



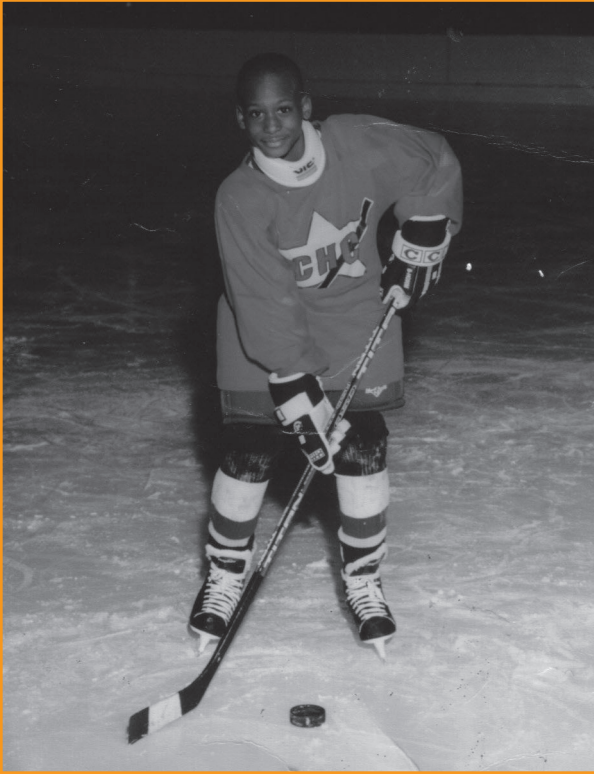
# Spirit

*growing hope*

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## FROM MENTEE TO MENTOR



*Courtney - age 8*

Every Saturday morning in the doorway of my bedroom, I heard my mother yell "Courtney, it's time to go the mentoring program." LFCS' Children Alive Learning Leadership (C.A.L.L.) program was the one of the best things to happen to me. This program gave me so many opportunities to grow and find out who I was as a person. In my female led single parent household,

C.A.L.L. gave me more than just a chance to develop into the man I am, but it also gave me a male role model, father figure and a peer group of supportive friends.

I joined the C.A.L.L. program when I was 8 years old. Mr. Lee Harden was the group mentor leader and now he is my supervisor. Growing up without a father definitely presented its challenges and Mr. Lee was the only male-figure in my life. Sometimes you just need a man to share thoughts, feelings and concerns; you know those "guy things". Mr. Lee taught me how to be a leader and not a follower. In addition, he taught me to be a goal setter and to always think outside the box.

For the past year, I have had the wonderful opportunity to work for LFCS as a Mentoring Assistant in the Community Services Department. Yes, I am now giving back to the youth of today as a mentor. Many people ask me "don't you get tired of working with kids everyday?" Well,

it is more than just a job. When I look into the faces of some of the children in the program, I see me. It inspires me that I may have the chance

to be the "Mr. Lee" in someone's life. I am so happy that I can make a difference every day, maybe even create life-impacting change. While I mentor them, I still use the three things that Mr. Lee taught me - don't be afraid to become a leader, become a goal setter and finally, think outside the box. As a mentor, I am still learning from Mr. Lee. His advice to me

when I started working directly with the children was something that I take to heart daily. He told me to never forget that every day is a teachable moment. Now, I can truly understand and respect that advice. Over the last year, I have learned that the kids teach me something about myself, the community and them. I have also learned that they are always watching and learning from me. I am proud to say, that I am now the pseudo "Mr. Lee" - walking in the shoes of mentor Courtney Stevenson.



*Courtney & Lee Harden*

## A Century and a Half of Service: LFCS Celebrates 140 Years of Service



*Rev. Johann Buenger*

In 1858, German immigrant Rev. Johann Buenger opened the first Protestant hospital in the area, the German Lutheran Hospital of St. Louis. Ten years later, he followed this undertaking with the founding of the Lutheran Orphan's Home, initially known as the Waisenhaus zum Kindlein Jesu (Orphanage for the Children of Jesus).

Today, three Lutheran organizations, Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri, Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Foundation trace their lineage back to Rev. Buenger's ministry of service celebrating their 140 and 150 year legacies. On Nov. 23, these three organizations welcomed more than 400 supporters and friends to the Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens for an event honoring the efforts of those who have come before and laying the groundwork for the years to come.

"This celebration is in thanks to our God for touching the lives of thousands of individuals and families through the ministries of our organizations," said Alan Erdman, president of LFCS marking its 140th year. "This is a time to

remember that Lutherans have had a profound impact on serving those in physical, emotional and spiritual need in Jesus' name."

