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### **LSS OPENS NEW DISTRIBUTION FACILITY**

MCARTHUR, Ohio – A second Lutheran Social Services (LSS) distribution center has been established in Vinton County as another resource in the battle against poverty. Located at 31860 Claypool Hollow Road in McArthur, the recently-opened Vinton County Distribution Center will help county residents meet their basic needs while working to sustain self-sufficiency.

“LSS will reach many low-income families who currently do not have access to services that can help them, and we will strive to help our clients set and attain certain goals,” said Mary Woodward, director of Outreach Ministries. “Simply giving a client some items will only take care of their short-term needs. Our mission is to work with clients to not only meet those immediate needs, but to provide services that will help them set and attain certain goals.”

To help clients reach those goals, Outreach Ministries’ staff and volunteers provide case management services while providing necessities, including clothing, household items, bedding, appliances and furniture and school supplies. Case management services assist each person served with developing a plan to gain self-sufficiency. The new distribution center will allow Outreach Ministries to help an additional 12 Ohio counties: Fairfield, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Lawrence, Gallia, Meigs, Athens, Jackson, Vinton, Hocking and Pickaway.

The building was made possible through Southeast Testament, another non-profit organization in the area that collects items for families in need. The organization built the facility and is sharing the space with Outreach Ministries.

The distribution center is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families may sign up for services by visiting the office or scheduling an appointment. Volunteers are also needed in the distribution center. To schedule an appointment or volunteer, contact Mary Woodward at 740-732-6700 or [mwoodward@lssco.org](mailto:mwoodward@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



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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.