

Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio
2005 ANNUAL REPORT



*Inspiring
hope*

our mission...

“CREATING A BETTER WORLD
BY SERVING PEOPLE IN NEED”

our vision...

Believing that God desires peace and wholeness for all creation,
it is the vision of Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio (LSS)
to establish a new reality, where:

- *All people are valued as children of God;*
- *Families and communities are gardens of peace and well-being;*
- *Sharing abounds in the face of need, and;*
- *Respect, compassion and love overcome hatred, fear and loneliness.*

Joining with other people of good will,
we embody this vision whenever and wherever possible.

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with Stewardship...

Summary of Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio's Financial Activities

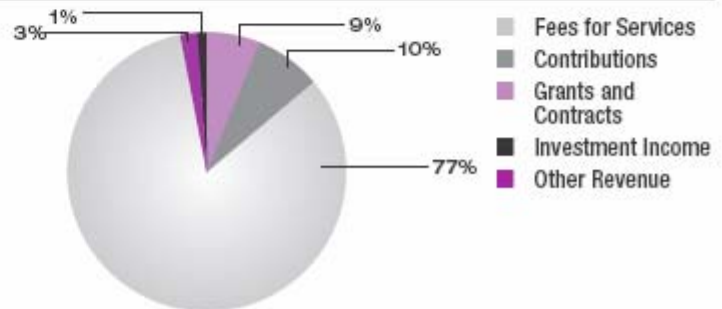
Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio (LSS) is the second largest non-profit organization in the Columbus area according to a ranking by annual income (source: *Business First Columbus*, 2004).

Donors' contributions provide most of the funding for over a dozen programs and services. Ninety-one cents of every dollar donated goes directly to fund programs and services supporting our mission. Unrestricted contributions to LSS in FY 2005 increased 19% over last year, as compared to a 1% decrease nationwide in giving to human services organizations (source: Giving USA Foundation, 2004).

LSS received an unqualified opinion on its FY 2005 financial audit. To request a copy of the audited financial statements, please contact LSS's Finance Department at 614-228-5200, ext. 1200.

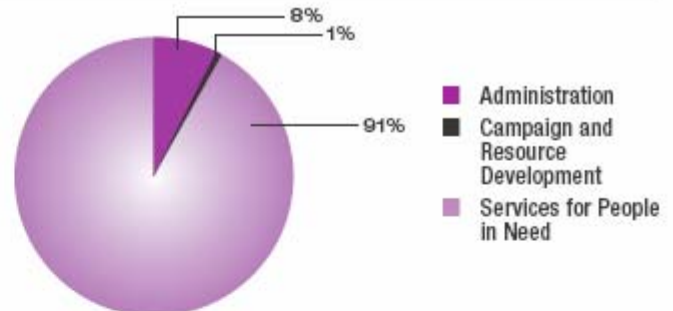
2005 Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Available Resources

Fees for Services	33,806,523
Contributions	4,284,217
Grants and Contracts	4,197,923
Investment Income	252,432
Other Revenue	1,441,212
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	43,982,307

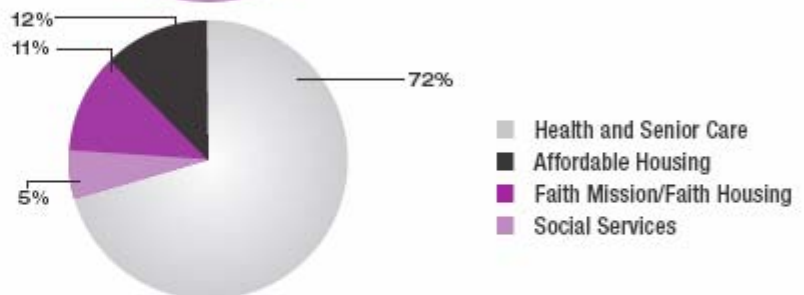


2005 Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio Expenditures

Administration	3,406,843
Resource Development	497,836
Services for People in Need	39,537,663
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	43,442,342



Health and Senior Care	28,525,563
Affordable Housing	4,625,082
Faith Mission/Faith Housing	4,514,961
Social Services	1,872,057
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	39,537,663



Statement of Assets

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2005

ASSETS

Cash and Investments	3,929,174
Assets Limited as to Use	11,403,164
Net Property and Equipment	48,485,297
Other Assets	6,294,656
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Total	70,112,289

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	5,640,695
Tenant Security Deposits	607,873
Long-term Debt	29,537,498
Total Net Assets	34,326,223
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Total	70,112,289

Dear Friend,

Inspiring Hope – what a challenge! But what a gift to the one who is without hope.

Hope is the cornerstone of who we are as individuals and as an agency. Hope for families desiring our adoptions services, hope for a new chance at stability in life, hope for a dignified aging process.

On the following pages are stories of hope. Your support this past year made these stories possible. As you read this report, my hope for you is that you are uplifted by these words and moved to become even more involved in supporting our agency's mission and vision.