Erdman was among the speakers on hand to introduce segments from a short documentary on the three groups entitled "Living the Mission:

Celebrating a Legacy of Serving." The crowd for this event included past presidents, supporters and dignitaries from the region's Lutheran community who were among the first to view the short film, which aired on St. Louis NBC affiliate KSDK News Channel 5.





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## From the President...



Dear Friends of Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri:

These are important times for Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri. We are deep into the process of finalizing our strategic plan for the next three years. We are weighing issues of expansion of offices and programs, our multi-state role in disaster response, the care of our employees, future financial growth of the agency and the cultivation of leadership for future generations.

Our Cape Girardeau office, under the direction of Molly Strickland has moved into a new facility that more than doubles our capacity for this community. A very special thank you to Shirley and Charles Drury for generously supporting this project. Our Columbia office, under the leadership of Christine White, has been recognized for its outstanding services and outcomes in serving pregnant woman. Our Springfield office, under the guidance of Adam Robe, celebrated its 10th anniversary earlier this year. Our services in the Southwest region are under such demand that we could use additional staff. Elm Point Early Childhood Center, located in St. Charles and under the leadership of Nancy Ebert, also celebrated their 10-year anniversary. I am often times humbled by the excellent staff of LFCS, the dedication of our donors and boards and the strong relationships we share with many other organization.

*...we celebrate  
what God has  
done through  
LFCS over the  
past 140 years*

LFCS along with sister organizations, Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Foundation celebrated 140 and 150 years of ministry on Nov. 23. All three of these Lutheran organizations trace our beginnings to the ministry of the Reverend Johann Friedrich Buenger. In 1858 Buenger founded the German Lutheran Hospital (predecessor organization to Lutheran Senior Services and Lutheran Foundation). Ten years later he founded the Lutheran Orphan's Home (predecessor to Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri). All three organizations continue to live his mission.

LFCS is especially thankful to Lutheran Foundation for granting a \$140,000 match gift to help us celebrate this milestone. Beginning in January 2009, we will have a dollar match, as we celebrate what God has done through LFCS over the past 140 years. This very generous gift from Lutheran Foundation will be directed to the emergency assistance fund which assists clients with utility assistance, clothing and other necessities of life.

Through the generous support of the United Way offices located in Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Springfield and St. Louis, LFCS is able to provide services to many vulnerable individuals and families. This community organization forms a safety net for populations that we serve across the state of Missouri.

Lastly, thank you for being our partners in this important work. As I travel the state I can only thank God for the many expressions of support, care and love that have been shown to this ministry. We serve as an expression of care always reminding our clients that they are not forgotten. Keep us in your prayers as we approach 2009. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a tremendous New Year!

Wishing you all God's best!

Cordially,

Rev. Alan M. Erdman  
President/CEO



## DONATE YOUR VEHICLES

Eyeing the 2009 models? Don't forget that Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri accepts used vehicles. This includes cars, trucks, RVs, motorcycles, snowmobiles, vans, and jet skis. Our agency will accept operable vehicles from Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Columbia, and the St. Louis Metropolitan area. If your vehicle is inoperable, our agency must consult with the towing service prior to confirming a pickup time.

If you are interested in donating a vehicle to benefit LFCS, call 314-754-2790 or 866-326-LFCS

## Thank You to Those Who Supported Proposition 1

We are thrilled to report that St. Louis County resoundingly passed Proposition 1 on November 4th, creating a Community Children's Service Fund! LFCS wants to thank over 600 volunteers who collected signatures, canvassed neighborhoods door to door passing out information and putting up signs throughout St. Louis County. Without your support this would not have been possible.

This fund will go a long way in providing the services that LFCS' children and families need. Services that may include counseling, substance abuse treatment and prevention, temporary shelter, crisis intervention, and services for pregnant teens.





## Southeast Faith In Action Awards Recognizes Key Leaders in the Region



Pictured from left to right: Larry and Gail Leimbach, Volunteer of the Year; Kathy Roth, Bank of Missouri - Community Award; Steve Schneider, Walter J. Keisker Award; Greg Jansen, Bud Griffin and John Jansen, Columbia Construction - Community Award

## Southeast Office Celebrates 35 Years of Service



Over 200 people celebrated 35 years of service at LFC's Southeast office open house and building dedication. Pictured above are LFC's Auxiliary members, as well as, members from the Potter's Clay group, who provided an array of homemade desserts for our guest. Thank you to all who celebrated with us on this monumental occasion.

## HELPING HANDS AUCTION Hits One Home for LFC's



The 26th Annual Helping Hands Auction hit one home for the families and children served by LFC's. Held at Busch Stadium, over 300 guests filled the Red Bird Club. Thank you to our 2008 auction chairs, pictured above with Alan M. Erdman, President/CEO; Paul and Phyllis Witbrodt (couple on the left) and Karen and Kermit Starnes (couple on the right). We would like to also thank our honorary chairs, Mike and Sandy Bertani, pictured on the right.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** The 27th Annual Helping Hands Auction will be held September 19, 2009 at the Marriott – Union Station in St. Louis.



