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## **IRONTON RESIDENTS CAN BANK ON NEW BENEFITS WITH LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES**

IRONTON, Ohio –Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio (LSSCO) is helping low-income residents gain self-sufficiency with the press of a few buttons. The mobile food pantry program is now providing access to The Benefit Bank®, an Internet-based program that connects clients to a number of public benefits such as food stamps, Medicare and voter registration.

Located at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 101 S. Sixth St., the program operates through a simple Q-and-A format to complete applications for assistance. The client answers questions and a trained counselor inserts the information into the various screens and online forms. After all the questions have been answered, a completed form is produced for the client's reviewing and printed for submission or submitted electronically.

“Too often, people in need go without assistance simply because they don't know it's available or the application process is too overwhelming,” said Barb Packer, corporate director of food pantry services. “We are helping them gain access to services that can help them overcome poverty and move toward stability.”

The Benefit Bank services are offered free to clients. For more information or to make an appointment, contact The Benefit Bank Coordinator Jami Triplett at 740-438-6232 or [mobilefoodpantry2@lssco.org](mailto:mobilefoodpantry2@lssco.org).

With its regional divisions of Lutheran Social Services of Southern Ohio and Lutheran Social Services of Northern Ohio, Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio serves thousands of people each day by focusing on the core societal issues of hunger, housing, healing and hope. LSS provides food pantries, homeless shelters, senior living, affordable housing communities and other programs and services that uplift families and strengthen communities. LSS is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, recognized by the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and a charter member of Lutheran Social Services in America.