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A photograph of a worker in an orange shirt, blue cap, safety glasses, and a white mask pushing a wheelbarrow full of debris down a ramp. The worker is wearing gloves and rubber boots. The debris includes wood, insulation, and other building materials. The background shows a yellow building with a brick planter box containing some plants.

Flood recovery –

much accomplished,
much more to do

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- Volunteers needed to help rebuild Minot homes
- Child care options improve in Williston

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update

From the CEO

Dear Friends,

As you are aware, North Dakota was once again the victim of a disaster in the form of a terrible flood in Minot and Ward County and the Bismarck–Mandan region. While other areas of the state were impacted as well, Minot particularly suffered the most severe damage.

Lutheran Social Services' Disaster Response program has been on the ground in these two communities helping people with needs assessments and clean-up since the disasters occurred, and we will continue to be there assisting with rebuilding throughout the recovery period. We are proud to be able to help.

Lutheran Social Services has also been blessed by being awarded the contract for Disaster Response Services that was recently issued by the State of North Dakota's Department of Emergency Services. While these funds are crucial, they cover only a portion of the cost of assisting disaster victims, and the continued support of our donors and volunteers in this area is appreciated.

On another front, our Child Care Resource and Referral program (CCR&R) continues to help working families in western North Dakota meet their child care needs. We provide a wonderful array of services to help people start and maintain child care businesses in their homes and in child care centers. These child care programs assure a safe and productive environment for the children and contribute to the economic vitality of the state by enabling their parents to be able to work outside the home.

We are always deeply grateful to our supporters who help to make these and all of our 19 programs possible.

Take care and God bless,

Robert (Bob) Sanderson
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One day you have a home; the next day you don't

Disaster victims know what that initial shock of homelessness is like. All too soon they also become aware of the long-term struggle involved in getting through the aftermath of a disaster such as the 2011 floods in North Dakota.

Misty Weed and her 11-year-old son experienced the shock when they lost their home in Minot last June. Because of its location, Misty's house was filled with up to seven feet of water on the main floor for 27 days.

"When I saw my house for the first time after the flood, I felt crushed," Misty recalls.

By that time, Misty had put her name on every available list of people seeking assistance, since, like the majority of Minot residents, she had no flood insurance. She also had no income after the flood because she had been running an in-home child care business. Misty was fortunate enough to be able to relocate herself and her son to her parents' house in Minot.

"The wonderful people at Lutheran Disaster Response called me back and came over to assess my house," Misty reports. "When my basement was finally empty of water, they sent over a crew of volunteers that mucked out about three inches of mud. They had to scrape up mud and carry it out in buckets, and rip out paneling, sheetrock, carpets and bathroom fixtures."

After that first cleanout, Misty and some friends were able to pull down most of the main floor walls. Then the people at Lutheran Social Services' Lutheran Disaster Response program sent out a group of main-floor volunteers who helped Misty rip out her kitchen cupboards and walls as well as the hardwood floors and underlayment.

"You're probably thinking this was a group of big strong men, but actually it was a super fun group of ladies in their 60s, 70s and even 80s!" Misty says. "They were farm gals and incredibly hard workers."

After volunteers pressure washed and sanitized the house, Misty purchased supplies so another group could come and "button up" the house for winter. They boarded up broken out windows and placed insulation over the floors so the basement could be heated and walls wouldn't buckle.

Throughout it all, Misty felt propped up by the Lutheran Disaster Response staff and volunteers who helped.

"They went above and beyond—and treated me with such courtesy and respect," she says.

The passage of time since the flood has helped Misty gain some perspective on her situation.

"Ultimately, it's just a house," she says. "I'm okay and my son is okay, and that's what is important. We'll make it through...with a little help." 🙏

healing
with help



Minot flood recovery scene

Volunteers help flood-ravaged Minot

Two days before the Minot flood hit, Gretchen Stenehjem and her colleagues at First International Bank & Trust in Watford City heard the warning. She responded by pulling together a crew from Watford City and staff from other branches who went to Minot to clear out contents of a sister bank located near the river.

“The Minot bank had been sandbagged and protected with an 18-foot clay dike, but as we know, the flood was way higher than predicted,” Gretchen says. “It broke the dike and the bank was destroyed.”