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## Counselor's Corner

Hi, my name is Jack and I just turned 4 years old. I started seeing a counselor at LFCS when my dad died just a few days after Christmas. My mom and my big brother have been crying a lot and my mom tells people that I've been a lot more aggressive lately. I don't know what "aggressive" means, but it doesn't sound like a good thing. And I'm not exactly sure what "dying" means either, but I do know that whenever my dad has left, he has always come back. Except for this time. So, that's why I started going to counseling. The first time I met my therapist, she showed me a tray of sand and a lot of different miniature toys – a miniature family, farm animals, fences, houses, trees, rocks, aliens, gravestones, and sword fighters. Oh, and there was an ambulance and a police car, too! I remember her saying, "Use as few or as many of these miniatures to build a world in the sand." So, I dove right in and threw every single one of those toys into the sand tray. The "bad guy" aliens started killing all the people, so I had to bury all of them in the sand. My therapist asked me if anyone in my world was alive and I told her, "NO!" It went like this for the first few times I went to counseling. My therapist never made me stop making everyone die, though; she just kept asking what was happening in my "world." And I told her. But then I got to thinking – how did my daddy die? I tried to explain it a lot of different ways – I had it rain sand on the miniature people to kill them, I had the people jump off of the miniature trees and die, and I had the "bad guy" aliens kill all of the miniature people. This is so confusing, isn't it? Since I wasn't sure if people came back after they died, I had the daddy's son try to dig him out of the sand and make him "not dead." But, that didn't work because the bad guys kept killing him. Just recently, though, I came out my play, looked up at my therapist and told her, "My daddy's dead. He's in heaven and he's not coming back." I told her this in a pretty matter-of-fact way and then went back to playing. After that, I stopped making everyone in my world die. But, I am still trying to figure out exactly how my daddy died and what I'm going to do without him.

Jack's therapy is based upon the theoretical models of Margaret Lowenfeld and Dora Kalff, both of which are grounded in psychoanalytic theory. Lowenfeld pioneered the practice of sand therapy and Kalff created "sandplay therapy" with an emphasis on a non-judgmental approach and the therapist's role as a silent witness.

Young children's play is very symbolic of their internal worlds. Sand therapy allows children to externalize their internal world in the presence of unconditional acceptance by a therapist. This can create, or facilitate, a bridge between the unconscious and the conscious. (Eliana Gil, Starbright Training Institute)

"Sandplay really is based on the self-healing of the patient. Given a wound, a free and protected place and an empathic witness, a self-healing process can be initiated. It is the experiencing of the process that heals, not the theoretical interpretation of the process." (Bradway & McCoard, 1997)

For more information about LFCS' counseling services for children contact 314-787-5100.

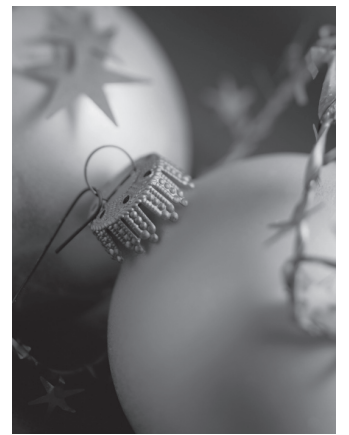
## Share Your Christmas Spirit

With less than 30 days until Christmas, LFCS' Season of Sharing coordinators want you to consider sponsoring a family in need. Don't do it alone – make it a group event and have your family, friends or even co-workers join in on the fun. People often groan when they hear that Christmas is around the corner. But this year, try to find some time to share your good fortune with a family through LFCS' Season of Sharing program. Who knows? It may become a new holiday tradition.

The Season of Sharing program is designed to make the holidays a little brighter for families in crisis. This program has a great history of bringing smiles to those in the Southeast,

Southwest and St. Louis regions. Last year, more than 1,100 individuals had a Merry Christmas because of the generous contributions and donations of LFCS sponsor families. Families in need are available now.

For more information, visit [www.lfcsmo.org](http://www.lfcsmo.org), call your local LFCS office or toll free at 866-326-LFCS.



## Bringewatt Social Justice Dinner

The LFCS Advocacy Program hosts the Arnold and Mildred Bringewatt dinner awards each year to recognize efforts of advocacy related to economic and/or social justice issues throughout the community. Please join us for the 2009 Bringewatt Social Justice Dinner

on Thursday, March 5th at Forest Park Golf Course Clubhouse. This year's keynote speaker will be 2007 Bringewatt recipient, Eric K. Banks. Contact Anne Silea for more information or to reserve your spot 314-754-2746.

