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**Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota awarded
grant for implementation of senior volunteer program**

FARGO– Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota (LSSND) was awarded a \$491,400 Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) grant for the implementation of a Senior Corps program to be effective September 1, 2017. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) awarded more than \$5.3 million in Senior Corps RSVP funding to provide support to 50 grantees in the U.S. who will provide senior volunteer services in their area.

“This grant represents an opportunity to see that the entire state of North Dakota is served by this highly regarded volunteer program,” states Shirley Dykshoorn, Vice President for Senior and Humanitarian Services at LSSND.

The RSVP program networks with local agencies that need volunteers by recruiting, placing and recognizing those volunteers. RSVP matches individuals with volunteer opportunities in non-profit organizations and government agencies throughout the entire state of North Dakota. To address community needs effectively, a wide variety of volunteer opportunities with flexible scheduling options are available to volunteers.

“We are so excited to have the opportunity to help bring this proven and impactful program back to North Dakota. Placing volunteers who want to give back by serving others with community organizations is a powerful way to build strong communities,” notes Jessica Thomasson, LSSND CEO.

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota is a statewide social ministry providing adoption and pregnancy counseling, senior services, affordable housing, disaster recovery, counseling, and other services to individuals and families in need since 1919.

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