessness! Our Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando) Permanent Supportive Housing project has officially commenced. The Foundation for LCFS was awarded over \$8.4M in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) financing and a grant for \$800,000 to build this new facility which will serve youth ages 18-24 who have experienced homelessness. On September 17, 2020, we officially signed the financing documents to initiate this exciting new program! Site work should begin soon, with a targeted construction completion date of Spring 2021.



Our Pando program has a special focus to serve youth who have "aged out" of the foster care system and will operate with the "Housing First" approach, providing an array of voluntary, "consumer choice" supportive services to help young adults reach their education, employment, health, and community integration goals. The Pando apartments will have 30 1-bedroom units, community space, a food pantry, and offices onsite for supportive service providers. LCFS hopes to provide a variety of services through Pando including helping clients gain access to health insurance and supplemental food programs, nutrition and cooking classes, legal aid, budgeting and financial management, case management and mental health services, employment/career planning, and access and connections to educational enhancement opportunities. The youth are referred to the program through the Indianapolis Coordinated Entry system, and preference is given to those who have been involved in the child welfare/foster care system.



We are still actively seeking donations for the supportive services component of this exciting new program. Don't forget to join us December 1st for #GivingTuesday as we raise funds for the Pando supportive services. However, if you're ready to give now, just add "Pando Services" in the comments of your online gift through our website: <https://www.lutheranfamily.org/how-to-help/donate.html> and we will ensure your gift is used to support the youth receiving this important assistance.

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LCFS Thanks All our Grantors!

We would like take time to highlight a few of the grants that have blessed our organization YTD in 2020.

- **Efroymson Foundation - \$55,000 grant to purchase essential technological equipment needed to educate our youth, the desks and chairs needed to provide our students and teachers with a comfortable learning environment, and new projectors and white boards that will further enhance their academic experience.**
- **Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation - provided \$130,000 in continued donations over the last 10 years to bring the opportunity of music participation and individual music instruction to our youth.**
- **United Way of Central Indiana – through the first week of September, 2020, provided over \$659,000 to LCFS that will go towards various LCFS needs. We were also awarded a \$550,000 grant from the Family Opportunity Fund for 2020/2021 to expand our INSPIRE program which provides “2-Generation” services to youth and families**

