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## Mission Statement

As followers of Christ, we are called to do what lies within our power to share burdens that weigh upon the young and the old and to alleviate sorrow and misery in His Name.

## Our Values

Faithfulness to Christ  
Equality and Justice  
Wholeness of Life  
Integrity  
Quality of Service  
Stewardship of Resources

## Our Vision

We will be a network of dedicated, gifted, and caring people, providing exceptional services and facilities.

## LHS President/CEO Announces Retirement

Lynn Olman, Chair of the LHS Board of Directors, announces that the Board, at their December 2013 meeting, reluctantly accepted Dave Roberts' notice of retirement, effective January 31, 2015. Mr. Roberts has served the Society for 26 years –

20 years of which he will have served in the leadership role.

“Dave has been an excellent servant and continues to ‘give all the glory to God’ for the work done through the leadership at Lutheran Homes Society,” Mr. Olman stated.

“From a Board perspective, in addition to the advancement of the ministries of LHS (our number one objective being care of residents, patients and clients), Dave has been an excellent partner in elevating the  
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## Proposed Medicare Legislation Vital to Seniors Announced at Lutheran Home at Toledo

Lutheran Home at Toledo was honored to host U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown's press conference in late January for his recent announcement of a plan that would end an arbitrary Medicare policy causing seniors to be hit unknowingly with large, unfair costs after receiving necessary post-acute medical care.

Under current Medicare policy, a beneficiary must have an “inpatient” hospital stay of at least three days in order for Medicare to cover post-hospitalization skilled nursing care. Patients



*U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown and LHS President/CEO David Roberts chat with attendees at the senator's press conference held at Lutheran Home at Toledo.*

that receive hospital care on “observation status” do not qualify for this benefit, even if

their hospital stay lasts longer than three days.  
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LHS Partners with Industry Leader  
to Provide Home Health  
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## When the Floods Came to LHS

“Abraham called the name of that place ‘The Lord Will Provide,’ as it is said to this day, ‘In the mount of the Lord it will be provided.’” Genesis 22:14

The recent January snowstorm will go down in the record books as one of the deepest snowfalls in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan history. Many of us vividly recall being trapped in our homes



*The flooded hallways at Covenant Harbor in Oak Harbor made it necessary to temporarily move residents.*

by huge snow drifts and ice-packed streets, creating Level Three snow emergencies in many of our communities. The daily routines of our lives were disrupted, and our infrastructure was in disarray; however, in the isolated world of LHS ministries, God’s loving arms were wrapped around His flock!

While human patience, resources, systems, and

procedures were stressed to their limits, the Lord did provide! Listing the names of LHS nursing, housekeeping and maintenance staff would easily fill the pages of this edition of *The Friend*; many of them worked extraordinarily long hours to assure the care and safety of our residents. Staff and volunteers

with four-wheel drive vehicles transported staff to and from our buildings, while many dedicated staff worked extra hours to provide necessary care. In the frigid temperatures, sprinkler systems froze and water lines burst, showering hallways and common spaces. Yet, in the middle of this disarray, disorder and confusion, God miraculously prevailed in providing for every single need, including the necessity of temporarily relocating some Covenant Harbor residents due to their flooded hallway.

As difficult times hit our ministries, especially with reduced reimbursements and increasing regulations, it is easy to fall into the trap of despair and even hopelessness. Yet in those times, I recall January 2014, when, while trapped in my home, I received reports of the issues being addressed through the expedient execution of our emergency disaster plans. I could only give thanks to God for His provision. Now, a month later, I continue to reflect on the Sovereignty of God in this instance of human need with an even firmer conviction that “The Lord Will Provide”!

All thanks and praise to God!



*David Roberts,  
President/CEO*

## Board of Directors Welcomes New Member

Lutheran Homes Society announces the appointment of Daniel Wakeman to the LHS Board of Directors. He is President of ProMedica St. Luke’s Hospital and continues to serve on the Lutheran

Village at Wolf Creek ministry board, as he has for the past six years.



*Daniel Wakeman*

He is Secretary of the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio and is past Chairman of numerous fundraising events for local nonprofit organizations. He is a member of Rosary Cathedral in Toledo, Ohio, and resides in Maumee with his wife, Jasmine.

## Retirement - continued from front page

Board of Directors to a true “governance board” for more efficient and effective governance of the organization, while improving reporting and accountability of management.

