



# The Voice

## The 2022 Christmas Store Needs YOUR Help!

Lutheran Child and Family Services is again coordinating a Christmas Store program for families in our community; this helps provide families who need a helping hand during the holidays with presents and winter gear for their children, wrapping paper, and more.

This year's Christmas Store will be December 5th- December 8th at Cornerstone Lutheran Church (2837 E. New York St. Indianapolis, IN 46201). In order to help our neighbors who are struggling find holiday cheer, we need volunteer assistance.

Volunteer roles include setting up and tearing down the store, checking in families, and walking families through the store using a point-system similar to that of The Sharing Place.



We currently have the following open volunteer shifts:

Dec. 4th : 1pm – 6pm (Set-up)

Dec. 5th : 10am – 1:30pm & 1pm – 4pm

Dec. 6th : 9am – 12pm & 11:30am – 3pm

Dec. 7th : 12pm – 3:30pm; 3pm – 5:30pm & 5pm – 8pm

Dec. 8th : 12pm – 3:30pm & 3pm – 6pm

Dec. 9th : 10am – 1pm (Tear-down)

Any help is much appreciated!

If you're interested in donating to the Christmas Store, we've provided a wish list and link for donating monetarily inside this edition of The Voice. Have questions about the Christmas Store? Contact us at: [xmas\\_store@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:xmas_store@lutheranfamily.org).



# Another Successful Walk!

For the last several years, Sven has been raising money for The Sharing Place by seeking sponsors for his walk. This year's trip occurred at the beginning of October, and it was a great success! Sven was able to hike in Europe, traveling from Oberstaufen, Germany, through Bregenz, Austria, and finishing near Einsiedeln Monastery in Switzerland. The walk was also used to honor Othmar Gruening, a longtime supporter of LCFS who passed away in July of 2021. Gruening was an avid lover of travel and was named Hoosier German-American of the year.



This fall, Sven will have some of his nature-related artwork featured at Eagle Creek State Park. All pieces incorporate items found through his walks. The artwork will be featured from Dec 3, 2022 - Dec 18, 2022 inside the Eagle Creek Earth Discovery Center. Admission is free with your park admission.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped support Sven on this year's walk; we can't wait for next year!



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

# Help the LCFS Christmas Store

## **Gift Cards**

- Grocery Store Gift Cards  
(\$15, \$30, \$45, \$60 \$75, \$90)
- Restaurant Gift cards  
(\$10, \$15)
- Target/ Walmart Gift cards  
(any amount)
- Gamestop Gift cards  
(\$15)
- Bath&Bodyworks Gift cards  
(\$15)
- Movie Theater Gift Cards  
(\$15)



## **Teens (12-18 years)**

- Bath-bombs
- Lip gloss
- Facemask
- Diffuser
- Yoga mats
- Bluetooth Speakers
- Anime themed items
- Water bottles
- Headphones

## **Kids ( 0-11 years)**

- Baby Equipment & Gear
- Toys for children (3-11 years)
- Sports balls
- LEGO sets
- \*NO Clothing\**

## **Household Goods (\$25-\$30)**

- Small Appliances
- Cookware
- Lamps
- Towels
- Toolboxes
- Kitchen Equipment

## **General**

- Hats and Gloves
- Board games for families (ages 8+)
- Books (teen & young adult)



**To arrange a donation, please contact  
us at:**

[xmas\\_store@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:xmas_store@lutheranfamily.org)

**To donate monetarily, please visit:**





# Don't Miss out on Giving Tuesday!

Lutheran Child and Family Services will again be participating in Giving Tuesday this year. We would like to encourage all our friends and supporters to participate.

Money donated to LCFS on November 29th, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, will be funneled directly into the LCFS Sharing Place Food Pantry. We recently made the decision to focus #GivingTuesday funds into one program in order to make a bigger impact on key needs in our community. For many of our clients, securing food is a top priority. The Sharing Place offers healthy options in a warm, compassionate environment in order to satiate as much hunger as we can. We also offer opportunities for clients to access other resources, such as participating in our INSPIRE program. Through INSPIRE, LCFS helps clients identify and achieve their individual and family goals in education, employment, health and wellness, and social capital.

The Sharing Place is 100% funded through philanthropic support. Without our donors and volunteers, our services would not be possible. Thanksgiving is the perfect time to share our blessings and demonstrate our love to others. Everyone can make a difference through supporting the Sharing Place, whether it be through donating food, providing financial support for our operational costs, or volunteering.



In order to show our commitment to giving, LCFS Instagram will also be participating in a November Acts of Service Calendar, and followers are encouraged to do the same and tag us @lcfsfoundation. For more information about giving Tuesday, please contact us at [events@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:events@lutheranfamily.org).

## Congratulations, Angel!

A big congratulations to Angel Wallace for her promotion to Senior Programs Manager! Angel has put her heart into the programs team even before there were other employees on the team. She also has a role in many projects, including PANDO, INSPIRE, The Christmas Store, TEDD, and, more recently, leading The Sharing Place.

As Angel explained it in an intern interview, her new position means a chance to “Stretch some new muscles... transition from front line to now having a bird’s eye view.” She will be working more on analyzing the success of programs, implementing new ideas, making sure services are complying with “best practices”, and helping to develop policies and procedures, which she admitted is one of the things she is most excited for as a Type A person.



This newly created position means new opportunities for growth for LCFS, more ideas, and increased capacity to better serve our community. If you know Angel, you can recognize her by her cheerful demeanor, one that will be beneficial to a managerial position. Angel strives to bring her best self to work, and only wishes the outside community could know just how passionate and loving the LCFS team is.

As a last note, Angel shared that she is “...really excited and up for the challenge... feeling humbled for receiving this big position” and she “can’t wait to see all the great things our programs will do in the coming years.”

# Fight Against Hunger Volunteer Luncheon 2022

This September we celebrated the contributions of our volunteers by hosting our annual volunteer luncheon!

On September 23rd at Lawrence Community Park we were able to bring together a group of volunteers and provide them with a luncheon, a guest speaker, and live music.

This event wouldn't have been possible without our sponsors. Thank you to our **Event Sponsors** ME & JI Hanson Family Foundation, PNC, and TWG; **Meal Sponsor** Angela & Ryan Reid; **Beverage Sponsors** Cross & Crown Lutheran Church and Lilly Endowment; **Table Sponsors** Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Ann Diefenthaler & Rev. Steve Albertin, Anthem, Bose, McKinney, and Evans, Pastor Jim & Kris Stuck, and MJ Insurance; and **Individual Sponsors** Fredricks Contractors, Tom & Jo Dee Grau, and John & Linda Tape. With the help of all these generous donors we were able to raise over \$10,000 for The Sharing Place!



Volunteers are a vital part of our organization, and we hope you all enjoyed the event! If you missed it this year – please plan to join us next year!

Special Thanks to Shawn Denney and the City of Lawrence/Lawrence Parks Department for providing us the venue at no charge.

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

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