## Southeast Office Educates Region about Issues Concerning Seniors



The Southeast Office of LFCS meets twice a month at the Hoover Learning Center on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University, as well as, at the Family Resource Center. Topics presented include depression, loneliness, grief, mental health and maintaining good relationships with your adult children. For more information about our counseling services to seniors, call 573-334-5866.

## Mid-Missouri office Celebrates National Adoption Month

In honor of National Adoption Month held in November, the Mid-Missouri office hosted several events that educated and celebrated those connected by adoption. The "Adoption Family Gathering" was held on Nov. 11 where approximately 40 adoptive families, foster parents, staff and board members gathered to celebrate adoption. For more information about adoption, foster care or pregnancy services call 573-815-9955.





## LFCS Alabama Continues to Offer Hope to Hurricane Katrina's Youngest Survivors

Since 2005, following Hurricane Katrina, LFCS has been offering services in Bayou LaBatre, Alabama. We have served more than 1,700 families, coordinated the rebuilding and repair of more than 200 homes and managed over 3,000 volunteers who contributed more than 200,000 work hours to the recovery effort. "The past three years have been both challenging and rewarding," said Director Mark Johnston. "Working with a dedicated team in Alabama and a supportive team in St. Louis has created an environment that allowed us to succeed in a very difficult task," he added.

All through the initial stages of disaster recovery, whether from Katrina, subsequent tornado events or the flooding in the Midwest, it was apparent that the children of disaster were some of the youngest victims who experienced the most immediate and the longer term effects. Early on in the Katrina recovery, the Alabama office sought out programs that could help the children in their recovery efforts. Starting with a concept to put on a few Camp Noah's- a program started by Lutheran Disaster Response in Minnesota, the Alabama Disaster Response team, has in the past two and a half years, organized more than 30 Camp Noah's, headed by John Centamore, Program Manager. "We have been able to reach out to more than 1,200 children whose lives were turned upside down by these disasters", says Centamore. "Even in 2008, the children who attended Camp Noah's over the summer of 2008 are recalling and reliving their fears and their anxieties from this disaster. We are seeing long term post-traumatic stress syndrome in young children and the professional counseling and therapeutic aspects of the camp are really helping them verbalize these fears", he added.

Development of programs for children has been a high priority. With initial funding being depleted, multiple grants have allowed additional programming to be added to a community desperate for healing. Supplementing Camp Noah activities,



LFCS in Alabama has been able to add God's - Can Do Kids, Renew-U, a high school mentoring program modeled after the St. Louis C.A.L.L. mentoring program and ENRICH program at two area elementary schools. The generosity demonstrated by United Way, Red Cross and so many others has allowed us to reach out to several thousand children in need. LFCS and the disaster response team in Alabama have not forgotten about the survivors of Hurricane Katrina. They continue to provide life enriching programs to our youngest survivors and their families looking at each disaster as a mission to demonstrate God's love.

## LFCS United Way membership is important

As a committed member of this community, LFCS continuously strives to improve our services for you.

One way we do this is to work closely with United Way's throughout Missouri. As many readers know, LFCS is one of nearly 200 United Way-funded agencies. Additionally, LFCS was one of the original 40 founding member agencies of the Community Fund, currently known as the United Way and has received funding since in 1922.

Aside from receiving yearly funding from United Way, being a United Way-funded agency means so much more. We're required to uphold what are known as quality standards, we are offered management trainings, we are kept abreast of great offers from United Way and its partners, we are part of an infrastructure that works together, and so much more.



Quality Standards were developed to help any not-for-profit know if they are on track to being a good, solid, well-performing agency. The standards are broken down into the four performance areas of finance, administration, programs and governance.

As a United Way-funded agency we are reviewed annually and the quality standards play an important role in that process. During the assessment, a team of volunteers visits our agency and learns how we're upholding the standards. It's an important evaluation and one that helps us grow and be a better agency for everyone we serve.

"These standards have helped our agency tremendously," said Alan M. Erdman, President/CEO of LFCS. "We take our commitment towards serving the community and to being a United Way-funded agency seriously. We strive to bring our clients the best services we can, and with United Way's support

## Christmas means...

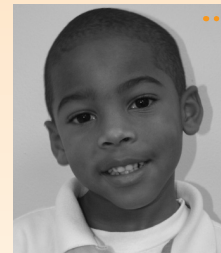
Many of us have fond childhood memories of the joys of the holiday season. Well, we thought it would be fun to ask children from Elm Point Early Childhood Center and Hilltop Child Development Center what they thought Christmas means.