“The exercise of our full fiduciary responsibility has been enhanced through the Board-approved annual Strategic Deployment Plan and the Vision 2002 Portfolio, keeping the Board engaged in setting the direction of ministry for management to implement.

“Dave will be missed by all those who have had the pleasure of working with this dedicated servant,” Olman concluded.

## Proposed Medicare Legislation - continued from front page

enthusiastically endorses this bi-partisan legislation and was delighted that the organization could demonstrate its support.

“When seniors are transferred from a hospital to a nursing home for further care, they should be able to focus on their recovery instead of technicalities that could lead to sky high medical bills,” Sen. Brown stated. “My bipartisan legislation would help ensure that seniors receive the care they need without incurring unexpected and unfair costs.”

Sen. Brown’s bill, the Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act, would allow for the time patients spend in the hospital under “observation status” to count toward the requisite three-day hospital stay for coverage of skilled nursing care. According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), outpatient classification is intended for providers to run tests and evaluate patients in order to arrive at appropriate diagnoses and treatment plans, or to provide brief episodes of treatment. Services that are typically not considered as “inpatient” include emergency department services, outpatient surgery, lab testing, or x-rays. For the purposes of counting inpatient days, CMS considers a person an “inpatient” on the first day that the patient is formally admitted

to the hospital because of a doctor’s order; the last is the day before discharge.

Joining Sen. Brown to help discuss this issue and the importance of passing this legislation was Diana Peth, the daughter of Julia Matthews, a resident at the Lutheran Home at Toledo. On two occasions, Mrs. Matthews needed multiple-day stays in the hospital for serious conditions that also required subsequent skilled nursing care. In both cases she was under “observation status” and was therefore not eligible for Medicare coverage of her post-hospital stay care.

Sen. Brown was also joined by Dr. Murthy Gokula, Associate Professor and Program Director of Promedica St. Luke’s Hospital Geriatrics Fellowship Program/ University of Toledo; and David Roberts, LHS President/CEO.

“We are thankful that Sen. Brown chose Lutheran Home at Toledo to hold this press conference to announce his bill, ‘Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act,’ which will address some of the expense issues facing Medicare recipients,” Mr. Roberts said. “On behalf of

Medicare recipients, we are grateful for the senator’s insightful efforts in addressing this expensive burden potentially faced by all Medicare beneficiaries.”

### LHS Public Policy Advocacy Statement:

“LHS takes a non-partisan view with regard to political agendas. We advocate with ‘both sides of the aisle’ with regard to legislation that may affect our current residents, patients, and clients, as well as on behalf of all who may “have no voice” but who may be affected by such legislation.”

## LHS Represents LeadingAge Ohio at Health Care Dialogue

Ohio Rep. Barbara Sears hosted a “dialogue on health care issues” with Ohio Speaker of the House William Batchelder in early December. This small group of about 10 people included representatives

from hospitals and other health care related industries. Lutheran Homes Society President/CEO David Roberts and Director of Public Policy Advocacy Nancy Wellman attended the event, representing LeadingAge Ohio skilled nursing facilities.

“This was a high honor for Lutheran Homes Society to represent skilled nursing facilities in the State of Ohio and offer input in the dialogue with regard to health care issues, especially those that face our seniors,” said President/CEO David Roberts.



*Rep. Barbara Sears (left) and Speaker William Batchelder spoke with health care providers in December.*

## LHS Partners with Industry Leader to Provide Home Health

Lutheran Homes Society is partnering with Alternate Solutions HealthCare (ASH), an industry leader in post acute health care services and strategic partnerships headquartered in Kettering, Ohio, to form Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners. The new home health agency will provide skilled nursing and therapy services in the northwest Ohio region.

Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners is scheduled to start providing home care in early March. At the onset, the agency will serve primarily a geriatric population, but will then expand to serve people of all ages. The agency also plans to add other services, including private duty nursing, hospice care and PASSPORT.

Alternate Solutions HealthCare so we can move forward into a new service line with confidence that it will complement our existing ministries.”

“Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners will allow us to provide better care for our patients and residents,” Mrs. Konst said. “It opens the door for a whole new continuity of care and care coordination, where patients and residents will not have to leave the LHS network of services.”

