



BE A PARTNER IN HEALING OUTREACH

COME TO THE TABLE



“When you give a lunch or a dinner, don’t invite only your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors. At another time they will pay you back by inviting you to eat with them. Instead, when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, and the blind. Then you will have great blessings, because these people cannot pay you back. They have nothing. But God will reward you at the time when all godly people rise from death.”

Luke 14:12-14

LSS is your partner in healing outreach. Sit down at the table with us and hear the stories of those we serve. Sit beside the young man learning to be self-sufficient while managing his mental illness.

Sit across the table from a woman who suffers from depression. Notice her beautiful smile after experiencing some of the darkest moments in her life.

Meet a newly arriving refugee at the airport and welcome him to the table. Pull out a chair and invite him to tell you about his life’s journey. You will be surprised at all he endured just for the hope of safety one day.

That is why I was drawn to the mission of LSS 15 years ago,”

says Betty Oldenkamp, LSS President and CEO. “I am the youngest of 12 children, yet there was always room at the kitchen table for someone else. That is part of my passion for this work, always knowing that there is room for someone who may need help or extra support. Even if you don’t have everything yourself, there is room to help someone when needed.”

“I am touched when I hear the stories of our clients,” she continued.

“I know that we truly have a transformative impact, not only on a particular client but everyone they will interact with in their lifetimes.”

All are welcome at LSS. You are invited to sit at the table as a partner in this healing outreach and be part of the great blessings expressed in Luke 14: 12-14.



LUKE 14:12 EXPRESSED IN A NEW CENTURY OF SERVICE

Bethlehem Lutheran in Aberdeen not only came to the table of Healing Outreach, they built the table and walked across the street to LSS New Beginnings Center to embrace the kids. The actions of Bethlehem Lutheran are exactly how Luke 14:12-14 can be expressed in our lifetime.

Healing Outreach comes in many different forms. We are grateful for the blessings shared by Bethlehem Lutheran over the years.

Here are just a few examples of their efforts.

- The youth were invited to attend Wednesday night dinners and church services.
- They invited the youth to use their Re-Creation Center for open gym.
- The Bethlehem Lutheran Women of the ELCA host “Tea Time at Bethlehem” for the young women to learn important life skills.

- Members held fundraisers for the center’s kitchen and to support the operations of New Beginnings. While the kitchen was out of commission, meals were prepared and enjoyed at the church.

“Bethlehem is grateful for the partnership with LSS,” said Jeff Whillock, Lead Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran. “LSS is able to do ministries that we ourselves are not able to do directly—from our neighbors nearby at the New Beginnings

Center, to our new neighbors at the Center for New Americans, and the many other ministries across South Dakota. Together we can better fulfill our shared calling to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.”



WAYS TO PARTNER

COLLECT PROGRAM SPECIFIC DONATIONS

Loads of Love

- LSS New Alternatives
LSS Community Resource Program
- Aberdeen Area: 10 ct. needed
 - Sioux Falls Area: 20 ct. needed
 - Rapid City Area: 20 ct. needed

Blessing Bags

- LSS Arise Youth Center
LSS Street Outreach

Gift Cards

- Re-Entry ICIP
Canyon Hills / New Beginnings / Summit Oaks

HOST ACTIVITY NIGHT

- Prepare kits, collect supplies and have an evening of assembly and learning more about the program you are helping
- Write notes of encouragement to clients
- Host an educational night: how to talk to your teen, basic mental health skills, meditation, etc.

INVITE AN LSS SPEAKER TO YOUR SERVICE

- Program Director
- Philanthropy Services

SUPPORT SPONSORSHIPS & ANNUAL GIVING

- Sponsor therapy sessions for those who can't afford it
- Sponsor sessions of birth parent counseling
- Sponsor a staff member to receive specialized training or additional education

CHALLENGE GIVING

- Help encourage giving by matching your congregation's support for Mission of the Month.
- Set a congregational giving goal. LSS would provide updates along the way and a celebration with a speaker when the goal is met.

You make our work possible. You give us the ability to invite individuals, families and communities to our table. Thank you for your role in the work we do. To help a victim of sexual assault cope and heal, to help a mother make an adoption or parenting plan, to teach a father skills after re-entry into the community, to provide financial counseling for a family in need.

Through your support, we are committed to providing services to people of all ages, faiths, races and economic status with affordable and accessible services. However, our ability to reach those in need and sustain these services relies on the help of our most loyal supporters— individuals, businesses and churches in our South Dakota communities.

Behavioral Health Services and Birth Parent Counseling in Adoption Services are two of our greatest needs in serving the community. Your consistent

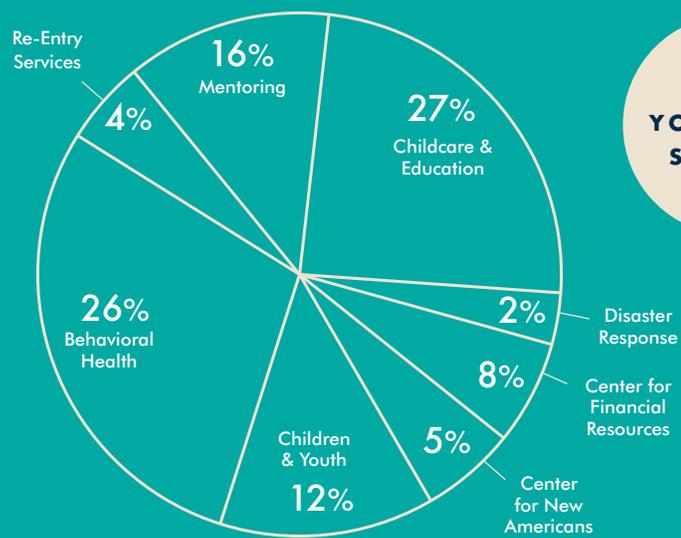
support is critical in our ability to offer a sliding fee scale based on income for counseling services. As more parents make the decision to parent their child, LSS offers vital education and counseling to better prepare them.

Although a counseling session costs \$163 per hour, 86 percent of our clients pay based on the sliding fee scale. Luke 14:12-14 says it best, those we serve cannot afford help, and they cannot pay in full. But they do need help.

Will you consider placing LSS in your annual budget so that we can continue to be active, accepting and inclusive on behalf of the church? With your help, all can feel welcome to reach out, ask for help when needed, and be welcomed to sit at the table.

Commit to making room at the table with a gift in support of LSS, the clients we serve and the state of South Dakota.

Your gift of \$1,000 would provide 6 counseling sessions to someone struggling with grief and loss, anxiety and depression, separation and isolation as a result of the last year and the impact of the COVID pandemic.



Adoption Services • Alternatives to Detention • Behavioral Health Services • Better Together • Center for Financial Resources • Center for New Americans • Childcare & Education • Disaster Response Services • Foster Care Services • Independent Living Services • Kinship Services • Mentoring Services • Pregnancy Counseling Services • Re-Entry Services • Residential Services for Children & Youth • Resource Family Services

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
705 East 41st Street, Suite 200 • Sioux Falls, SD 57105
605-444-7500 • 800-568-2401 • Giving@LssSD.org
Churches.LssSD.org • LssSD.org