

2021 Holiday Giving Program

This holiday season Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) invites you to support your neighbors. Find wish lists and gift registries online at: lssmn.org/get-involved/donate/wish-lists

Support the LSS Families Together Preschool

Top Priority

Gifts for each of the 17 children that attend the Families Together Preschool:

- 1 gift for the child
- 1 gift they can share with their families

Support families receiving services in St. Paul through the LSS Parent Support and Education Programs. These programs serve families with children of all ages, although most have younger children.

- Board games
- Books
- Clothing (preschool kids wear size 3T-6 but there are kids of all sizes in other programs)
- ***Underwear
- ***Socks
- Toys
- Movies
- Winter gear (hats, mittens, jackets, snow pants, boots)
- Gift cards (Gas stations, Cub Foods/Aldi, Target, Walmart, etc.)

***these items are always needed and appreciated.

For more information contact Ellen Brown at Ellen.Brown@lssmn.org or Monique Fowowe at Monique.Fowowe@lssmn.org.

Thank you for your generosity.

The Bethany Center for Children and Families

LSS is committed to continue offering a safe environment where children can escape, recover, and heal from trauma. At the same time, LSS recognizes the need for additional services to support families before crisis strikes and make them whole again afterward.

The goal of the Bethany Center for Children and Families is to continue offering safety and stability for children while strengthening families in the process. **Your support is needed to help us continue to complete the circle of care for children and sustain this important work that serves children, youth and families across Northeast Minnesota.**

CRISIS SHELTER

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program Guiding youth to safe housing and helpful resources.

Safe Place Organizing rapid-response help for youth in crisis.

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Family Reunification Providing support for both children and families to seek a reunification plan if appropriate

Supervised Visitation Offering a safe, appropriate and neutral setting for parents to visit with their children

Parent Coaching Offering support and guidance for child development and early intervention

LSS Crisis Nursery Providing basic needs items to children and families

Through much planning, prayer, and generous commitments from a small group of philanthropic leasers, LSS is now placed in a position to move forward with the Bethany Center for Children and Families; with your support, we will complete it together.

77 congregations from Northeast Minnesota supported the From Here On Campaign, to build the Center for Changing Lives in 2017 with a primary focus of serving youth ages 14-24 who are experiencing homelessness. Since then, we began to see the changing needs of children from birth to 17 and an opportunity to strengthen families. To complete the circle of care for children, we hope that all congregations in the Northeast Synod will join us in this ministry.



The Bethany Center for Children and Families

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Are you interested in making a donation to help sustain, support and grow these vital services for children and families in our community? Contact Christine at **218.302.6833** or **Christine.Empanger@lssmn.org**