When the water receded a few weeks later, Gretchen was horrified by what she saw:

“The bank as well as other businesses and the homes in the area were

devastated. There was no electricity, no water and no sewer service. The bank had to be bulldozed.”

She returned several times to Minot to help fellow employees who were distraught by their flood-damaged homes.

“One Sunday morning after that when I was a scripture reader in church, I got on my soap box and urged the congregation to go to Minot to help,” Gretchen recalls. “That very afternoon, Bishop Narum came to our church for an ordination and the congregation heard again about the situation in Minot. He told them, ‘We are God’s people and they need us there.’”

Gretchen and her group contacted Lutheran Disaster Response, a program of Lutheran Social Services of ND, and they were assigned to the home of an elderly couple.

“It had been a darling house, but it was a disaster inside and out,” she recalls. “There was black mold everywhere. We had to take it down to the studs.”

Gretchen encourages others to volunteer and says she has found Lutheran Disaster Response adept at finding a job suitable to each person’s particular skills and stamina.

“It’s a wonderful experience,” Gretchen says. “The homeowners tell you how the volunteers bring back the hope that they lost.”

Fargo team to Minot

Over coffee in Pastor Steve Berntson’s office at Messiah

Lutheran Church in Fargo, the pastor and two fellow flood volunteers reminisce about their experiences in Minot.

“When you think back, what you did most weekends doesn’t really stand out in your memory,” Pastor Steve says. “But we will remember that weekend

we spent volunteering in Minot.”

Pastor Steve along with congregation

hope returns

President Barry Argabright and member Jeff Rasmussen were recalling the Friday in August that they drove to Minot in Barry’s RV along with two other volunteers—church member Brady Vick and Barry’s daughter Chelsi, a student at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN.

The congregation pitched in to raise enough money for the trip plus a sizable donation for flood relief. It took only a few weeks after contacting Lutheran Disaster Response for the volunteers to be ready to hit the road.

The family had lived in the home the volunteers were assigned to only a few years and had many years left on the mortgage. The basement was filled with muck and the couple and two teenagers were living in a pop-up camper in a friend’s driveway while waiting to get into a FEMA trailer.

“The family worked right alongside us, and we gutted the main floor in two days,” Barry says. “When we got there, the dad was distraught and depressed. But by the end of the weekend, it was gratifying to see the improvement in his attitude just from our being there to help.”

Pastor Steve adds, “Anyone who feels called to help, I’d urge you to go to Minot. You are so needed.” ☺



Volunteers from Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo take time to worship at the home of Zona Vick, Barry Argabright’s mother, the weekend they worked in Minot.

Minot area congregations assist with recovery

Even with the homes of some congregation members flooded and some church buildings also suffering flood damage, the churches of Minot and the surrounding area are still playing a key role in flood recovery and support.

At First Lutheran Church in Minot, Pastor Ken Nelson is senior pastor at a church that received flood waters in the parsonage and three buildings, one of which took on four feet of water in the basement. The furnaces were badly damaged and needed replacement, elevator controls were destroyed and asbestos tile surfaced that had to be professionally removed.

Meanwhile, the house where Pastor Ken and his family lived was close to the river and was inundated with nearly seven feet of water on the main floor.

“We were fortunate because Lutheran Social Services got us a team of volunteers and, along with a group from the congregation, they helped us gut the main floor of our house,” Pastor Ken says. “Other volunteers from Lutheran Disaster Response pulled wiring on the main floor and put in two windows. Another group installed a patio door and windows to get the house buttoned up so it could be heated during the winter.”

*We see the face of Christ
in the volunteers...*

*Pastor Ken Nelson
First Lutheran Church, Minot*

Lutheran was paired with Zion Lutheran Church in the south end of town where members worshipped through Labor Day.

Reaching out

First Lutheran’s work in flood recovery started almost immediately after the flood, which affected about 190 of its 550 families.

“Many people had someone who took them in so they didn’t need to live in shelters.” Pastor Ken says. “And those who weren’t hosting somebody were letting people store



Jessica Ackerman, left, helped Shantel Lessman, right, and Katrina Williams, pick out items during the Tree of Hope Fair at Minot’s First Lutheran Church. Ackerman coordinated the event that supplied donated Christmas decorations to flood families. Photo by Kim Fundingsland/MDN

belongings in their garages. It was amazing how people reached out to one another.”

