



# *Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest*

Lighting the Way...One Life at a Time™

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, February 14, 2010, the congregations of the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will join together to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW). Bishop Steve Talmage has declared this day to be one of special celebration for this vital ministry. Since 1970, LSS-SW has ministered to the urgent needs of individuals in the southwest.

Churches of the ELCA and LCMS have supported this important ministry through prayer, monetary gifts, volunteer work, and with individual and group service. LSS-SW has partnered with local congregations, national groups, government organizations, other faith-based agencies, and supportive partners such as Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Fittingly, this LSS-SW Sunday is Valentine's Day, and God's love for individuals, families and groups has moved workers in this ministry to touch many lives with the love of Christ.

As a congregation of the Grand Canyon Synod, we invite you to have an active role in this celebration. Attached you will find several documents you may choose to use as a participant in the celebration.

1. *Newsletter Article*
2. *Bulletin Paragraphs* Two descriptive paragraphs to be placed in the bulletin, one each on the two Sundays leading up to February 14.
3. *Prayers for Worship* Two prayers for inclusion in the worship service on February 14.
4. *Bulletin Insert* for inclusion on February 14.
5. *DVD Description* Information on how to access and use a 5 ½ minute video and audio presentation highlighting the ministries of the agency.

We ask that you electronically access or download and print any or all of the documents for distribution to members of your congregation and others in your community.

In addition, we encourage you to recognize any individuals or groups in your congregation who are employed by or are volunteers for LSS-SW. They are vital partners in our mission.

Throughout the 2010 calendar year, members of the Board of Directors and key staff of LSS-SW are available for presentations at your church. These presentations may be during worship services, Sunday School sessions and Adult Forums, and to Women's and Men's groups, and to relevant ministry teams of your church. To schedule an event or for further information, please contact us through the LSS-SW website [www.lss-sw.org](http://www.lss-sw.org) and click on the link for "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration."

Thank you for your partnership with Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of LSS-SW,

Donna Campbell  
Pastor Jeff Gallen  
Toetie Oberman  
Pastor John Stieve  
Members of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

**5049 E. Broadway Blvd. Suite 102, Tucson, AZ 85711**  
**(520) 748-2300 • Fax: (520) 748-2300 • [www.lss-sw.org](http://www.lss-sw.org)**  
**Charles E. Monroe, President/CEO**

## **Board of Directors**

Pastor Jeff Gallen  
Chairman

Pastor John Stieve  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary

Allan Johnson  
Treasurer

## **Members:**

Chenita Dix  
Donald Smith  
Donna Campbell  
Elaine Groppenbacher  
Gerald Kleinfeld  
Pastor Fred Hearn  
Pat Brown  
Richard Knopf  
Sherry Jordan  
Toetie Oberman