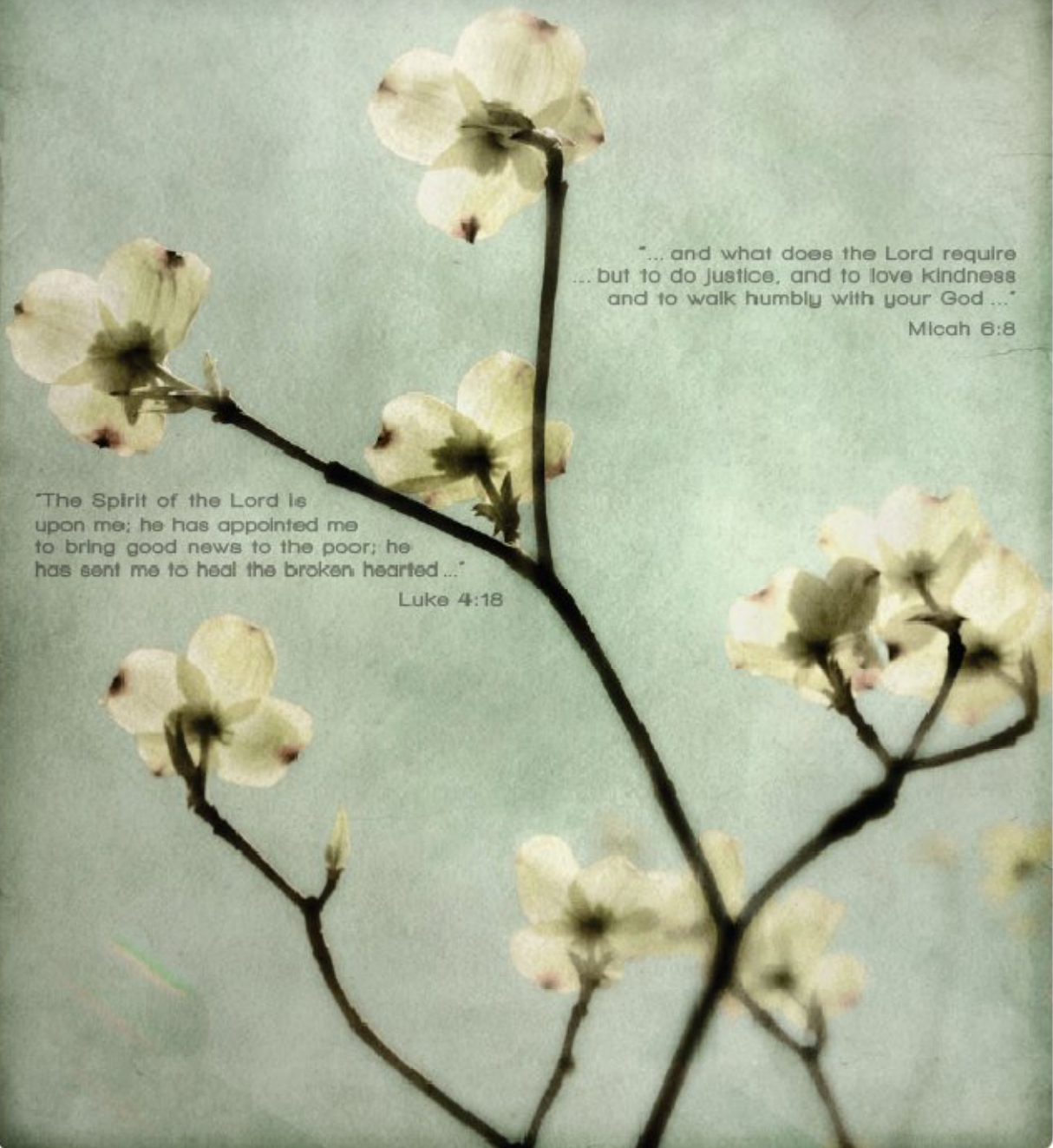


# Lutheran Services in Tennessee



Annual Report (Fiscal Year July 08 – June 09)



"... and what does the Lord require  
... but to do justice, and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God ..."

