

2024 Impact Report









MISSION

Creating a better world by serving people in need.

WHO WE ARE

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) is a faith-based, health and human services organization that provides housing, health care and emergency assistance to thousands of people every day with programs that serve the whole person and respond to some of our community's most serious challenges.



President's message

What a privilege it has been to serve my first full year as CEO here at Lutheran Social Services! One of my favorite highlights from the past year was visiting all our program sites and hearing about the real stories of our clients and residents. Learning firsthand about how our life-changing housing, health care and emergency assistance services are impacting lives is a motivating reminder of the important work that we do here at LSS. Thank you for your part in bringing these essential services to thousands of people every day!

Looking back over the past year, the biggest trend we are seeing is the increase in need for our services across the board, as unfortunately, those living in economic insecurity continue to be impacted by inflation.

The affordable housing crisis continues. As you've heard before, without safe, affordable housing, our clients have no choice but to stay in shelter much longer. This fiscal year, the **average length of stay was up an astonishing 31% at Faith Mission** and up 19% at Faith Mission of Fairfield County. Our human services programs continue to serve more to meet the growing demand. The number of people who sought nourishing food from our LSS Food Pantries rose 12% this fiscal year. Alarmingly, the number of calls to our domestic violence hotline at LSS CHOICES increased by 29%. And the number of times people reached out to LSS 211 is up 24% as more people look for help with utilities, rent and food pantry assistance.

These statistics are more than just numbers on a page. They represent real people who are turning to LSS for help with real issues that impact their day-to-day lives. Together, we are continuing to meet and overcome these challenges. We appreciate your support and are grateful that you are joining our mission to create a better world by serving people in need!



In gratitude,

Rachel Lustig President and CEO



Programs include: Faith Mission, CHOICES, Faith Mission of Fairfield County, LSS Affordable Housing and Kensington Place



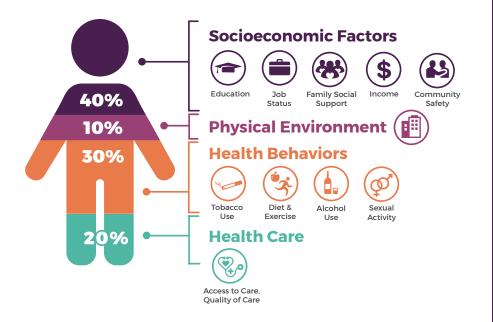
HEALTH CARE

Programs include: The Good Shepherd, Lutheran Village, Kensington Place and LSS Health Center EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Programs include: LSS Food Pantries, LSS 211 Central Ohio and CHOICES

TOGETHER, these LSS programs form the LSS Network of Hope, which responds to our community's most critical human needs by creating an interdisciplinary approach to addressing the social influences of health and working collaboratively with public, private and nonprofit partners to solve complex community challenges.

SOCIAL INFLUENCES OF HEALTH



Serving the whole person

SOCIAL INFLUENCES OF HEALTH

People come to LSS for housing, health care or emergency assistance. Often their challenges are complex and interrelated.

Recognizing the interconnected challenges, and building off their strengths, we serve them holistically.

Housing

LSS has one of the most diverse and extensive portfolios of shelter and housing programs in our community with a unified goal of a dignified home for everyone. With five emergency shelters, 10 transitional and supportive housing programs, and 21 affordable housing communities, LSS is on the front lines of responding to homelessness and the affordable housing crisis in our community with programs that have proven to help people move to a place of stability and self-determination.

Programs include: Faith Mission, CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Faith Mission of Fairfield County, LSS Affordable Housing and **Kensington Place**









People served in Affordable Housing

Having a roof over your head is the number one blessing. It's been years since I have eaten three meals a day. I'm really thankful that this place is here because I'm not sure where I would be if it wasn't.

GREG, LSS Faith Mission client

They do not treat you as a number. They treat you like a human being. I feel safe with each provider. After each appointment, you feel like you have been with a family member.