Alternate Solutions HealthCare is ranked by HomeCare Elite in the top 1% of Home Healthcare agencies in the United States, based upon the analysis of performance measures in financial performance, quality outcomes and quality improvement. The company’s focus is on building a community of care while implementing an innovative, progressive and efficient business model. Its mission is to inspire hope and improve the quality of life for those patients entrusted to its care.



The joint venture is an equal partnership of both organizations. ASH will manage the day-to-day operations, and LHS will provide overall leadership and mission integration. The offices for Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners will be located on the Lutheran Home at Toledo campus.

“One big advantage of this partnership is that it integrates the mission and values of Lutheran Homes Society in all areas of senior care needs,” stated Dave Roberts, LHS President/CEO. “The LHS mission statement is included in our contract with

Lutheran Homes Society has been working for the past two years on the best way to include home health in its service line, thereby providing a full continuum of care, regardless of where the senior resides. This joint venture, in addition to LHS being a HOME Choice provider, assures delivery of care at the lowest cost and in the most independent setting.

“Alternate Solutions HealthCare has the operational structure and expertise to hit the ground running from day one,” stated LHS Senior Vice President for Elder Care Services Donna Konst, “complementing LHS’ commitment to care independence.”

### LHS Announces Changes to Leadership

Steve Dumke has been promoted to Senior Vice President for Youth, Housing & Community Services. In his new role, Mr. Dumke is responsible for leading the planning, designing and

oversight of care and services through a collaborative process with organizational leaders that is reflected in long-range, strategic, and operational plans in all youth, family, housing, and community services ministries.

Mr. Dumke has been with LHS for nine years, serving in numerous capacities, including Vice President for Long-Term Care Services and Executive Director at both the Lutheran Home at Napoleon and Lutheran Memorial Home in Sandusky. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Bowling Green State University and received his Master of Business Administration degree



Steve Dumke

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## Napoleon Residents Celebrate National Hat Day

Hat Day is a day in January set aside to wear and enjoy a special hat that reflects the wearer's style and personality. Lutheran Home at Napoleon celebrated this occasion with staff members assisting residents in picking out hats that best suited their personalities.

Residents wore their hats to the day's activities, which included Resident Council, trivia games, laughter therapy, lunch, card games, and Happy Hour at the end of the day. Residents had fun showing off their stylish toppers to staff, family and friends.

"The hats make for great conversation starters, and who couldn't help but smile at seeing a resident in a great hat," commented Activity Assistant Liz Jones. "It really opens up lines of communication between everyone. Residents could tell their families and friends about the fun they had that day, and staff could ask residents about where they got their hat or compliment them on their style."

"There is no doubt that everyone on the Napoleon campus works hard to give the best care possible to our residents," said Activity Director Linda Miller.

"Events like this give everyone a moment to enjoy the most important aspect of our jobs – the individuality of each person we serve."

Each day at the Napoleon campus, residents are offered opportunities to grow, learn, reminisce, worship, sing, dance, pray and share. These opportunities and activities, exemplified in the recent Hat Day celebration, are a vital part of the residents' overall welfare and quality of life.



*Resident Agnes King shows off a pink, furry animal print hat.*

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from the University of Toledo (UT). He also is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA).

Angela Powell has been promoted to Vice President for Long-Term Care Services. Mrs. Powell is responsible for leading and directing initiatives designed to deliver quality resident care and support services identified in each service delivery area of all four long-term care campuses.



*Angie Powell*

Mrs. Powell has been with LHS since 2002 in various positions, including Executive Director at Lutheran Memorial Home and, most recently, as Executive Director of Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek in Holland, Ohio.

She graduated from UT with a double major in human resource management and organizational development. She is an LNHA and a certified Professional in Human Resources.

Lorinda Schalk has been named Vice President for Finance & Accounting/Chief Financial Officer. Mrs. Schalk is responsible for the financial and fiscal

management aspects of LHS ministry operations. She provides leadership and coordination in the business planning, accounting, and budgeting efforts of the organization.

Mrs. Schalk has been employed with LHS for 11 years in various capacities, including Controller, Director of Compliance and, most recently, as Vice President for Youth, Housing & Community Services. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from UT and worked in public accounting for six years prior to coming to LHS. She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), and Certified Aging Services Professional (CASP).