Elm Point student, **Brody**, age 4:  
"It means you get presents and toys – like Thomas Train and lots of Santa toys. Maybe a motorcycle – I can ride that now that I am four."



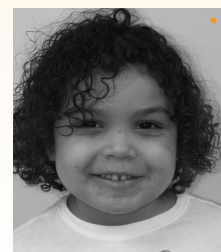
Hilltop student, **Victory** age 4:  
"It means you get all the toys and have a brother, mother and sister."

Elm Point student, **Chelsea**, age 4:  
"It means Santa brings toys and when I was a baby I saw the girl Santa. Mom called her and she told me I am going to get the Ladybug set for Christmas."



Hilltop student, **Aiden**, age 3:  
"It means toys. Santa Claus leaves and he comes back to the school today."

Elm Point student, **Lucas**, age 3:  
"It means that Christmas tree be leaved alone – so people can't break it."



Hilltop student, **Alijah**, age 4:  
"It means you get a whole bunch of dolls like Ryan from High School Musical. It also means that Daddy takes me to Incredible Pizza."

## Are You Using An Old Giving Envelope?

LFCS has a new address on their giving envelopes. Please make sure you are using our new giving envelopes.

They should have the new LFCS logo and this address on them:



If you would like a set of new envelopes, please contact your local LFCS office or call 866-326-LFCS.

## Got the Indoor Blues?



Looking for something to do at home during those cold winter days? Elm Point Early Childhood Center and Hilltop Child Development Center have some ideas to keep your child engaged.

### PLAYDOUGH

- 2 Cups flour
- 1 Cup salt
- 1 Cup of boiling water
- 2 Tbsp. cream of tartar
- 1 Tbsp. cooking oil
- Food coloring

### Directions

1. Mix all the dry ingredients together.
2. Add boiling water, oil, and food coloring all at once and stir until it is all mixed together.
3. Let cool until the dough can be handled
4. Knead the dough until it is the consistency of playdough.
5. Store in an airtight container.
6. Playdough should last about 1 month.

### HOMEMADE APPLESAUCE

- 1 apple per child
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ - ¾ cup water
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

### Directions

1. Wash apples. Peel and thinly slice apples into an electric frying pan.
2. Add water. Cover and cook on medium heat. Add ½ cup of sugar when the apples are almost soft. Stir the apples. If they are too thick, add remaining ¼ cup of water.
3. Cook until tender.
4. Serve the applesauce when it is warm. Let the children sprinkle it with cinnamon.



Science Start was purchased from a grant received by the Monsanto Fund, a philanthropic arm of the Monsanto Company. Incorporated in 1964, the Fund's primary objective is to improve the lives of people by bridging the gap between their needs and their resources. The Fund is focused on grant-making in four main areas: nutritional well-being through agriculture; science education, primarily on professional development for teachers; the environment, which includes conservation, protection of biodiversity, clean water and restoration of wildlife habitat; and improving the quality of life in communities where Monsanto employees live and work. For more information about the Fund, visit <http://www.monsantofund.org>.

## LfCS - A Partner in Preventing Child Abuse

You can help prevent child abuse by proudly displaying the official Children's Trust Fund (CTF) license plate on your vehicle. All CTF plates feature the distinctive green child's hand prints logo and a "prevent child abuse" message. The CTF Board of Directors approved and awarded nearly \$1.7 million for Fiscal Year 2009 to 73 community-based organizations and agencies throughout Missouri for child abuse and neglect prevention activities. LFCS was one of these agencies who received \$30,000 in funding through this award. Did you know that ten thousand active CTF plates equates to \$250,000 annually that would be distributed back into local programs



throughout the state and support CTF grant activities. If you would like more information on how to purchase your CTF license plate, contact Jan Scheurer at 314-787-5100 or 866-326-LFCS.

## Southwest Office Celebrates 10 Years

The "Legacy of Hope" Dinner Gala and Auction celebrated ten years of providing hope to individuals and families in Southwest Missouri. Held at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, over 200 guests enjoyed a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres followed by a fabulous Italian dinner. In 1998, LFCS opened a regional office in Springfield in direct response to the increasing demand and need for pregnancy counseling and adoption services in Southwest Missouri. The Springfield office provides crisis pregnancy counseling and adoption services to 28 counties in Southwest Missouri and continues to work to expand the range and depth of the programs and services.



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## LFCS Offering FREE Services to You

Have you been looking for that perfect guest speaker for your event or someone to come and educate your congregation on topics such as Fostering Healthy Relationships, Looking at Adoption as an Option, The Realities of Pregnancy and Parenting Issues for Teens and Young Adults, Preparing for a Natural Disaster, and Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms of Depression? Well, LFCS is ready and able to offer our assistance FREE of charge to your congregation or organization. These informational sessions are an

effort to provide our community with valuable information and are conducted at no expense to the hosting congregation or organization. We can provide experts in the field to discuss many key components of a variety our services, followed by an open question and answer forum.