Rev. Thomas Hudson (Chair), Thomas Stofac (President and CEO), and Sharon Kisiel (Chair Elect).

I would like to thank the members of the LSS Board of Directors for their leadership throughout the past year. I would especially like to thank our former President and CEO, Rev. Dr. Nelson C. Meyer, who retired in March after 22 years of dedicated service. The guidance and vision of these individuals have made it possible to Inspire Hope in the thousands of people served by Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stofac".

Thomas J. Stofac
President and CEO

Service Measures

The success of Lutheran Social Services is measured by the number of lives that change as a result of our ministry.

	2005
Affordable Housing	
People served	845
Faith Mission	
Nights of shelter	94,011
Meals served	273,952
Food Pantries	
People served	97,719
Southeast Ohio Ministries	
People served	38,583
Volunteers	
Number of people donating their time	13,621

inspiring hope...

Affordable Housing

LSS has 16 affordable housing communities to serve the needs of people who meet income, age or disability requirements. These communities provide residents with dignity, safety and a caring environment.

Food Pantries

LSS' five food pantries serve the needs of thousands of people year-round. Hungry people can receive a three-day supply of food as well as health care screenings, back-to-school supplies and other services.

Disaster Response

The volunteers of Southeast Ohio Ministries serve people affected by natural disasters. They provide emergency clean-up, debris removal and referral to other emergency assistance programs. LSS also offers emergency assistance in the Mahoning Valley area.

Shelters

Homeless men and women can find shelter, food and clothing at three Columbus-area shelters and one in Fairfield County. They also receive help with housing, employment and counseling so they can rebuild their lives.

Transitional Housing

Transitional housing programs in Columbus and Fairfield County offer long-term solutions for housing and employment.

Family Services

Adoptions

Since 1969, LSS has united hundreds of children with loving families by compassionately assisting prospective adoptive parents with domestic and international adoption services. These services include Black Adoption, Independent/Designated and Special Needs Adoption Services.

Counseling

LSS' licensed counselors and therapists offer individuals, couples and families the opportunity to address personal concerns in a private and professional setting. LSS also offers specialized programs that address domestic violence and violence prevention.

Health and Senior Services

Independent Living Facilities

Our independent living communities offer elegant apartments and gracious amenities for older adults who wish to remain an active and independent part of a thriving community.

Kensington Place

Assisted Living Care

At our assisted living communities, our programs enable residents to enjoy the lifestyle benefits of independent living with a special emphasis on the changing needs of each individual. Our personal care services focus on the preservation of independence and quality of life.

Lutheran Village of Ashland

The Village Courtyards

Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitative Care

At our skilled nursing facilities, people are not only cared for they are cared about. Our primary objective is to help patients achieve their highest level of function and independence while receiving the finest in nursing and rehabilitative care.

The Good Shepherd

The Village Care Center





inspiring hope...

with
Adoptions

When Terri, a single woman, decided to start a family 13 years ago, she contacted the LSS adoptions program. Soon after, she adopted an infant girl. After Terri got married in 2002, she and her husband, Trent, wanted to expand their family. Because Terri had such a positive experience with LSS when adopting her daughter, Skylor, the couple approached LSS again. In November, they applied for adoption. In March, a baby boy was placed with the couple. This fall, the adoption of their son Blair will be finalized. On this same day, Trent will also be adopting Terri's daughter. A new family of four, brought together with the help of LSS!

Adoptions

LSS adoption programs united 29 children with loving, permanent families in Fiscal Year 2005. Through our International Adoptions Service, 16 children from the countries of China, Guatemala, India, Russia and Taiwan were placed with new families.

Through counseling, birth parents are encouraged and guided to make good decisions for themselves and their unborn child. We support them in exploring parenting their child themselves, or considering adoption as an option.

inspiring hope

with Shelter

At 53 years old, Pamela found herself in a quest for survival as she struggled to make a living that would keep her off the streets. The amount of time required to take care of her handicapped husband had left Pamela unemployed. After a divorce and years of unstable employment, Pamela was facing homelessness and a life of poverty. At Faith Mission, she was able to regain hope and take steps forward. Pamela now has her own apartment and is grateful for the help she received from the caring people at Faith Mission.



Shelter

Last year, more than 4,700 men and women found support for re-shaping their lives and establishing a permanent home through the programs and services of Faith Mission. Services include temporary shelter, job search assistance and access to medical, mental health and addiction treatment services.

In Fiscal Year 2005, the Resource Center at Faith Mission expanded its hours in a desire to provide residents with hope for a promising future. The Center aided more than 750 new clients in their search for stable jobs. As a result of these efforts, more people have broken the cycle of homelessness and achieved self-sufficiency.



inspiring hope

with Food Pantries

Margaret had been retired for ten years and living on a fixed income. Recently she learned that she was going to be the primary care giver to her three grandchildren- ages 4, 6 and 8. Margaret's daughter was a single mother and found herself in a situation where she was unable to care for her children. Imagine Margaret's concern not only for her own daughter, but for her three grandchildren who needed her now more than ever. Margaret was already struggling to make ends meet with increasing healthcare needs. Now, she needed to rely on the LSS food pantry. Without the food pantry, Margaret would not be able to care for her grandchildren and could have lost her home. The LSS food pantry offers Margaret more than food. It gives her hope as she continues to care for her daughter's children spiritually, mentally and physically until their mother is able to support them again.

