

The FRIEND

GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES



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LUTHERAN HOMES SOCIETY CHANGES NAME TO GENACROSS LUTHERAN SERVICES

It became official on October 18. Genacross Lutheran Services is the new name for Lutheran Homes Society.

After a few words commemorating the name change by President/CEO Rick Marshall and a blessing by the Rev. Dr. James Dumke, Vice President for Mission Integration, members of the leadership team unveiled the new name on the sign in front of the Ministry Support office on McCord Road.

Then, Mr. Marshall selected long-time employees Vicky Chambers, Director of Revenue Cycle, and Bev Apel, Graphics Specialist, to unveil the sign on the other side of the entrance. After the sign unveilings, Ministry Support staff had lunch and received a string bag and other items with the new Genacross name and logo on them.

Employee events celebrating the name change were also held at each of the ministry sites. From pizza and pita parties to tailgate food and Genacross logo cookies, the ministries each marked the transition a little differently. At all locations, 6-foot inside banners promoting the new

name were displayed until permanent outside signage is replaced, and employees received items featuring the new name.

The change to Genacross Lutheran Services came about after months of research and planning. The name, which

was approved by the Board of Directors late this summer, acknowledges the fact that the 156-year-old organization, which began serving orphans and then seniors, has expanded its care and services in order to remain a viable and effective provider in today's changing health care environment.



Members of the Genacross Lutheran Services leadership team, (from left) CFO Lorinda Schalk, VP of Post-Acute Services Denise Gannon, President/CEO Rick Marshall, VP for Human Resources Jeff Schulte, and VP for Mission Integration, the Rev. Dr. Jim Dumke, pose behind the new sign unveiled during the organization's name change celebration.

"Our new name reflects our expanding breadth of services," Mr. Marshall commented. "Today, Genacross Lutheran

Services touches the lives of people of every age, across many generations." [For more on the rebranding, please refer to Mr. Marshall's column on page 2.]

Genacross Lutheran Services continues to operate under the same leadership and with the same Board of Directors.

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OUR MISSION

Inspired by the Christian faith, we embrace individuals and families with compassionate care and services throughout life's journey.

OUR VISION

Through our faith and work, we strive to be a forward-thinking, compassionate organization that improves the lives of current and future generations.

OUR VALUES

Faithfulness to Christ

Equality and Justice

Wholeness of Life

Integrity

Quality of Service

Stewardship of Resources

OUR MINISTRIES

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Youth Services**

**Genacross Lutheran Services
Foundation**

**Northwest Ohio Home Care
Partners**

A note from

RICK MARSHALL

President and CEO



So, what's in a name?

Lutheran Homes Society is now Genacross Lutheran Services. Why would an organization that has been in existence for 156 years change its name? Part of the answer can be found as we look at how our organization has embraced change throughout its history.

When we were founded in 1860, our name was *The Society for General Work of Mercy in the Sense of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*. I sometimes joke that the name had to change because our founder, Pastor Johannes Doerfler, couldn't fit it on his business card! Then, in 1909, our name was formally changed to the *Lutheran Orphans' and Old Folks' Society of Toledo, Ohio, Inc.* Many years later, we would become known as *Lutheran Homes Society*.

The reality is that we have adopted many names over the years as our services have grown and expanded to meet the needs of our communities. We started by serving orphans and, around 1906, began serving older adults. Today, our services touch the lives of people of every age, through every generation.

The rebranding to Genacross Lutheran Services is part of a broader project that also included updating our Mission and Vision statements. Supporting the change was research conducted among our employees, member congregations, and church leadership. Each group gave feedback as to the strengths and opportunities of our organization and provided insight as to how we are viewed in the community.

We also asked specific questions about the name Lutheran Homes Society. We heard clearly that "Lutheran" has a very positive connotation among our constituents. It signifies our connectivity to the church and inspires confidence in our faith-based calling to serve others. The words "Homes" and "Society" did not receive as many positive responses.

We heard that "Homes" tends to remind one of a "nursing home" of the old days and is not reflective of the complex medical care we provide today. Also, much of our work is now accomplished through community-based services. The word "Society" is also a dated term that tends to signify a closed group. This feedback was not surprising. As services evolve, the words used to describe an organization need to evolve as well.

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Genacross Lutheran Services-Toledo Campus

PATIENT LAUDS HIS STAY AT THE LABUHN CENTER

Patient Frank Hightower of Oregon stood peering outside the doors of The Labuhn Center. "I'm so glad to be going home," said Mr. Hightower, who had just spent 20 days aggressively rehabbing at the Center on the Genacross Lutheran Services-Toledo Campus, formerly Lutheran Home at Toledo. He maintains that the experience saved his life.