Damaged or not, the church members were anxious to help their neighbors as much as possible.

Leading the way

“Even at first when everyone was in a state of shock, the church council committed to allowing volunteers to stay in our two rental houses

because the tenants had decided to leave Minot,” he says.

“We’ve had folks step up to supply the volunteers’ breakfast food; a Boy Scout troupe laid temporary carpet in the basement; so many people have pitched in,” he reports.

Flood takes a toll

As a pastor, Ken is very aware of the toll that the flood has taken on the people of Minot:

“The construction work is important, but one of the most important things that Lutheran Social Services is doing is to make available the spiritual and mental health counseling for those who need it. To whatever extent that this can be provided to supplement our work as pastors, it’s so very important.”

Pastor Ken is grateful for all the volunteers that have helped at his house, his church and the many homes in the Minot area that needed so much done.

“Those volunteers are giving us so much. We see the face of Christ in the volunteers, and it sustains us,” he says.

Pastor Ken urges that anyone able come to Minot to help rebuild, “for two days or two weeks.” 🙏

Recovery moves to rebuild stage

After most of the *cut and muck* cleanup work and *button up* winterizing jobs were completed in the fall, Lutheran Social Services transitioned its Lutheran Disaster Response staff and volunteers to begin focusing on the *rebuild* phase for flood damaged homes in Minot and Ward County.

The rebuild process begins with an assessment of a home's needed repairs and an estimated cost of building materials. All houses that receive volunteer rebuild labor are identified

To anyone thinking about volunteering in Minot, I'd say, "Come one, come all!"

Even if you pull only three nails, that's three nails I don't have to pull. Every little bit of help makes a big difference."

*—Misty Weed
Minot flood survivor*

rebuild team and call 218-443-4970 to schedule with the volunteer coordinator in Minot. If you are unable to volunteer to help, please consider making a donation to support the recovery efforts by mailing a check or donating online at www.lssnd.org.

According to Bob Sanderson, CEO, "Your generous contributions of time, talent and dollars are critical to enabling Lutheran Social Services to provide the Lutheran Disaster Response program in North Dakota."

Services provided throughout North Dakota since June 2011 have included:

Needs assessment—Operating a phone bank in Fargo where more than 1,000 people who had requested assistance outside of Minot and Ward County were contacted to assess and help with their needs;

Volunteer coordination—Recruiting, scheduling and supervising volunteers for Williston, Bismarck-Mandan, Minot and small towns in other flood areas;

next step

Training—Collaborating with other organizations to educate about safe home cleanup procedures in Williston, Bismarck, Minot, Rugby, Bottineau, Mohall and more;

Crisis counseling—Providing 56 full-time outreach workers through Project Renew to educate, refer and support disaster survivors;

Coordinating community response—Helping establish a COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) and Unmet Needs Committee in Devils Lake and other areas;

Case management—Providing case management statewide in partnership with the United Methodist Church in some areas and through leadership of the North Dakota Long-Term Recovery Committee for many areas;