*Lorinda Schalk*

"These talented and dedicated individuals have a real passion for the ministry of Lutheran Homes Society," stated David Roberts, President/CEO. "Their proven leadership complements the Society's track record of being an innovator in quality care to youth and elders."

## Future Social Workers Gain Experience at Housing Sites

Students studying to become social workers have been gaining valuable on-the-job experience at several Lutheran Homes Society housing sites through partnerships with the University of Toledo (UT) and Bluffton University. For LHS, the student interns help with coordinating resident and client service needs, completing annual resident assessments, and completing quality assurance reviews of case files.

Seven student interns have worked or are working at Bethany Place, Luther Crest, Luther Grove, Luther Haus, Luther Hills, Luther Pines, and Luther Woods. Six of the interns have come from UT, and their internship experience lasts a school year. One intern, who began at Luther Pines in January, is from Bluffton and will be with LHS for a semester. Students are required to have internship hours in order to obtain licensure as social workers.

“It’s been a great experience for all involved,” stated Melanie Moore, Director of Service Coordination. “The partnerships provide an opportunity for students to gain experience both in our housing sites and the community. They learn about a variety of services

and resources in the area, such as meal programs, home health services, Medicaid and Medicare benefits, PASSPORT services, and transportation options.”

Additionally, when LHS positions become available, former interns who have graduated are welcome to apply for them. In the long run, this can decrease the cost of training new employees since they have already spent valuable time learning the duties of LHS Service Coordinators.

The hiring of a former intern has already happened in the case of Lauren Post, who worked at Luther Hills and Luther Grove during the 2012-2013 school year. In September 2013, she was hired as the Service Coordinator at Luther Haus.

“She knew the job inside and out from her experience interning with us,” Melanie explained. “She was an excellent intern, dedicated and hardworking, so we knew she would be an excellent staff member.”



*Student intern Brooke Gable (left) works at Luther Haus with Service Coordinator Lauren Post.*

## Wolf Creek Grandfriends Program Mixes Generations

Each month, Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek assisted living residents pack up their school bags and get on the Wolf Creek bus for the short ride to St. Joan of Arc Catholic School. As part of the Grandfriends program, residents spend time interacting with students in the fourth-grade classrooms.

The residents and students experience a variety of intergenerational activities together. They spend time working on art projects, writing assignments, geography and history projects, and other academic assignments.

“The children love our residents, and our residents love to be with the children,” stated

Activity Coordinator Vicki Ropp, who has been taking a group of assisted living residents to



*Wolf Creek Resident Viola Fabian and St. Joan of Arc student Riley Mutscheller use iPads to complete a history/geography trivia activity.*

St. Joan of Arc school for the past six years.

“It’s a win-win situation and very fulfilling for both parties,” she added. “The children get very excited when they see our bus pull into their school parking lot and they greet our residents at the door with big smiles.”

At Christmas, the residents were invited to St. Joan of Arc’s Christmas program and enjoyed VIP seating. They were very excited to see their “adopted grandkids” on stage and the students were happy to perform for their special guests. In May, Wolf Creek plans to invite the fourth graders to the campus for a picnic.

## New Executive Director Starts at Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek

Lutheran Homes Society announces the appointment of Julie McKitrick as Executive Director of Lutheran Village of Wolf Creek. As Executive Director, Mrs. McKitrick will be responsible for the ongoing operations, community relations, and ministry development of the Wolf Creek campus.

Mrs. McKitrick has been employed in the long-term care industry for 16 years. Most recently, she was an administrator with Trilogy Health Services, where she worked for more than five years at locations in Genoa, Maumee and Willard, Ohio.

“Julie brings a great deal of experience in long-term care and short-term rehab that will assist in the advancement of medical services at Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek,” stated Donna Konst, Senior Vice President for Elder Care Services. “We are excited to have Julie as a part of the leadership team!”

Mrs. McKitrick is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator (LNHA). She earned a bachelor’s

degree in gerontology at Bowling Green State University, with a specialization in long-term care administration. She resides in Oak Harbor, Ohio, with her husband and three children.

“I have been a life-long member of the Lutheran Church, and I’m excited to serve as our faith instructs us to do,” Mrs. McKitrick said. “I’m very thankful for this opportunity to share my knowledge and experience with a great group of professionals, who are dedicated to providing top-notch care and services.”



