



The Voice

#GivingTuesday Success!

This year's #GivingTuesday was a great success! With everyone's help, we were able to exceed our goal of \$20,000 and raise \$29,525! Special thanks to our LCFS and Foundation Board members for donating to our matching fund, which totaled \$11,500.

This year we raised money to support our new Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando) Permanent Supportive Housing Program that opened last summer. Pando provides both housing and an array of voluntary supportive services to young adults who have experienced homelessness. With a special focus on those aging out of the child welfare/foster care system, the program opened in June 2021 and currently houses 29 tenants ages 18-24, as well as two significant others and 3 minor children. The program includes an on-site food pantry, as well as supportive services



to assist tenants with educational and employment goals, accessing healthcare and legal aid, and helping them connect with others in the community to build "social capital". Programming is completely voluntary, and includes social/recreational activities, nutrition/cooking classes, and budgeting and financial management.

GIVING TUESDAY

Again - thank you everyone who donated. Stay tuned for next year's #GivingTuesday!

Stay tuned for LCFS programming updates in the coming months!

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Our Mission:
Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith and Support

Holidays at Pando

Pando tenants were ready to celebrate the holidays in their new homes. LCFS provided a community Thanksgiving meal in November for all those living at Pando, serving up traditional holiday fare and providing an opportunity for celebrating with their fellow tenants. On December 16th, Pando held its first Ugly Sweater Christmas Party for the tenants! The event allowed everyone to come together for pictures, cookie making, ugly sweaters, and more.

The event included a non-perishable food drive for the Pando Pantry, a service provided in the facility that allows tenants easy access to items they need on a daily basis. This includes canned foods, pasta, jelly, drinks, dog food, paper towels, etc. We've prepared an updated wish list for the items that are currently the most needed right now at Pando, and you can find it on the next page.

Christmas can be a hard time for a lot of us, especially those that have experienced homelessness and separation from their families. Being able to host a Christmas Party like this allows everyone to come together and build positive memories. If you or someone you know is interested in donating to the Pando Pantry please contact Angel at programmanager@lutheranfamily.org.



Thank you Donors & Volunteers!



Pando Pantry Supply List

The Pando food pantry is running low on supplies and needs assistance stocking up for our tenants. Any help you can provide would be very much appreciated.

Food Items Needed:

- Drinks
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Soups
- Canned Chicken breast
- Hamburger helper
- Chicken ramen noodles
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Spaghettios
- Manwich
- Shells and cheese cups
- Pasta sauce
- Chips
- Cookies

Household/Personal Items Needed:

- Hairbrushes
- Conditioner
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher gel
- Dryer sheets
- Hand sanitizer
- Hand soap
- Medicine
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Disposable razors
- Toilet paper
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Dog food
- Fabric softener
- Cleaning supplies
- Mops

The Meijer Simply Give Campaign is Back!

The annual Meijer Simply Give campaign is back for 2022! Each Meijer Simply Give campaign replenishes the shelves of more than 250 food pantries in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Wisconsin.



The Sharing Place is proud to announce our participation in this campaign. Funds from the Meijer Simply Give campaign will provide much-needed relief to local families facing food insecurity through the retailer's

customer-driven hunger relief program -Simply Give. The program encourages customers to purchase \$10 Simply Give donation cards at their partner store which are then converted into Meijer food-only gift cards and given to a local food pantry.

The Sharing Place will benefit from \$10 donation cards purchased at the Meijer store in McCordsville, Indiana now through April 2. Meijer customers shopping online using Meijer pickup or home delivery can also purchase Simply Give donation cards as an add-on to their orders at the McCordsville store.

There will even be double match days on both Saturday March 5th and Saturday March 26th, effectively tripling donations made on those days.

Last year's Simply Give Campaign generated more than \$1.5 million for partnering food pantries and more than \$65 million since the campaign began in 2008.

Thank you all in advance to those who will choose to participate or have already participated. Any and all contributions to The Sharing Place can make a big difference.



If you have any questions about this campaign please contact Kathy at Sharingplace@lutheranfamily.org

LCFS is Going on the Road!

In November 2021, LCFS hosted our first Afternoon Tea event in our chapel. In 2022, we're hoping to bring this event to YOU! The afternoon will be full of food, tea, and even maybe a word from one of our Pando tenants.

Our hope with this traveling event is to spread the word of our mission and engage with both current supporters and new friends. That being said, we are currently seeking churches who want us to come host an Afternoon Tea with LCFS. If you or someone you know is interested in this opportunity, please contact us at events@lutheranfamily.org. Our inaugural

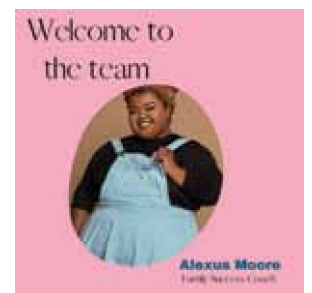
Afternoon Tea event also included a silent auction, and all proceeds went towards our Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando) Program!



LCFS Welcomes New Staff for 2022

We're welcoming in some new staff! This year we have several of new people joining the team ranging from new interns, part-time staff, and full-time staff.

Starting off we'd like to introduce Alexis Moore who will be joining the INSPIRE program as the new Family Success Coach. Alexis will be working alongside Angel Wallace, our Client Engagement and Community Programs Manager, developing and implementing strategies to engage clients; obtaining client consent for services, completing client intakes and service planning; coordinating services with community collaborative partners, assisting with workshops and/or training opportunities to promote client engagement and success; maintaining good working relationships with collaborative partner individuals and organizations; connecting clients to community resources; and ensuring client metrics are tracked in accordance with UWCI and other funder expectations.



Next, we have Darnell Cunningham as our Peer Support Specialist for Pando. Darnell will be working with residents to provide mentoring and support. As a Certified Recovery Specialist, Darnell will be assisting the program team to provide an array of supportive services to enhance Pando client outcomes.

Alongside Darnell and Alexis we have Lilli Hodges, our new Intake Specialist who is joining INSPIRE to assist with enrolling clients into our programs and expanding our reach in the community.



In addition to our new full-time and part-time staff we also have a variety of interns in the programs and data departments. Welcome to LCFS everyone!



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