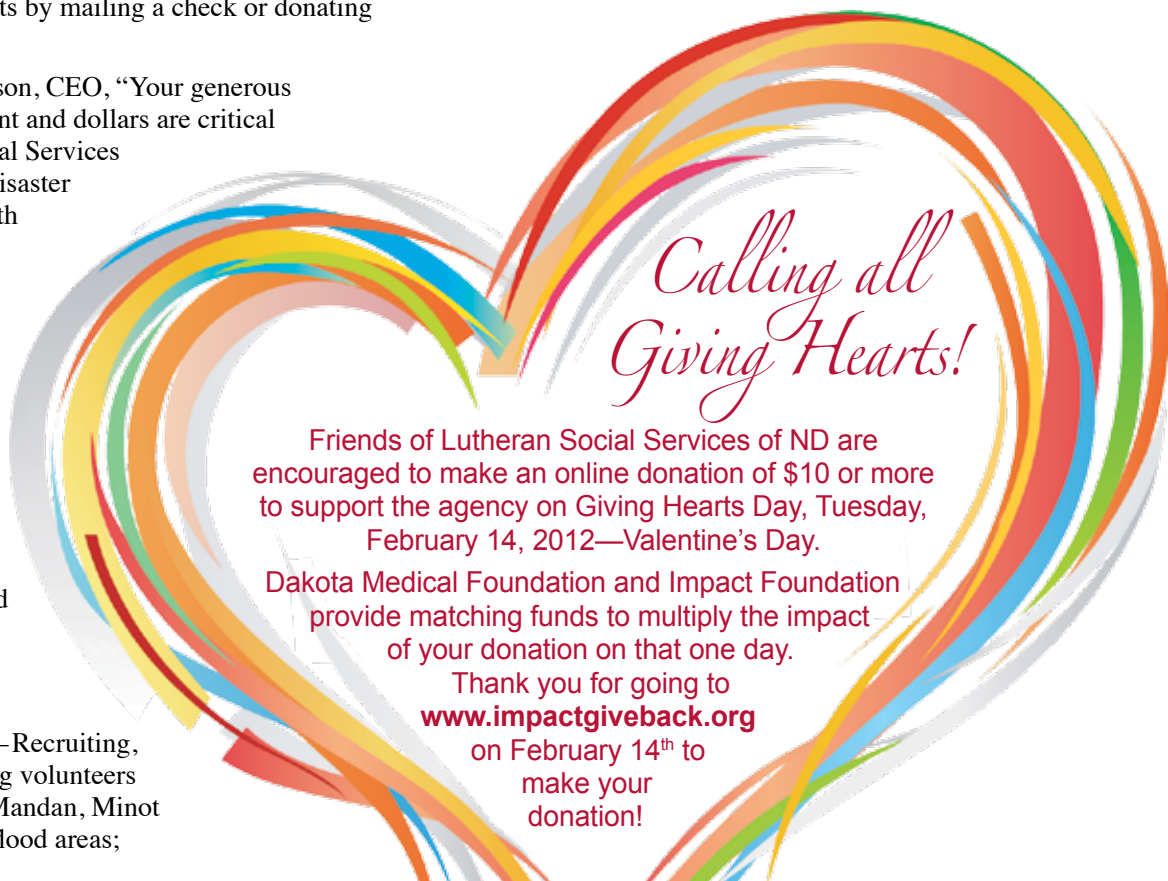
Church coordination—Working closely with ELCA and LCMS churches, including Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Minot that houses the Lutheran Disaster Response volunteer station and other churches housing and feeding volunteers.

Lutheran Social Services' Great Plains Food Bank—Providing food and supplies to shelters, evacuees, food pantries and other charitable feeding programs experiencing increased need; coordinating 400+ volunteers who prepared food and cleaning supplies for distribution, 🍽️

through the case management process of RAFT (Resource Agencies Flood Team).

Rebuild requires a combination of skilled volunteers assisted by some who are less skilled.

Anyone willing to help their neighbors in need is encouraged to form a



*Calling all
Giving Hearts!*

Friends of Lutheran Social Services of ND are encouraged to make an online donation of \$10 or more to support the agency on Giving Hearts Day, Tuesday, February 14, 2012—Valentine's Day.

Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation provide matching funds to multiply the impact of your donation on that one day.

Thank you for going to www.impactgiveback.org on February 14th to make your donation!

Easing the child care crunch in Williston

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. In Williston, it also takes a sheet-rocking expert. That and a lot of other supporters at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church who are hard at work readying a new child care facility for up to 49 children.

The idea of opening a much-needed child care center in Williston started with a conversation in 2010 between Good Shepherd's pastor, Muriel Lippert, and Breanna Anderson, a member of the congregation. Breanna shared with Pastor Muriel that she needed child care to be able to continue working as a school teacher, but like many in the oil patch region, she was unable to find a child care provider for her new baby.

Pastor Muriel and Breanna brainstormed that Good Shepherd Church might have some space that could serve as a child care facility. They presented their idea to the church council in September 2010 and got the go-ahead to explore the possibility.



Pastor Muriel Lippert (left) and Church Council President Phyllis Owan are working with CCR&R to launch a new child care facility that will provide care for up to 49 children at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Williston.

Gathering a team

The first step was to recruit a team of five people to help. The next step was to call Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R), a program of Lutheran Social Services in western North Dakota.

"I am very familiar with the programs and services of Lutheran Social Services," says Pastor Muriel. "So I was confident that CCR&R could guide us through the process."