- SONJA, LSS Health Center patient

Health Care

LSS' compassionate, professional care centered on the whole person focuses on making lifelong relationships with our residents and patients. Building on our long-standing history of **quality care** in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, our federally qualified health center offers patient-centered, comprehensive care on-site at two of our emergency shelters and to the community.

Programs include: The Good Shepherd, Lutheran Village, Kensington Place and LSS Health Center



Visits to the Health Center



People served in assisted living and skilled nursing

(Kensington Place, The Good Shepherd and Lutheran Village)

Emergency Assistance

Since our inception, people have turned to LSS when they needed help. This continues today, as thousands of people rely on LSS' extensive food pantry network as well as our two hotlines, which are Franklin County's domestic violence hotline and 211 information and referral service.

Programs include: LSS Food Pantries, 211 Central Ohio and CHOICES



at Food Pantries



Crisis hotline calls received at CHOICES



We came because we needed food, and the grocery stores are so expensive. I lost my job last year, and we were evicted, but we just got a new apartment. We missed a couple of meals, which gives me a greater appreciation for food.

SIMONE, LSS Food Pantries client

Financials

REVENUES

Fees for services
Grants and contracts
Financial Contributions
Investment income and other
In-kind contributions
Total

\$34,997,194	44%
19,539,829	25%
9,639,049	12%
8,797,190 🤇	11%
6,340,986	8%
\$79,314,247	

EXPENSES

Services for people in need	\$67,957,885 🧲	86%
Administration	9,069,751 🔵 1	1%
Resource Development	2,137,310 🛑 39	%
Total	\$79,164,947	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Net Property and Equipment	\$59,733,299
Assets Limited as to Use	19,569,519
Account Receivable and Pledge	17,991,347
Other Assets	4,549,939
Cash and Investments	1,682,769
Total	\$103,526,873

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Individuals	\$5,286,448	55%
Foundations	1,401,848	15%
Businesses and Organizations	1,306,002	14%
Estates	871,783	9%
United Way Allocations	531,061	6%
Congregations	241,908	3%
Total	\$9,639,049	

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

Health and Senior Care	\$32,526,410	48%
Homeless Services	17,272,975	25%
Affordable Housing	10,243,646	15%
Hunger and Poverty Relief	7,914,855	12 %
Total	\$67,957,885	

This is an unaudited financial statement. To receive an audited statement, which was not available at the time of publication, please contact the LSS Finance Department at 614-228-5200.

Liabilities

Total Net Assets	\$65,269,671
Long-term Debt	25,565,167
Current Liabilities	12,421,402
Tenant Security Deposits	270,631
Total	\$103,526,873

Because of you.

Thank you for helping to provide these services to people in need.

2,625,090

MEALS PROVIDED (LSS Food Pantries, Faith Mission, Faith Mission of Fairfield County and CHOICES)



99,000

DAYS OF CARE PROVIDED

(Lutheran Village, The Good Shepherd, Kensington Place)



39,447 VOLUNTEER HOURS (Across all programs)



157,901

NIGHTS OF SHELTER

(CHOICES, Faith Mission of Fairfield County, Faith Mission)

Leadership

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rachel Lustig President & Chief Executive Officer

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Chad Wolverton Vice President of Information Technology

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WITNESS (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

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LEADER (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

614 Church, Columbus Faith Lutheran Church, Whitehall Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Columbus Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus Reformation Lutheran Church, Columbus St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lancaster Tri Village Christian Church, Pataskala

PARTNER (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

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BENEFACTOR (\$10,000 +)

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Founded in 1912, LSS is one of Central Ohio's largest nonprofits and takes a leadership role in responding to the challenges that face people experiencing poverty and/or homelessness, seniors, and victims/survivors of domestic violence. Driven by faith, we continue our mission of creating a better world by serving people in need by responding to our community's evolving unmet needs with dignity and respect while providing compassionate, professional care.

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