"When I came here, I couldn't even walk...I thought I was done for," he said. "I had been lying on my back in the hospital for months, was in another nursing facility for just one night, and then I came here. That changed everything for me."



Frank Hightower credits the therapy team at The Labuhn Center for his successful rehabilitation and return to home.

Mr. Hightower said he needed the strong encouragement given to him by the physical and occupational therapy team. "They knew I was the kind of guy who liked to be up and doing things," he said. "They pushed me, but in a firm, friendly way."

He also credits other components that go into a successful rehabilitation stay. "The nursing staff was wonderful, and the food was pretty good – I'm not complaining," he said as he patted his stomach. "I gained weight from eating here!"

As a patient, Mr. Hightower enjoyed his private room with his own bathroom and shower, but also took advantage of the restaurant-style dining and group activities. "I can't find a negative thing to say," he said, "and that's saying something."

Using just a cane, Mr. Hightower, a former U.S. Marine, returned home to enjoy his family, his tractor collection, and his "man cave." "So far I haven't found anything I can't do," he explained. "I don't have a problem telling people to get their rehab at The Labuhn Center."

Patients needing post-hospitalization rehabilitation and nursing care can contact the Toledo Campus admissions at 419.343.7976.

CEO column - continued from previous page

Today, could you imagine someone telling you that you needed to go to the "Old Folks Home"? While the name Lutheran Homes Society served us well for many years, it became clear that it was time for a change.

All this leads us to the next question – Why the name Genacross Lutheran Services? We feel that this name speaks to the cross generational populations we serve, while honoring the Christian principles that will always be our guiding light. We also believe that it maintains the strong foundation that is our Lutheran identity. Even as we address change, there is much of our heritage that we do

not want to lose. The history of our organization has been one of compassion; that history will continue. It is our prayer that our new name and logo serve as a beacon of hope to individuals and families throughout the communities we serve.

So, what's in a name? The reflection of our enduring promise to embrace change – in ourselves and in our offerings – whenever it enables us to serve others better.

Blessings,

Rich Marshall

Genacross Housing & Community Services

ONU PHARMACY STUDENTS WORK WITH RESIDENTS

Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries. In fact, one out of three people age 65 and older experience a fall each year. Falls can limit seniors' ability to live independently and result in decreased quality of life and increased health care costs.



Luther Pines resident Kim Vorhes appreciates the safety information and fall prevention items provided by ONU pharmacy students.

Students from the Ohio Northern University (ONU) Raabe College of Pharmacy in Ada, Ohio, have diligently worked over the past two years on falls prevention education for older adults in the community, and several students recently came to Genacross' Luther Pines housing community in Lima, Ohio.

The students, who are members of the ONU student chapter of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), a professional society devoted to geriatric medication management and improving health outcomes for seniors, played "Falls Prevention Bingo" with residents. The students created the game as a fun and engaging way to educate seniors. They were accompanied by ASCP faculty advisors Kristen Sobota and Kelly Kroustos.

Afterward, residents could sign up to have a home safety and medications review. During a review, each resident's home is assessed by students using the CDC Home

Prevention Checklist for Older Adults. Fall prevention items, such as grab bars, night lights, battery-operated lighting fixtures, non-slip socks/slippers, shower chairs, and nonslip rubber mats, are provided to residents, if needed.

In addition, the students review the resident's medications list to increase awareness of fall risks associated with prescription and non-prescription medications. Any recommendations are documented, and an action plan is presented to the resident and Service Coordinator Lanette Briley.

About 25 residents have had or are scheduled to have a home review. "I love all of the items that the ONU pharmacy team provided to me," said resident Kim Vorhes. "I especially enjoy stepping on my memory foam rugs in front of the shower and the kitchen sink."

"The information and items shared by the ONU students has definitely made the residents feel safer in their homes," Ms. Briley stated. "Hopefully, being more aware of risk factors will help reduce falls and enable them to live independently longer."

New name - continued from front page

The organizational structure has not changed, and the organization maintains the support of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and nearly 170 Lutheran congregations across the region.

The organization's services include youth care and treatment, family counseling, home health, inpatient and outpatient therapy, mental health counseling, community services, affordable housing, adult day services, and senior living options.

To view a video announcing the name change, please visit GenacrossLutheranServices.org.