Julie McKitrick

## Lutheran Home at Toledo Stays Active in the Community

There have been many activities at Lutheran Home at Toledo over the past year that demonstrate the ministry’s commitment to the community. In many instances, this involves activities outside the confines of the facility’s four walls or inviting people from the surrounding communities to come the facility for a value-added benefit.

Lutheran Homes Society’s Social Accountability Program recognizes the benefits that not-for-profit organizations provide over and above all they do for those they serve in house, striving to improve the

life of the community beyond the facilities’ walls. All of the ministries and employees of Lutheran Homes Society are encouraged to explore opportunities to provide activities beneficial to the community.

Providing the use of LHS facilities to outside groups is one way this can be done. The Toledo campus has opened its doors to host Zumba exercise classes four nights per week as well as Tai Chi on Tuesday evenings. The Red Cross also conducts a blood drive every three months in the Community Room.

The involvement of employees in community leadership and service is another aspect of social accountability. Individual examples of community service include weekly Meals on Wheels deliveries, participation on community boards, and the lending of expertise to other local non-profit organizations. In addition, Toledo staff sponsors two local families during Christmas.

The Toledo campus also has conducted community educational events. Topics have included dementia care, Medicare benefits, and the Veterans Administration aid & attendance benefit.

“Community involvement is an important way to spread the mission and ministry of Lutheran Homes Society,” according to Robert Dennie, Executive Director of the Toledo campus. “Our employees have consistently and enthusiastically supported these efforts.”



Exercise can provide health benefits for community members who attend classes on the Toledo campus.

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## Sandusky Focus Group Strives for Resident Satisfaction

The focus group dedicated to improving resident care at Lutheran Memorial Home has made significant progress since its inception two years ago. The group consists of seven residents, four family

members, two members of the management team, one nurse, and two nursing assistants, who meet regularly to discuss issues affecting residents.



*Improving the dining experiences of residents, such as Rosezella Miller (seated), is part of the job for cook Amy Alexander.*

In 2013, the group focused on improving the dining experience for residents. According to Executive Director Deanna Dothard, the residents seem pleased with the changes, which included hiring a cook with culinary training, getting the residents' feedback on weekly menus, and ordering new place settings and dietary equipment to improve the appearance of the dining room.

The group's goal for 2014 is to improve and implement more activities. The first activity to be put into action will be coffee and scrapbooking with members of the administration. Each resident will receive an invitation delivered to them personally from a member of the management team.

"The issues the focus group explores are taken straight from the Resident Satisfaction Survey administered by the Ohio Department of Aging," Dothard stated. "We hope our first new activity will further open up the lines of communication between staff and residents, as well as provide some fun for our residents, who have been asking for a scrapbooking activity."

## Family & Youth Services - Around Home

The winter has been brutal, but LHS Family & Youth staff has been ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of children and youth in care and treatment. Jason, a youth at the Oregon Treatment Facility, was reunified with his biological mother in January, after they participated in the Partners in Treatment Family Weekend program.

Julie continues to work towards graduation and is exploring college options. Beth and Timothy spent time at the Toledo Area Humane Society, where they enjoyed holding and petting the animals. Scott continues his impressive streak of meeting his weekly goals; he is now up to 20 consecutive weeks. As a treat for doing so well, he selects a local eatery to dine at each week.

At Wynn Treatment Facility, Katie passed two critical areas of the Ohio Graduation Test. Wynn residents engaged in a daily exercise program with an intense video or a staff-guided routine with basic exercises and stretching at their ability level. Residents also helped make the home more energy efficient in early January and learned how being energy efficient can save money. One resident applied to work part-time at Lutheran Home of Toledo and was hired. Family & Youth will be providing an on-the-job mentor during the early days of employment.

The Anthony Wayne Home staff worked with a speech therapist in January to help the youth placed there follow single-step verbal directions, attempting to keep them on a task for up to 12 seconds. Staff has been able to get the youth to produce 3-4 word sentences to make respectful requests. For example, during meal time a youth may say, "More milk please."

At the Maumee Youth Center, Amy has been going on home visits with her father and is expected



to be reunified with him soon. Another youth has had off-ground visits with his adoptive mother and told staff he enjoyed their time together. Michael and Jeff have been assisting

more with dinner preparation and after dinner clean-up. Staff and youth at the Maumee Youth Center walked a total of 5,518 laps in the gym as part of a fitness program to promote staying healthy and active during the winter months.