These are just a few of the many topics available from our knowledgeable staff. If you would like to schedule one of these informative sessions for your congregation or organization, please contact Kelly Edwards at 314-754-2780 or [kellye@lfcs.org](mailto:kellye@lfcs.org).



**Memorial Gifts** are a thoughtful and caring way to honor the memory of a departed friend or loved one. Gifts in honor of a special person or event are also a way to celebrate life. These gifts, which are given out of love and friendship help LFCS serve our neighbors in need throughout the community. Those who are honored, or the families of those who are remembered, receive notification of the donation. We also celebrate these people by dedicating space to them in SPIRIT.



### Honorarium - Fall

Carol Berry  
A New Adventure  
Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. James Blankenship  
The birth of Tyler & Karlee  
The Woolfs

Bill & Miriam Bock  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Phil & Nancy Graul

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Unger  
E. Roland & Leonora Winter

The Baptism of Hunter Ryan Buskis  
Mike & Laural McGraw

Kati & David Connell  
Julie & Bob Binning

Jim & Viickie Dankenbring  
Mary & Gerald Orbals

Marge & Gene Dixon  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Jim & Rollie Anderson  
Ann & Donald Franke  
Amy Howell  
Nancy Rosa

Sharon & Vernon Durst  
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Alton & Delores Schaible

Terry & Arliss Fieschtener  
Alton & Delores Schaible

Roy Geers  
The birth of Tyler & Karlee  
The Woolfs

Mel & Meta George  
Wedding Anniversary  
Perry & Geneen Morgan

Jane Gould  
A New Adventure  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Charles Hacker  
80th Birthday  
Rosa Hemmann

Ellen Harmsen  
The birth of Ella  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. William Hippert  
The birth of Simon  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Paul & Jackie Kunz  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Willis & Margaret Kunz

Carol & Walt Kutscher  
40th Wedding Anniversary  
Molly & John Strickland

Dave & Marcia Machens & Their Daughter  
Tina & Glen Ehrhardt

Benton August Mohrmann  
Jean & Dan Kleypas

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Perkins  
The birth of Ella  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Quello  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Lester Ruppel  
82nd Birthday  
Alan & Lana Wills

Cindy & Matt Swatek  
Wedding Anniversary  
Jack & Mary Daugherty

Dr. & Mrs. Bucky Walter  
Jennifer's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Barbara Wiebenga  
The birth of a Great Grandson  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Williams  
60th Wedding Anniversary  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zilm  
The birth of Mary  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

### Honorariums - Summer

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Airoidi  
Tony's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Baker  
Their Son's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bogetto  
The birth of a grandson  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Carlson  
A New Home  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Sue Clement's Father  
90th Birthday  
Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Clement

Mr. & Mrs. William Cole  
John's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Linda Cook  
Retirement  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Covey  
Matt's Wedding  
The Jim Woolf Family

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Fischer  
Ben's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Pearl Hannebaum  
90th Birthday  
Ruth Piehl

Mr. & Mrs. David Hawkins  
The birth of a Granddaughter  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Ted Hawkins  
The birth of a Great-granddaughter  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Caleb Hays  
Eloise Bangert  
Brad & Ellen Beggs

Ted & Doris Hellmann  
60th Wedding Anniversary  
Norman & Lois Hansen

Philip, Michael, Douglas & Gary Hoeferkamp  
Rev. Don Hoeferkamp

Arleen & Jerry Kassing  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Ernest & Joyce Baker  
Judith & Robert Bauman  
Nina & Thomas Belcher  
Kathy & Thomas Dabin  
Robert & Judith Eddy  
Jo & Lee Enders  
Carl & Delores Fadler  
Mary Ann Hachtel  
Lois Halamicek  
Patricia Hanaway  
Norman & Lois Hansen  
John & Sharon Headrick  
Ed & Edie Jesse  
Joseph Kauffmann  
Edythe & Edwin Kuhn  
Pamela & James Linders  
Thomas & Susan McKinney  
Ken & Ellie Meng  
Carl, Nicholle & Maggie Middleman  
Rev. Herbert & Melba Muench  
Bert & Ann Murch  
Judy & Stanley Parkinson  
Dee & Bob Praechter  
Chip & Katy Uhlemeyer  
Mildred Uhlemeyer  
John, Diane, Mike & Ed Wagner  
Lloyd & Mary Wester  
John & Deborah Wilke  
John & Nadine Wilke