Genacross Lutheran Services-Sandusky Campus

CHILI COOKOFF BENEFITS AREA NEEDY

Simmering pots of chili. Family and friends sitting around the tables. Donations for a local food pantry. All the ingredients for a wonderful evening, as the Genacross Lutheran Services-Sandusky Campus, formerly Lutheran Memorial Home, hosted its first annual Chili Cook-Off.

The public event was held the first Friday in November to celebrate the organization's recent name change and to give back to the local community. In order to participate in the chili taste testing, each guest was asked to donate a non-perishable food item.

Staff, residents, family members, and friends gathered together for an evening of fellowship, food, and a little healthy competition. Grace Lutheran Church in Castalia, Zion Lutheran Church in Sandusky, Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners in Toledo, and the Sandusky Campus competed against each other for the honor of having the best chili.

"Guests had a great time and enjoyed testing all the different recipes," said Krista Balogh, Admissions and Marketing Director. The competition was very close, with Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners coming in first place and the Sandusky Campus finishing as runner-up.

"The best part of the entire day was that the Sandusky Campus was able to give a generous donation to the local food pantry," Ms. Balogh stated. "We delivered the donated food to Victory Kitchen in Sandusky in time for Thanksgiving."



Laurie Christy, representing Northwest Ohio Home Care Partners, accepts the pot of chili trophy.

Luther Hills residents share Christmas spirit



A group of residents from Luther Hills, a Genacross housing community in Oregon, Ohio, recently spent several hours of their time building Santa Claus figures for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities residing at Luther Home of Mercy (LHM) in Williston, Ohio. The group built the figures out of plastic bottles, scrapbook paper, felt, and ceramic Santa faces and hands. The Santas were delivered the first week in December to 12 individuals living in one of the LHM cottages. According to Luther Hills Manager Jennifer Chambers, the craft project gave the residents a chance to create something fun that not only brightened their days, but will also brighten the days of individuals at Luther Home of Mercy.

Genacross Lutheran Services-Wolf Creek Campus

DONOR GIVES GIFT OF MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

When Chaplain Ron Atkins answered the telephone one hot day in August, he had no idea of the unexpected gift that the soft-spoken woman on the other end of the line wanted to bestow. The woman, who identified herself as Dee Lawrence, a widow living in Swanton, Ohio, was downsizing her home in preparation for a move to North Carolina, and she wanted to donate a baby grand piano where it would be used to the Glory of God in worship and song.

that her wishes would be fulfilled concerning the piano. "I will be happy to give it to your organization, if you will arrange to have it moved."

With the piano safely delivered to its new home, a dedication service blessing the piano to the Glory of God was celebrated on September 18, with Ms. Lawrence present. The Rev. Ron Diener played special music on the piano during the blessing, and Ms. Lawrence sat on the bench one last time and played a hymn.

"This process was made possible through the work of the Holy Spirit touching the lives of many people," Chaplain Atkins said. "Through His grace, the Wolf Creek Campus will be blessed with a wonderful musical instrument, Ms. Lawrence will have her dream fulfilled, and I have made friends with a wonderful, gracious lady."

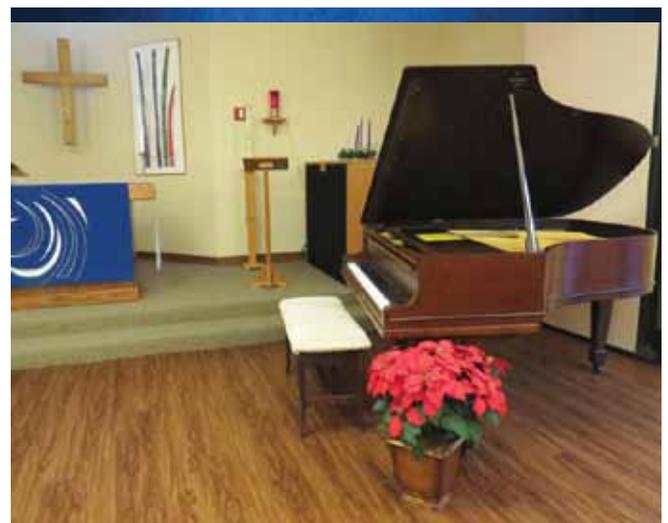


Chaplain Atkins, donor Dee Lawrence, and the Rev. Ron Diener pose near the donated baby grand piano after the dedication service.

Chaplain Atkins explained the spiritual programming at the Genacross Lutheran Services-Wolf Creek Campus, formerly Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek, and described the campus' chapel. After talking for a while, they agreed to have Chaplain Atkins visit Ms. Lawrence's home to examine the piano.

