



The Voice

Giving Tuesday 2022 Results

On November 29th we hosted the annual virtual fundraising event, Giving Tuesday. Throughout the day, we shared posts informing you about The Sharing Place and updating you on our progress.

Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. Our goal for this year was to fight hunger in our community. For 2022, our fundraising focus was support for The Sharing Place Food Pantry located at 6501 Sunnyside Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46236. If you aren't aware, The Sharing Place allows families in zip codes 46055, 46216, 46218, 46219, 46220, 46226, 46235, 46236, 46249, 46250, and 46256 to come twice a month and receive the groceries they need.

With your help we were able to raise \$16,343! Thank you so much to everyone who donated and helped on Giving Tuesday!



Stay tuned for more fundraising events for LCFS programs!

Oberer's Fall Floral Arranging

Submitted by Miranda DeHaai, Development Intern

We were so excited to organize the second Lutheran Child and Family Services Floral Arranging Event with the help of Oberer's Flowers. Right in time for Thanksgiving, donors and previous attendees were invited to take a break in their busy days and "stop and design the roses." Unique to every season, this arrangement had Red Roses, Hydrangeas, Mums, Daises, and a White Statice. The professionals led us in a choosing, cutting, and placement demonstration and made themselves available for any questions.

A non-floral expert could even succeed in a design, and one did: me. As a development intern for the team of the event, one may assume that I know a lot about flowers and have participated in Floral Arranging before. One would be wrong. And yet, even though I made countless mistakes, my arrangement looked great (don't you agree??), and I was filled with a sense of accomplishment and community with the other attendees. I guess it's true that you don't have to have a green thumb for nature to fill you with joy.



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*Engaging and
Empowering Families
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Love, Compassion,
Faith and Support*




The Pando Pantry Needs Help!

The pantry currently needs the following:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Dish Soap
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cleaning Supplies
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Soup & Chili

To arrange a donation, please contact us at:

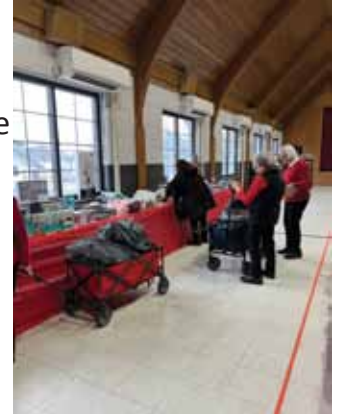
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Christmas Store Success!

This past December, we hosted our annual Christmas Store event, giving families in our community a wonderful Christmas. This year's Christmas Store was hosted at Cornerstone Lutheran Church, located at 2837 E. New York St. Indianapolis, IN 46201. Thank you so much for allowing us to use your space!

As you may know, this event cannot be done without volunteers. The work these volunteers do include setting up for the day, stocking toys/items throughout the day, walking with the clients through the store, and assisting in cleaning up at the end of the day. We also want to give an extra big thank you to Schneider Trucking for once again providing us with a truck to haul all the presents for the families.



Did you miss out on volunteering at this year's Christmas Store? Make sure to follow us on social media so you can stay up to date on all things LCFS!



Volunteer with Us!



Are you interested in getting involved with LCFS? Are you someone who used to volunteer and are thinking about getting back into it? We're here to help!

Volunteering with us can mean a variety of things including: shopping with clients at The Sharing Place, helping unload deliveries that come into the pantry, organizing the pantry, stocking the pantry, helping out at Lutherwood, and more! The impact you make volunteering makes a massive difference for families in need in our community.

if you would like to volunteer with us, please visit <https://lutheranfamily.galaxydigital.com/> to see all available shifts. If you have questions about volunteering, don't be afraid to reach out! You can reach our Volunteer and Events Coordinator, Adrienne, at communityengagement@lutheranfamily.org.



Meet the New Staff!