Michael Long  
70th Birthday  
Jordaan & Ruth Eggers

Dr. & Mrs. James Mikolajczak  
The birth of a Grandson  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Ruben & Norma Mueller  
65th Wedding Anniversary  
Leonard & Jacqueline Ludwig  
Marvin & Sharon McMillan  
Roland & Leonora Winter

Mr. & Mrs. William O'Neal  
Their Daughter's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Earl Rinne  
The birth of a Granddaughter  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Audrey Scheidker  
90th Birthday  
Eleanor Behrend  
Nancy & Robert Forsyth  
Doris Johnson  
Beverly Mackie  
Marian Wegner

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Senff  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Kranawetter and Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Kranawetter  
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Lozier  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Unger and Family

Linda Shuler  
Christine White

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Steffens  
40th Wedding Anniversary  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Roland Winter

Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Steffens  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
Mr. & Mrs. E. Roland Winter

Priscilla Timmerberg  
Sera Kate's Wedding  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wade  
A New Adventure  
The Jim Woolf Family

Marj Withers  
80th Birthday  
Ronald Archer and Family  
Jerry Withers

Gayle Woolf  
Retirement  
Jean & Glen Dorow  
Don & Amy Schaper  
JoAnn & Tom Stevener

Gayle Woolf  
60th Birthday  
Don & Amy Schaper

### Memorials - Fall

The Father of Mrs. Richard Airoidi  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Hilmer Albrecht  
Bud & Gerry Bicket  
Peggy Braden  
Ilesa Brough/Pontious Children  
Martha Cairns/Cairns Family Trust  
Richard & Mary Caron  
Lucille Colbert & Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernie Doiron  
Lillian Fishburn  
Viola Fox & Karen Lewis  
FS Pioneer Club  
Mildred Hagen  
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Hanebutt  
David & Mary Hauskins  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Kohring  
Floyd & Mildred Meseke  
Mr. & Mrs. George Meseke  
Irene Meseke  
Eric & Lisa Messmer  
Caroline & Joe Messmer  
Mary Ann Miles  
Don Mueller  
Betty & John O'Brien  
Dorothy Papenberg  
Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Riedle  
Thomas & Catherine Sauer  
Ruth Schnake  
Roger & Verna Schwagmeyer  
Gertrude Speakman  
Mr. & Mrs. Wes Stellhorn  
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Thies  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Thies  
Dale & Shelly Unger  
Ruth Shelly Unger  
Janice Wall  
Donald Welge  
Mildred Welshans & Family  
Charles Willman

Irene Bachmann  
Dorothy Wills

Charles Eugene Dapron  
Floy & Paul Cornelsen

Charles Emmer  
Mel & Sue Bahle  
Ken Bender  
Carol Bostick

Buddy & El Cason  
Floy & Paul Cornelsen  
Rev. Alan & Lucy Erdman  
Ann & Ron Jones  
Sandy & Steve Rach  
Alan & Shirley Rowold  
Marj & Jerry Withers

Eleanor Fisher  
Cora & Tobey Harris

Judy Gerleman  
Mike & Laural McGraw

Bluford Kellner  
Freeman & Shirley Sebastian

Olivia Lansing  
Joyce Abel  
Cindy and T. Ellis Barnes, III  
Christine & William Barrett  
David & Mary Ann Becker  
Bob & Luanne Beumer  
Laura & David Brown  
Colleen & John Chiapel  
Continental Title Company  
Michele Darragh  
Pat & Michelle Dean  
Rev. Alan & Lucy Erdman  
Mr. & Mrs. Angel Espinosa  
Melba Fanger  
Mark Farner & Barb Mohn  
Julie Buchard Gau  
Lee Harris Family/Metro Group Insurance  
Mr. & Mrs. Bryon Haverstick  
Norlene & Charles Hill  
David Hogan/Hogan Transport  
John & Teresa Howard  
Integrity Home Care  
Kimberlie & Andrew Jones  
John & Linda Komlos  
Aunt Lona's "Lake Girls" Connie, Jeanne, Kathie, Kathy, Kathy, Sharon & Linda  
Janet & Larry Lemke  
Mr. & Mrs. Dorian Magwitz  
Tom & Linda McCrackin  
Kelly O'Brien  
Sara & Thomas Placke  
Prairie Marsh Farms  
Darlene & Kenneth Reiner  
Donna Schnieders/International Families, Inc.  
Mike & Alyson Schoedel  
Bill & Lorraine Strawhun  
Arlene & Norm Tice  
Nancy & Paul Tice  
Christie & Larry Tietjen  
Robert & Patricia Tobler  
Amy, Todd, Kate & John Zimmerman

Pat Logerwell  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Karl Lueker  
E. Roland & Leonora Winter