Food Pantries

LSS food pantries served more than \$2 million worth of food for more than 880,000 meals in Fiscal Year 2005. They also provided more than 3,000 Thanksgiving meals to low-income families. In order to supply food to so many people in need, the food pantries must rely on their hundreds of volunteers. In Fiscal Year 2005 more than 23,000 volunteer hours were logged at the five pantries.

This year the quality of meals improved as well with the availability of protein-rich foods, weekly deliveries of fresh fruits and vegetables, and a variety of frozen meats obtained through the Mid-Ohio Food Bank.



inspiring hope...

with Senior Living

Rosmarie believes in Lutheran Village of Columbus and in its mission of serving people in need. Between 1965 and 1995, Rosmarie served as the Lutheran Village's activities director. She established the village gift shop, beauty salon and Election Day polling station. Now, Rosmarie calls Lutheran Village home.

For four years now, Rosmarie has received the kind of care she had given to others for 30 years. "People need to be involved in life and this phase of their lives, and I have that at Lutheran Village of Columbus," she says.

Senior Living

At Lutheran Village of Columbus (LVC), residents with limited financial means have the opportunity to receive assistance from the LSS Rose of Concern Fund. Monies from the Fund are used to pay room and board of qualifying residents after all other appropriate means of assistance have been expended.

In Fiscal Year 2005, LVC offered free seminars to residents and members of the community on a variety of topics including Medicare benefits, Social Security changes and stress management. Through education and information, seniors are better able to make informed decisions about their quality of life. LSS' senior care programs provided more than 451,000 days of care in Fiscal Year 2005.



inspiring hope...

with
Disaster Response

John and Gloria's house was destroyed by flooding in both June and September. After the first flood ruined their house, John and Gloria could not afford to make the necessary repairs. They borrowed a camper and lived on their front lawn. When the flooding from hurricanes Frances and Ivan came, John and Gloria moved their camper, but their house was again under four feet of water. Distraught, they called LSS' Southeast Ohio Ministries. The next day, LSS volunteers arrived to clear debris and conduct salvage operations. They had lost everything. After the FEMA declaration was received, LSS helped to rebuild their home and also provided them with furniture and appliances. Without LSS, John and Gloria could not have returned to their home.

Southeast Ohio Ministries

Southeast Ohio Ministries' (SEOM) disaster response aided in the rebuilding of 262 homes after the flooding caused by hurricanes Frances in June and Ivan in September. This was all accomplished with the help of 357 volunteers who donated over 8,000 hours to the effort. Many of the low-income recipients of aid would have had no hope of repairing their homes and their lives without the help of Southeast Ohio Ministries.

In addition to disaster response, SEOM distributed 475 backpacks and school kits to children in 10 counties, and 350 Thanksgiving baskets and 3,224 Christmas gifts were distributed to families affected by the floods.

philanthropic support



Members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans present a check to LSS President Tom Stofac. From left to right: Robert Beisel, Janet Poland, Richard Krombach, A.W. Abel, Mars Bloomingtondale (LSS), Tom Barry (LSS), Tom Stofac (LSS), Adam Ferne, Joseph Reilly and Amy Phillips Ooten.

We at Lutheran Social Services rejoice and give thanks for the generous support of our donors this fiscal year! Your selfless giving has inspired hope in us as we have endeavored to inspire hope in those we serve.

This year we received more than \$4.2 million in contributions from individual donors, congregations, organizations and businesses. This is a 19% increase over last fiscal year. LSS is truly blessed!

The faces and stories of our donors are as varied as those of the people we serve. During one of our radio-thons, we received a call from a man who had just lost his job – yet he still wanted to give something to Faith Mission to help others. At Christmas, we received a generous donation from a couple who had just received an unexpected inheritance. They felt that God was encouraging them to give this money away and bless others as they had been blessed. Throughout the year we receive many generous donations such as these – and many wonderful stories of hope.

Membership in our Heritage Society continues to grow. Heritage Society members carry our mission into the future through their estate plans. We recognize the following donors who have joined the Heritage Society this past year: Mr. Theron Arras, Ms. Norma E. Grener, Ms. Reba Harvey, Ms. Inez Page, Mr. & Mrs. Jack B. Papin, and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth L. Sprengel.

If you would like more information on how a planned gift can earn income for you as well as support the programs and services of LSS, call us at 614.228.5200 or visit our planned giving website at www.lssplannedgift.org.

Thank you again for helping us inspire hope in those we serve!

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