A couple of days later, Chaplain Atkins and his wife, Judy, met Ms. Lawrence in her home. She played some hymns and recounted the history of the instrument, which was beautiful and well-maintained. Her husband had purchased the piano for her 30 years ago with money they had saved from raising bees and bee hives on their land.

"I am very pleased to meet you both and trust you will care for my piano," Ms. Lawrence said, after being assured



The piano resides in its new home in the Wolf Creek Campus chapel.

Have an item to share?

Genacross ministries gratefully accept non-cash donations, such as furniture, durable medical equipment, craft supplies, and small items for bingo prizes. The donor needs to fill out a form declaring the estimated value, and all donations are tax deductible. For more information, contact the Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation at 419.861.4965.

*Genacross Lutheran Services-Napoleon Campus***TRICK OR TREAT EVENT FUN FOR ALL AGES**

The Genacross Lutheran Services-Napoleon Campus, formerly Lutheran Home at Napoleon, held a Trick or Treat for local children the last Thursday in October. Princesses, goblins, Oompa Loompas, and wolves



Resident Doris Riegsecker hands out candy to some of the costumed children trick or treating throughout the campus.

paraded through Alpine Village assisted living and the Health Center and received candy from the residents.

Much of the candy was donated by staff, families, and residents to provide sweets for the more than 50 children who attended the event. By night's end, only one large serving bowl still had candy left in it.

"Being able to host an intergenerational activity such as this is not only great fun, but it brings together two generations that may not ordinarily interact," said Linda Miller, Activity Director for the Napoleon Campus Health Center.

According to Ms. Miller, when residents see the children, their eyes light up, and aches and pains are forgotten for a while. On the other hand, children get to see the older residents in a positive setting where they are smiling, enjoying the activity, and passing out candy. In the end, the two generations have fun and enjoy a few moments together.

"As an activity director, I plan to continue to provide opportunities for our residents and youth to come together and experience activities such as this," she added. "I'm pleased that we can provide a safe and warm environment for our young community members."

UTMC Wound Services recognizes Napoleon Campus

The Genacross Lutheran Services-Napoleon Campus received a nice shout-out on Facebook from the University of Toledo Medical Center (UTMC) Wound Care Services. The November 9 post said, "Congratulations to one of our amazing facilities: OVER 100 DAYS AND COUNTING! Prevention is the key – Great job, Genacross Napoleon!"

According to Mekenze Banister Tijerina, one of the Napoleon Campus Unit Managers, "We are celebrating

100 days without an acquired pressure ulcer on our primary long-term care unit. I am beyond excited and blessed to be part of this next chapter for the Napoleon Campus."

She went on to express her amazement at the dedicated and passionate staff that work on the Napoleon Campus, adding that one of her main goals as a nurse manager is "to ensure each resident has a dignified quality of life while receiving the best nursing care in the area."

Genacross Family & Youth Services

ACTIVITIES BUILD SOCIAL SKILLS AND SELF-ESTEEM

During the fall, clients of Genacross Family & Youth Services and their staff members have been busy with many fun, community-based activities. These activities were arranged in response to the various interests expressed by the youth in care, and they help with socialization, group interaction skills, and self-esteem.

Throughout the locations, there were multiple trips to local parks, fairs, and festivals, as well as outings to local libraries, museums, the movies, and football games. Other local destinations included the Toledo Zoo, African Safari Wildlife Park, Toledo Humane Society, Challenger Learning Center, Cedar Point, and Sky Zone, where youth could jump on trampolines until they couldn't jump anymore.

Recently, six boys and five staff members from the Maumee Youth Center began training for a 5K walk/run sponsored by a local school. This opportunity not only allowed the boys to take control of their own physical and mental health recovery, but also enabled them to build teamwork and group cohesiveness. During training, these boys experienced a decrease in overall negative behaviors, an improvement in social functioning, and an increase in self-esteem.

On October 22, they participated in the 5K walk/run, and four of the boys received trophies for their finishing times.

"They were all very proud of their accomplishments and shared in celebrating them together," stated Executive Director Katie Zawisza.



One youth in particular finished second in his age group, and upon finishing the race, said, "I feel normal!" His statement demonstrates the importance of these activities and was the biggest prize of the day.

Their accomplishments have inspired the other youth at the Maumee Youth Center to focus on their personal journeys of physical and mental health recovery, so they can participate in the next opportunity. Now, many of the youth want to join these boys and be part of the "5K Club."