Micah 6:8

"The Spirit of the Lord is  
upon me; he has appointed me  
to bring good news to the poor; he  
has sent me to heal the broken hearted ..."

Luke 4:18

**'GUIDED BY GOD'S LOVE, LUTHERAN SERVICES IN TENNESSEE BRINGS HEALING, HELP AND HOPE'**

## Our Roots

Lutherans have a long history of social ministry in Tennessee. In 1927 the Lewis Elbert Williams family gave a farm home with acreage to the Lutheran Church for an orphanage. Twelve committed men from St. Johns Lutheran Church in Knoxville became the first board and so began the Williams Henson Home for Boys. It continued to serve boys for nearly 76 years, first to be a 'friend and protector to homeless, neglected and destitute children' and then later to become a residential treatment center, providing 'counseling and behaviour modification to alter negative behaviours'. The Home closed in October of 2002 due to the Brian A. Law – resulting in a change from residential housing to treatment group homes for boys and girls. We invite those of you who have 'stories' of living or volunteering at the home to share them....and we will share them with our Lutheran family around the state of Tennessee. Blessings on these memories!



## Our Present Programming

### Lutheran Immigration and Refugees Services (LIRS) - State-wide

We provide assessment and follow-up services for children in the DUCS (Department of Unaccompanied Children's Services) Program to insure the well-being of minors and to protect them against unsafe situations by reunifying them with family members who can appropriately care for them. The follow up process ensures their ongoing safety and support and assists minors with integration into their family, school and community. Interpreter services are secured and provided for families as needed.

### HELP House – Tri-Cities Area

The director, volunteer coordinator and 10 volunteers provide primarily court ordered Supervised Visitation Services for children and their non-custodial parent in a safe environment at HELP House. We facilitate the opportunity for children to have conflict-free access with parents to rebuild and strengthen relationships. Using a small house (for programming) thanks to Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bristol, we collaborate with Tri-Cities Ministries to provide the volunteers, support, and services of HELP House. Discussions continue for additional programming out of this location.

### Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) - State-wide

Congregational Disaster Preparedness training for Lutheran Congregations is offered to individual churches or groups of churches to do individual and collaborative planning for times of disaster. We are partners with the ELCA SE Synod Disaster Planning Team. We assist as requested with Lutheran response in times of disaster, working with the synod and district programs throughout the state.



## Our Future Program Plans

### Earn While You Learn - Building Healthy Families Project

The Earn While You Learn Parenting Program consists of parenting classes, support group, Bible study, and other planned learning/educational activities are in the development stages of this collaborative parenting partnership.

Attendance earns mothers/parents points to purchase items for their child/family in the to-be-created 'Caring Closet' which will consist of items donated from churches (diapers, books, toys, clothes, etc.) for the families. We will soon put out requests for needed items in our 'Caring Closet'.

Planning continues for collaborating with three other established agencies in the North Nashville area, where the pilot will begin. Plan to hear lots more about this!

### StoryBook Prison Ministry Mentoring Program

We are beginning to recruit mentors for children whose parents are in prison - in collaboration with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Middle TN through the Amachi Storybook Mentoring program. Phase 1 will be children reading/recording books for their incarcerated parent during times of the mentor/child visits. Phase 2 is for incarcerated parents/grandparents to participate in reading and recording books and sending the book and recording (CD) to their child/grandchild. We have about 2000 books to start our programs with - thanks to the ELCA Southeastern Synod Women of the Church. We invite people of faith to participate. -'People of faith mentoring Children of Promise'-

Visit our Website at [www.lmtn.org](http://www.lmtn.org) for more program information, volunteer opportunities and to donate on-line!

## Program and Activity Highlights

- At HELP House, 26 children and 40 parents were served through supervised visitation services.
- Twelve volunteers contributed a total of 2,318 hours at HELP House. Volunteers supervised weekly visitations of a non-custodial parent and their child(ren), helping assist in strengthening relationships with attentive time together. Others volunteers mowed, cleaned and contributed financially.
- Through a grant from Lutheran Disaster Response, we were able to reach out to twenty (20) congregations to provide Congregational Disaster Preparedness Workshops.
- Seven (7) minors were supervised through the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services' DUCS Program - assisting youth in reunification with their families.
- We provided two workshops with 28 participants on Grant Writing Fundamentals led by Dory Campbell from ELCMA (Evangelical Lutheran Church Ministries in Appalachia).
- Our Website is updated – [www.lstn.org](http://www.lstn.org) – and giving/ donating on-line is now possible!