Jodi Webb, a child care center business consultant with CCR&R, provided resources to help the group walk through the steps of starting a child care program. In November 2010, Jodi and Williams County child care licensor Kathy Molland toured Good Shepherd's proposed space and offered advice on a potential layout.

Kathy determined the only major structural work needed to prepare the site was the installation of a fence around the outdoor play area, the addition of a fire door and finishing the basement walls.

Moving ahead

Over the next few months, the team connected with people and organizations that would play a role in helping them launch their business.

"We talked with lots and lots of people,"



notes Pastor Muriel. "We met with the fire department to verify fire code compliance; we talked with Keith

working together

Olson at the Small Business Administration; we had health inspectors in to check out our kitchen; we talked with Williston City Zoning about our plan; and we met with Blue Cross Blue Shield to discuss ways to offer employee benefits.

"I had experience organizing large events, but had never launched a business," Pastor Muriel says. "The help we received through CCR&R was invaluable."

It's a go

In June 2011, the Good Shepherd congregation voted to establish a nonprofit child care facility that was later named Little Lambs Childcare, Inc.

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Phyllis Owan explains the challenge of sheet rocking through a maze of pipe and duct work in the furnace room that adjoins the child care space at Good Shepherd Lutheran church in Williston.

Child Care—continued from previous page

A board of directors consisting of Good Shepherd members and two members from other churches was established.

CCR&R was able to offer Little Lambs Childcare \$20,000 in start-up

funding through Growing Child Care ND, an initiative approved and funded by the 2009 State Legislature and the Williston Star Fund. These start-up funds have helped Little Lambs Childcare purchase cribs, toys, learning materials and other needed equipment. Private donations funded a fence around the outdoor play area.

Free training available through CCR&R will help build staff skills and provide quality programming when the center opens.

Step by step

The next big challenge for Little Lambs Childcare is finding someone to sheetrock the small furnace room.

“It may sound simple, but it’s a complicated project because the room has to be double sheet-rocked around

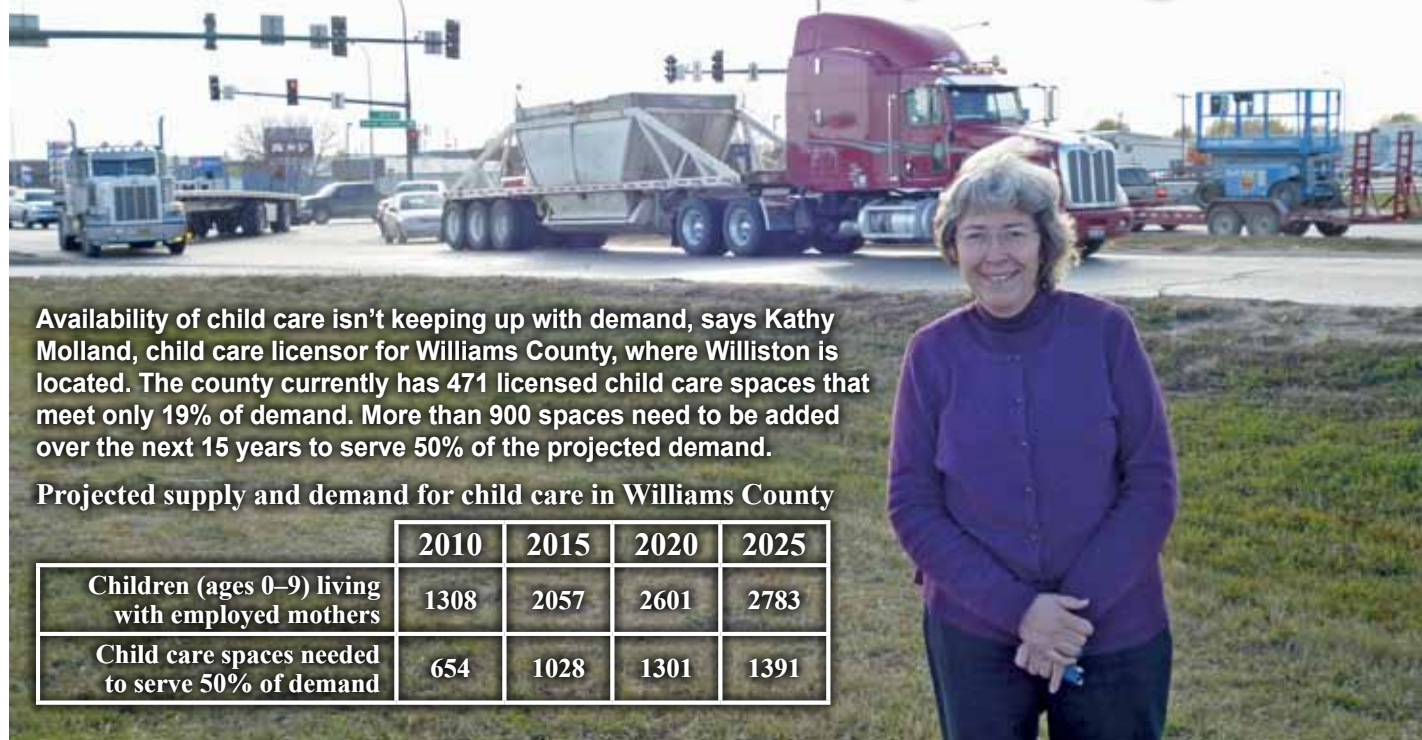
pipes and duct work, and there is a shortage of available skilled labor in this area,” Pastor Muriel reports.