Orphanage tours available

Tours of the former Lutheran Orphans' Home at 2411 Seaman Street in east Toledo are available for community groups and individuals. The orphanage operated in this building from 1919 until 1964 and provided compassionate care and a home for hundreds of children.

Building tours are led by Archivist/Museum Curator Bob Haar. Mr. Haar is a member of First St. John Lutheran Church, which has a long history of involvement with the former orphanage. To arrange for a guided tour, please contact Mr. Haar at 419.724.1878 or 419.250.9409.



SHARE CHRISTMAS JOY WITH RESIDENTS OF GENACROSS FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

Christmas elicits memories for all of us. For some, the holidays mean spending happy times with family and friends, decorating the Christmas tree, hanging the stockings, and shopping for those perfect gifts for everyone on our list.

For others, Christmas means another day of turmoil and struggles. This is the reality for most of the young people served by the Genacross Family & Youth Services program. While many people are enjoying the holidays, Christmas is another day that reminds them of the chaos in their lives and in the lives of their families.



This artwork was designed by a resident of the Genacross Family & Youth Services ministry and was used on the front of the 2016 Genacross Foundation Christmas Appeal.

Each year, Family & Youth staff members try to bring joy into the lives of the residents by creating and celebrating their own traditions. Part of these celebrations include staff members shopping for gifts for each resident.

The funds needed for these gifts and other holiday celebrations are not included in the Family & Youth budget. As a result, donations must be collected to

cover the cost of creating positive holiday memories for the residents.

To facilitate this, Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation requests contributions for the purpose of providing these gifts. Each year, there are donors who faithfully give to this special cause, and their generosity is greatly appreciated. Some donors give in honor of children and parents. Others give the value of a gift they would typically spend for someone they shop for, and still other people give in memory of a loved one with whom they are not able to spend Christmas.

Your gift to the Family & Youth holiday giving project will help to bring joy into the life of a youth. This joy is immeasurable and can be life-changing.

For those who would like to contribute, please send your gift in the envelope provided and designate that it be used for Family & Youth Christmas Gifts. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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Dolores & Bob Buhrow's 65th wedding anniversary by William & Georgeanna Risch

Rev. Charles Campbell's many years of dedicated service in Lutheran ministry by Ken & Pat Mauer

Julie Evearitt by Joyce Calmes

Jason & Stacy Everetts' wedding anniversary by Dave & Pam Roberts

Rosemarie Fisher by Ken Fisher

Ruth Gramling's 95th birthday by Janice Rohrs

Jesus Christ, who said, "I am the way, the truth & the life," by John Weislmeier

Ilean Labuhn by Mr. & Mrs. Misael Martinez

Loretta Lukasak's 91st birthday by Ilean Labuhn

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Mensing's 65th wedding anniversary by St. John's WELCA, Oak Harbor

Our 30th wedding anniversary on Oct. 18th by Mr. & Mrs. William Nelson

Mr. & Mrs. Norbert Rohrs' 65th wedding anniversary by Janice Rohrs

Vic & Fran Sonnenberg by Gilbert & Dona Sonnenberg

Wolf Creek assisted living staff for their care & support of Esther Mauer after Dwight's passing by Ken & Pat Mauer

Wolf Creek skilled care staff for their care during Dwight Mauer's final illness by Ken & Pat Mauer

NON-CASH
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"This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

(Luke 2:12)

It has been said that the birth of a child is a sign that God thinks our world is worth saving. Indeed, this is the true meaning of Christmas and one reason for our celebration. Jesus is evidence for all of creation to see not only that our God desires that every one of us know that we are loved and will never be alone, but also that He has actually done something to prove it. Jesus is living proof that the good news of the Gospel is not just wishful thinking, but God at work.

This revelation is an amazing gift (we call it "Grace") to all who are facing a changing world. So many of us are asking what our futures hold. Where is God in the face of all the change and

uncertainty? How does Genacross Lutheran Services fit into it as we strive to "embrace individuals and families with compassionate care and services throughout life's journey"?

Christmas is God's sign that, no matter what, we are not alone. It is also a reminder that God's way of meeting change is self-sacrificing love. That is why Genacross Lutheran Services, inspired by the

Christian faith, is called upon to be a living instrument of God's love, a witness to God's declaration, spoken clearly in Jesus' birth, that our changing world and all who live in it are worth saving.

Amidst all the uncertainty and changes in the world, may you feel God's love and grace during this Christmas season.