## Thank You to Our Contributors FY 2008-2009

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**Memorials - in memory  
of Harley Karlen**  
Beverly Thoreson  
Gail Reiersen  
Linda Holcomb

**Thank you to Memorial Lutheran  
Church, East Nashville, for  
donating space for the LSTN  
Administrative office.**

## Financial Statement FY July 2008-June 2009\*

Revenue	
Designated Funds	9,587.00
Contributed Support	28,337.00
Program Service Fees	16,382.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$54,296.00</b>
Expenses	
Payroll Expenses	10,886.00
Salaries/Benefits	96,331.00
Other Personnel Exp	18,377.00
Non-Personnel Exp	12,510.00
Occupancy Expenses	2,631.00
Travel, Conf, Meetings	9,694.00
Depreciation/Amortization	479.00
Misc Exp	8,580.00
HH Scholarship Fund	240.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	2,305.00
Business Exp	7,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$169,033.00</b>
Gain on sale/fixd assets	1,000.00
<b>Total/Agency Support</b>	<b>\$113,747.00</b>

\*Unaudited Figures

## Balance Sheet Assets as of Jun 30, 2009\*

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1081 - Pension Account	13,879.60
1010 - Cash in bank - Operating	20,279.28
1070 - Savings & Short-Term Investment	434,652.25
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>468,811.13</b>
Accounts Receivable	
1110 - Accounts Receivable	5,374.30
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>5,374.30</b>
Other Current Assets	
1450 - Prepaid Expenses	3,661.31
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>3,661.31</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>477,846.74</b>
Fixed Assets	
1640 - Furniture, Fixtures, & Equip	157.00
1650 - Vehicles	22,145.00
1651 - Tools & Equipment	499.00
1652 - Office Equipment	6,955.00
1700 - Accumulated Depreciation	(28,373.00)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1,383.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>479,229.74</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2010 - Accounts Payable	893.63
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>893.63</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
2110 - Accrued Payroll	1,590.37
2120 - Accrued paid leave	5,649.03
2150 - Accrued expenses - other	906.43
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>8,145.83</b>
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Equity	
3010 - Unrestrict (Retained Earnings)	364,719.92
3015 - Prior Unrestricted Net Assets	283,582.92
3100 - Temporarily Restrict Net Asset	27,952.14
Net Income	(206,064.70)
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>470,190.28</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>479,229.74</b>

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## Message From Kathy Thoreson, CEO



'Agency in re-development'....that's us! At a time when there are economic challenges, donations are being spread thinner and grants are more sparse and difficult to get, WE STILL FEEL CALLED as a Lutheran Social Ministry Organization, guided by God's love, to provide healing, help and hope for God's people. We honor staff that has come before us and we are thankful to those who have volunteered along with us. I am excited about the possibilities of collaboration both with churches and other social service agencies as we partner in ministry. As we celebrate God's gifts to each of us we thank you for your financial and prayerful support and your gifts of time and encouragement. May the God of us all walk with us in touching the lives of people we serve.

God's blessings to you!  
Kathy Thoreson

## Dick Hess – A True Believer



When Richard (Dick) Hess was elected to the Board of Directors of Lutheran Services in 1995 – later becoming Board Chair - he said he needed to start contributing to the agency before he could be encouraging others to become 'donors'. He made that commitment and has been giving monthly for the past fourteen years! Dick is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Knoxville and feels he is a 'do-er' in the church and community. What he takes from church each Sunday is the blessing and directive to "Go in Peace. Serve the Lord". That's what he tries to do in his life. He says "I believe in Lutheran Services; I would like to see it grow and knows it can't do that without money. I just have it automatically taken out and it's taken care of." Thank you, Dick, for your generosity and commitment to help both those who have and do not have resources to pay for services. You and other contributors help us carry out our mission... "to bring healing, help and hope."