## The Friend Newsletter Celebrates 100 Years of Publication

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *The Friend* newsletter is being commemorated in 2014. The first issue was printed in November 1914 in German with the title “Lutherischer Waisen Freund.” Translated “Lutheran Orphans Friend,” the publication has undergone many changes over the years, yet it has continued to be the primary way to communicate with friends and supporters of Lutheran Homes Society.

From a historical standpoint, the first issue of *The Friend* was printed 54 years after the Society began caring for orphans and about eight years after the Society began officially caring for the elderly. In 1914, care was provided at one campus near the border of East Toledo and Oregon, Ohio. The original, wooden frame Lutheran Orphans’ home was overflowing with children and soon would be replaced by the brick structure still standing at 2411 Seaman Street.

For the first five years that it was printed, the newsletter was written in German one month and then English the next. This may seem like a somewhat awkward arrangement, but the editors were trying their best to reach a diverse audience. The second issue, written in English, noted:



*“The editors fully realize that the arrangement of publishing one number in German and the next in English is far from ideal, but under the existing circumstances it is the best we can do. We feel that the old staunch supporters of our Homes deserve to hear something about these institutions – and among these the great majority read only German. On the other hand we know that the number of our young people who read only English is growing ever greater! ‘Tis sad for him who loves the old mother tongue, but what can we do? We are not here to wage a war of languages but to do the work of the church and to care for Christ’s needy ones.”*

In the early years of publication, the newsletter was all text. In fact, it was not until 1919 that the first photograph appeared in the publication. This photograph showed the readers what the newly built brick orphanage looked like. The words themselves were written in a flowing, lyrical style from a bygone

era, with pronounced language and grammatical differences.

Most of the content focused on the activities of life at the orphanage and the Old Folks’ Home, along with anecdotes and interesting historical facts. Similar to today, the publication included records of donations and coming events, including the announcement of the Annual Festival and the Home Superintendent’s Annual Report given that day. Unlike today’s publication, early issues even featured advertisements on the last one or two pages.



Throughout 2014, LHS will devote space within *The Friend* newsletter to celebrate 100 years of publication. While continuing to share current LHS news and stories, the newsletter will also provide glimpses of the past, as recorded in its pages. To that end, the following excerpt introduced the first issue in November 1914:

*“Dear friends, this little paper is to tell you of an institution which is called “home” by those who have no other home; it is to tell you of children who have no parents to make them happy; it is to tell you of aged fathers and mothers who have no one to provide for them. This institution bears the name ‘The Lutheran Orphans’ and Old Folks’ Home of Toledo’. Are you a Lutheran? Do you realize that this is your institution? Ought it not be your ambition that this institution be one of the best of its kind because it is yours? Ought it not be our pride to know that these our orphans and old people are well cared for? Not only our pride should move us to take a deep interest in this institution; our gratitude toward God for the great gifts He has given us and for the Son that has died for us should urge us on to do all in our power for those who are less fortunate than we are.*

*“Therefore we commend this paper to your good will, kind reader; we shall publish it in English and German; we hope you will co-operate with us, and help us make it a success.”*

## Thank You Donors for Giving

The Board of Directors of Lutheran Homes Society and its Foundation thank you for your generous contributions during the past year. Through your generosity, donations increased by two percent over last year. That is a profound increase, given the state of economic uncertainty, and the fact that the average U.S. nonprofit remained flat or was behind last year's donations.

Donors have a multitude of choices as they seek a nonprofit organization for their contributions.

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*"We thank donors who have selected LHS as the charity worthy of their benevolence. It is through your donations that LHS is able to transform lives and bring hope to those who would otherwise have no hope."*

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Each donor has a different reason for financially supporting the mission and ministry of LHS. When asking donors why they contribute, the following are among the responses received:

- *I want to help people. I believe in the mission.*
- *Because of the compassion shown to our family, church members and friends.*
- *You have always served the young and the old, and you have done it well.*
- *Because you touch so many lives with the Gospel of Christ in a very caring way.*
- *I am blessed.*
- *Because of the many services provided to all.*
- *I believe in the mission and want it to continue for years to come.*

Various responses were received, but all have a love of others' welfare woven through them. Thank you for your gracious 2013 gifts that have enabled love to be shown to all residents of LHS ministries. I pray that you will maintain confidence in Lutheran Homes Society, and that moved by the Holy Spirit, you will join with us in His ministry in 2014 as well.