Ellen Mantague  
Wayne & JoEllen Scheer

Frank Martini  
Gary & Jan Meyer

Ron Metzler  
Lois Branham  
Virginia Dunleavy  
Jeanne & Al Fischer  
Laverne & Barry Flachsbart  
Cal Flesch  
Donald & Patricia Guehring  
Harold & Sue Holmes  
Dr. & Mrs. Delbert Huelskoetter  
Mr. & Mrs. Leland Huelskoetter  
Morris & Joyce Huelskoetter  
Harold & Rosie Kaiser  
Marilyn Marks  
Michael Metzler  
Steve & Sandy Moreno  
Lela Mulherin  
Dick & Doris Oliver  
Arvel & Doris Purdy  
Marie & Carl Ripp  
Jo & Bob Ross  
Ralph & Myrna Schneider

Ellen Montague  
Wayne & JoEllen Scheer

Mother  
Thomas McGhee

Ellis Stout  
Doug & Lynette Mehle

James M. Stubbs, Sr.  
Marvin & Lafern Schoen

The Father of Mrs. Lila Thorp  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Al Tucker  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Janet Wagner  
Doris & Robert Shank

The Sister of Mrs. Tim Welsh  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

LaDonna Wills  
Molly & John Strickland

### Memorials - Summer

Nancy Allmann  
Dan & Terri Penrod  
Realty Executives of Cape Girardeau

The Mother of Dan Beck  
Drs. Ted & Emilie Meiners

Mrs. Breimeier  
Drs. Ted & Emilie Meiners

Cory Brunkhorst  
Molly & John Strickland

Eve Cartier  
Bellevue Pharmacy Solutions, Inc.

Ron Christianson  
Matt Connolly & Marie McGeehan

Jeanette Cook  
Christine White

Bob Davis  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Leroy Davis  
Harold & Rosie Kaiser  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Emily Eckrich  
Lois & Gordon Peacock  
Suzanne Wright

George Friedrich  
Sheryl Horejsi

Jeremy Hackler  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Roger Horst  
Roy & Jane Boren

Carl Jank  
Roy & Jane Boren

Charles Kirkpatrick  
Marie & Carl Ripp

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The Capps Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Helmkampf  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McDonald  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wotka  
The Wotka Family

Clarence Lange  
Jeff, Jennifer, Joy, Mike & Judy Cassel

Bob Lansing  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Vivian Lansing  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Ann Maupin  
Bellevue Pharmacy Solutions, Inc.

Hugh "Bud" McEntire  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Oralee  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Dorothy Roedder  
Jim & Gayle Woolf

Bob Schaffter  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Kathy Schmitt  
Marie & Carl Ripp

Karen Smith  
Selvin Smith, III

# At Your Fingertips



The 21st Annual Holiday Home Tour will be held in Cape Girardeau on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10AM until 4 PM. Tour six magnificent homes of various decorating styles which include a Bed and Breakfast, traditional, contemporary, eclectic, you name it you'll see it on the LFCS Holiday Home Tour. Get decorating tips from others, don't miss this event! Tickets on sale NOW. Pay \$20 in advance or \$25 day of the tour. For more information call 573-334-5866.



## LFCS - Committed to Quality Volunteerism

We are proud to announce that LFCS is a United Way Volunteer Center certified agency.

Certification is awarded through the United Way of Greater St. Louis' Volunteer Center, and is one indicator that our agency has a strong administrative infrastructure.

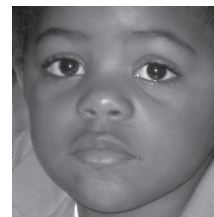
Certification is based upon a set of nationally recognized standards critical to quality volunteer management programs related to planning, recruitment and placement, orienting and training, supervising, recognizing, and evaluating volunteers.

"Without volunteers, LFCS would not be able to help as many people as we do," said Kelly Edwards, Community Relations Coordinator. "Being certified through United Way's Volunteer Center helps us work better and smarter with our volunteers."

LFCS offers many volunteer opportunities at various locations statewide. We are even open to new ideas that come from you. For more information contact Kelly Edwards at 866-326-LFCS or visit lfcsmo.org.

## YOU Can Change Lives

It only takes one person to change the lives of many people. It only takes one person to impact generations to come. It only takes one person. Are you that person? When you make a contribution to LFCS, you help change lives, build families and bring hope to children throughout Missouri.



- Please accept my contribution to the LFCS Foundation to support agency programs of LFCS such as counseling, child welfare, community services and the child development centers.
- Please remember the LFCS Foundation in your will.
- Increase your donation with matching funds.
- Many employers will match your personal donation. Check with your company for more information on matching gift programs. Employer matching gifts may also be available if you are the spouse of the employee, a retired employee or the spouse/widow/widower of a retiree.
- If you are a Thrivent member, your gift can also be matched.
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