

ANNUAL REPORT



They Might Have Been Your Neighbor

Anyone can become homeless or be at risk for homelessness. *Anyone.* The reasons one becomes homeless are varied and often complex. Generational poverty and time in foster care are two common experiences of individuals who have been or are homeless. A catastrophic illness, with or without insurance, can turn one's life upside down. Extended unemployment, depression, domestic violence, battles with alcohol or drugs or living through a disaster can also dramatically affect the trajectory of one's life.

This is why it takes months, even years, to rebuild one's life, confidence and dignity after experiencing homelessness. Support from individuals, businesses and congregations this past year have assisted thousands of youth, adults, seniors and families with children to lay the foundation for their long-term health and happiness.

Thank you for making a difference in their lives with your donations, time and prayers!

With gratitude,

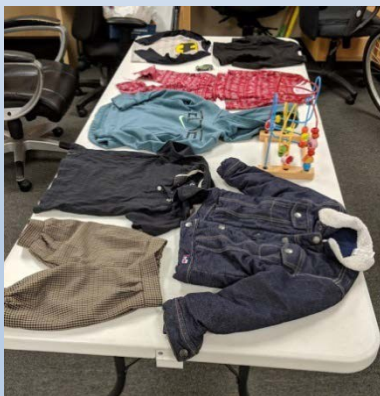
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carol Roberts'.

Carol Roberts, Ph.D., President and CEO

Helping Hands and Hearts

The call to help others is central to LSS's mission and vision of ending homelessness by creating communities of hope and stability with a path to self-sufficiency.

Donations of over **\$250,000** from congregations, Lutheran Disaster Response and individuals from around the nation offered immediate support to those affected by the fires in Shasta and Butte counties. LSS is working closely with communities in both areas to determine how our remaining dollars can make the best and lasting impact.



The items here came from a child in New Jersey who had his family send some of his favorite clothing and toys to help children affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County.

By the Numbers...

3,323 individuals, ages 18 to 104 served in 2017-18

100% of the adults served in all of our programs struggle with one or more disabilities

97% of all individuals we serve remain in stable housing even after they leave our program



What We Do

LSS helps individuals of all ages rebuild their lives after they have experienced homelessness. Using stable housing as our blueprint for success, we offer compassionate, non-judgmental guidance to assist the individuals and families we serve in addressing the reasons for their past homelessness.

Founded in faith but open to all, LSS also participates in disaster response and relief through our affiliation with Lutheran Disaster Response and regional first-responder groups.

Your Donations to LSS Are an Investment in Changing Lives

LSS takes a holistic approach to each individual entrusted to our programs. We partner with other nonprofits to connect them with relevant services based on their current needs, not a set formula. Your donations invest in:

Our Vision

End homelessness, for good

Our Philosophy

Stable housing builds stable lives

Our Values

- Everyone deserves a safe place to call home.
- We accompany our residents on their journey toward transformation, healing and self-care.
- Our work is guided by a commitment to justice and human rights.
- Accountability to those we serve and to those who fund our supportive housing services.

“My experience at LSS gave me the courage to go out into the world.”

- Tim, former youth client

Creating A Place to Call Home – You help furnish the small apartments or rooms with essentials so each individual or family has a bed and other basics for everyday living.

Ensuring Well-Being – You make sure that each individual or family has access to nutritious food, fresh produce and dairy. At some locations you help fund emergency food pantries.

Community Building – Your support helps LSS create stability and a sense of community among residents at our housing sites by facilitating social interaction and organizing cultural enrichment activities. We also involve residents in keeping the building and neighborhood clean and safe.

By the Numbers...

27 supportive housing programs serve:

109 youth ages 18-24

1,325 single adults 25-59 years

1,573 adults ages 60+

186 families with **358** children

A Story of Redemption and Success Made Possible By Your Donations

Project Hope

Denisha has a son named Daryl and receives no child support from his father. She lived “from place to place” after aging out of the foster care system before moving into Project Hope. Project Hope gave her a place to call home while she finished high school. The program also provided her with a great deal of structure, teaching her budgeting and how to shop and cook nutritiously. Denisha’s long-term goals are to train as a nurse and work in a doctor’s office. She believes that she wouldn’t have accomplished anything without Project Hope.



LSS of Northern California is Growing!

Bolstered by a one-time influx of funding from the State of California, several communities have invited LSS to partner with them on supportive housing programs for individuals struggling to overcome homelessness

Sacramento

Through a collaboration with two other nonprofits, LSS is offering employment, housing assistance and case management to homeless and at-risk youth ages 18-24 through the new **Wind Youth Center Drop-In Center** in downtown Sacramento.

San Francisco

LSS will be the social services partner for several planned affordable housing developments. Breaking ground in the coming months, with anticipated occupancy in 2020, are buildings at **1950 Mission St.** and **753 Davis St.** at the Embarcadero, each a project of Bridge Housing.

San Joaquin County

LSS’ Stockton-based **Project HOPE** supportive housing for youth 18-24 will be able to serve 12 additional youth. Last year it provided services to 32 youth. A new partnership with **John Burton Advocates for Youth**, a state-wide nonprofit dedicated to current and former foster youth, will provide housing and supportive services to community college students, of which 20% reported being homeless in the past year.

Shasta County

Two Lutheran congregations (one ELCA, one LCMS) in Redding reached out to LSS in 2017 and introduced us to community leaders grappling with a double digit increase in homelessness. This spring a new program for youth 18-24 will launch thanks to baseline funding from the California Office of Emergency Services.

Solano County

At the invitation of the Continuum of Care, LSS assumed responsibility for a permanent supportive housing program which has been operating in Solano County for over ten years. This program provides housing and services to 10 adults who have severe mental illnesses.



Thank You for Your Support!

Sierra Pacific ELCA Synod

Advent Lutheran, Citrus Heights
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Oakland, Auburn
Christ Lutheran Church, San Francisco
Christ Lutheran, El Cerrito
Christ Lutheran Church, Fairfax
Coastside Lutheran Church, Half Moon Bay
Cross and Crown Lutheran Church, Rohnert Park
Elim Lutheran Church, Petaluma
Faith Lutheran Church, Los Gatos
Faith Lutheran Church, Castro Valley
Faith Lutheran Church, Santa Rosa
First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church, Concord
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Burlingame
Grace Lutheran Church, Palo Alto
Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Orinda
Hope Lutheran Church, San Mateo
Hope Lutheran Church, Santa Clara
Hope Lutheran Church, El Sobrante
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Saratoga
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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Reno
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Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Granite Bay

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Messiah Lutheran Church, Hayward
Messiah Lutheran Church WELCA, Staten Island
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Napa Valley Lutheran Church, Napa
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Prince of Peace Lutheran Church WELCA, Saratoga
Saint Matthew Lutheran Church, Walnut Creek
Saron Lutheran Church, Escalon
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Vacaville
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Berkeley
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St. James Lutheran Church, Redding
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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Fairfield
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St. Paul Lutheran Church, Auburn
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California Nevada Hawaii LCMS Synod

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Auburn
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Faith Lutheran Church, Fair Oaks
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Zion Lutheran Church, San Francisco
Grace Lutheran Church & School, San Mateo

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Trinity Lutheran Church, Fairfield
Bethany Lutheran Church, Vacaville
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sacramento
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont
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Zion Lutheran Church, Lodi
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, La Mesa