Thank you for your faithfulness!



Kathleen B. Lemmerbrock  
Executive Director  
LHS Foundation

## Martyn Honored as Outstanding Volunteer

National Philanthropy Day is celebrated each year during the month of November to recognize those individuals and organizations that volunteer their service and resources to make our communities better places for everyone. Each year individuals are honored for their efforts in reaching out to others to ensure a more promising future for all.

At the November 14, 2013 National Philanthropy Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, 24 outstanding volunteers were recognized by their respective organizations. The Rev. Dr. Peter Martyn was honored as the 2013 Outstanding Community Volunteer by the LHS Foundation for his faithful work as the Foundation's Donor Relations Associate Director.

"LHS is richly blessed with Peter's gifts of ministry to our donors," stated President/CEO David Roberts.

*The Rev. Dr. Peter Martyn, shown here with his wife, Susan, was honored for his LHS volunteer service.*



## Nominating Committee Seeks Board Candidates

The Nominating Committee continues to search for candidates for the Lutheran Homes Society Board of Directors. We also are searching for candidates to serve on our Ministry Boards. These boards assist the executive directors in areas of visioning, annual strategic planning, and donation distributions.

If you are interested or know of a good candidate for any LHS board, please contact the Nominating Committee at [NWellman@LHSHOH.org](mailto:NWellman@LHSHOH.org) or mail to: Nominating Committee, Attn: Nancy Wellman, Lutheran Homes Society, 2021 N. McCord Road, Toledo, OH 43615-3030

# Faithful Donors Support LHS Ministries

The Lord continues to bless Lutheran Homes Society and His good work through His people as our donors are faithful stewards of what He has entrusted to them. We thank God for each and every donor. Some give to support the day-to-day needs of our residents through annual and renewable giving. Others make planned gifts by including LHS ministries in their wills or by creating Perpetual Trusts, Foundations, or Charitable Remainder Gift Annuities. All are helping as we do the work of the Gospel.

We give thanks and praise to God for the foresight of the following individuals who, while they were with us, made arrangements to provide funds to LHS upon their death. We have been blessed with their generosity.

## Bequests

Mona Barkimer	Wilhelmine Oberdick
Pauline Gulau	Pearl Stauffer
James & Barbara Keller	Marjorie Tassell
Norman Kies	Mildred Tomanicek
Philip Kurfis	

Charitable Remainder Gift Annuities are one of the most effective planned gifts in support of our ministries, as well as congregations and other ministries. We honor the memory of generous people who have used this means of gifting.

## Charitable Remainder Gift Annuities

Rev. William Cox  
Valeda Welch

The following donors have established Perpetual Trusts or Foundations that distribute a portion of their value each year. These generous donors will be remembered as caring companions with us in this ministry to youth and elderly.

## Trusts and Foundations

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Christine Siefert

## Donations Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2013

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**The staff at Wolf Creek** by Margaret & Frederick Bretzloff  
**George Streepey's 81st birthday** by Joyce Streepey  
**Joyce Streepey's 80th birthday** by Anonymous  
**Great-grandaughter, Autumn Weiss**, by Nancy Hardin  
**Katherine Zepernick** by Richard Zepernick  
**Ronald Zepernick** by Richard Zepernick

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## 154th Annual Meeting of Member Congregations

**Monday, April 7, 2014**

Zoar Lutheran Church, Perrysburg, Ohio

**6:30 p.m. - Registration begins**

**7:00 p.m. - Opening worship service in  
the sanctuary**

**7:30 p.m. - Annual meeting and  
keynote speaker**

The keynote speaker will be LHS President/CEO David Roberts, who will be presenting his final LHS annual report. Mr. Roberts has announced his retirement in January 2015. (See front page article.) Mr. Robert's presentation will highlight God's direction for governance and management over the past 20 years.

Refreshments will be served in the Family Life Center at the end of the evening. All attendees are encouraged to enjoy fellowship and dessert and to visit the ministry displays.



*This year's annual  
meeting will feature  
President/CEO David  
Roberts' last annual  
report to the member  
congregations.*



**To make a reservation**

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Reservations are due by Monday, March 31, 2014.