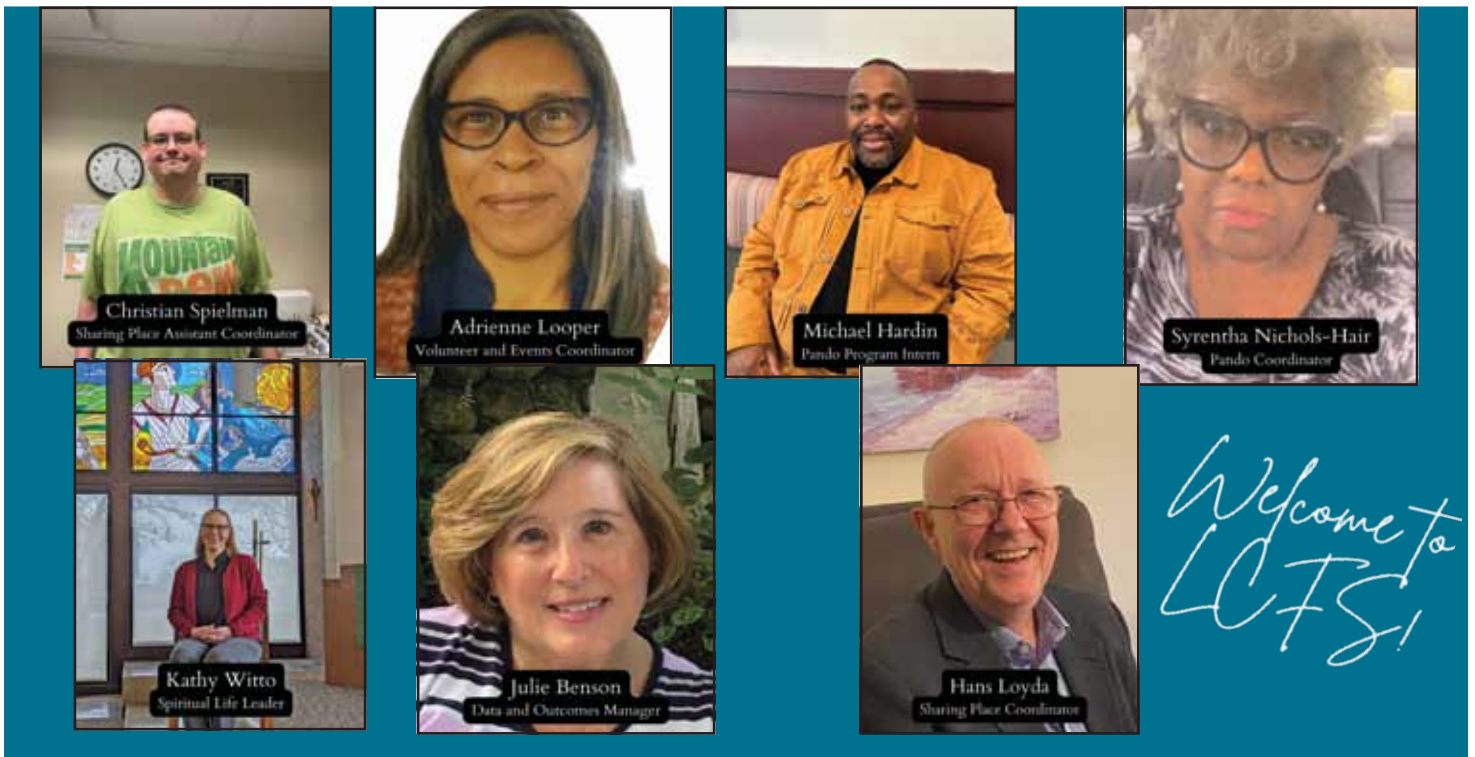
Lutheran Child and Family Services has several new staff to introduce during this edition of The Voice! We have been blessed to welcome staff into various roles including Volunteer and Events Coordinator, two new Sharing Place team members, Pando Coordinator, Pando Peer Support Intern, Data and Outcomes Manager, and Spiritual Life Leader.

First, we'd like to introduce you to our Volunteer and Events Coordinator, Adrienne Looper. Adrienne joined us in October and has been working hard ever since. You might see her around at The Sharing Place or at any upcoming event. Next, we have our Data and Outcomes Manager, Julie Benson. She joined us in October as well and works diligently at ensuring all of our data is reported accurately and monitors the achievement of our performance metrics for many grants. Thank you, Julie, for your hard work!

Third, we have Christian Spielman, our new Sharing Place Assistant Coordinator. Initially hired as a Warehouse Associate in December, Christian was recently promoted and has been hard at work ensuring the pantry is well organized and maintained. You'll find him around the pantry most days. In addition to Christian, we would like to welcome Hans Loyda as our Sharing Place Coordinator. A long-time volunteer, Hans is a great addition to our program team! His knowledge and experience will help us optimize our impact at the Sharing Place.

At Pando, we have added Syrentha Nichols-Hair as the Coordinator and Michael Hardin as the Peer Support Intern. They are working hard to help Pando tenants access community resources and achieve their goals. Finally, we have our Spiritual Life Leader, Kathy Witto. Kathy joined LCFS in October. Since her start she has been responsible for the spiritual care of both the residents and the staff at LCFS.

Welcome to LCFS and thank you so much for the work you're already doing!



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LCFS Celebrates 140 Years

Did you know that February 4, 2023, marked LCFS' 140th Birthday? To commemorate this achievement, we are planning a family-friendly community event in September 2023 to honor our past and share our ongoing commitment to serve our community now and in the future. Please mark your calendars to Save the Date and join us on Saturday, September 23, 2023 to celebrate this milestone with your friends at LCFS!