Another challenge for Little Lambs Childcare, like every other business in the oil patch, is finding employees. The facility is currently seeking a director and other staff.

While Little Lambs will begin accepting families on a waiting list in January 2012, an opening date won’t be set until staffing and construction challenges are resolved.

“There is such a great need for child care in the community,” Pastor Muriel says. “When I’m out doing hospital visits, the nurses talk with me about being short staffed because their co-workers can’t find child care. I hear about it from the guy who came to install our furnace and had to work short staffed because his employees couldn’t find child care. I just keep telling them, ‘We’re working on it!’”

Traffic and population on the rise as licensed child care options lag



Availability of child care isn’t keeping up with demand, says Kathy Molland, child care licensor for Williams County, where Williston is located. The county currently has 471 licensed child care spaces that meet only 19% of demand. More than 900 spaces need to be added over the next 15 years to serve 50% of the projected demand.

Projected supply and demand for child care in Williams County

	2010	2015	2020	2025
Children (ages 0–9) living with employed mothers	1308	2057	2601	2783
Child care spaces needed to serve 50% of demand	654	1028	1301	1391

Data Sources: 2010 North Dakota Department of Commerce Housing Study • North Dakota CCR&R NACCRRAware Database • 2010 Census

Helping communities develop child care options

A child care shortage exists all across North Dakota, but western counties are hardest hit. One solution launched in September is the Growing Child Care in ND initiative, funded through the ND Department of Human Services and administered by Lutheran Social Services' Child Care Resource and Referral program (CCR&R). The agency is working with community leaders and economic developers to recruit new and existing child care providers who can strengthen their skills and earn free resources for their business through this program.

Some of the communities where Lutheran Social Services provides this help through CCR&R:

Minot & Ward County: More than 40 child care providers had to permanently close or relocate following the 2011 flood. During the disaster, CCR&R helped families find alternate child care and coordinated relocation options for providers. During the recovery phase, CCR&R has coordinated donations, provided information and resources for cleaning and sanitizing child care facilities and lead "Nurturing Children After a Disaster" trainings.

Parshall & Mountrail County: Lutheran Social Services is helping this community transform a section of an existing nursing home into a new group child care program. CCR&R consultants are advising developers on ways to utilize space to create effective child care environments. They are also helping the staff and director map out a professional training plan that will strengthen their skills and enhance the care children receive.

Bowman & Bowman County: CCR&R consultants are assisting a small child care business in this growing community with business planning, setting up learning environments and professional training.

Washburn & McLean County: CCR&R, working with the economic developer and county child care licensor, has recruited two new in-home child care programs and two existing programs into the Growing Child Care in ND program to strengthen their child care skills through advanced training and earn resources for their child care business. 🌱

Learn more about Lutheran Social Services' Child Care Resource and Referral program on the web at: www.ndchildcare.org

Twetens honor the call to give

At their wedding 60 years ago, Malcolm and June Tweten heard the words of Romans 12:1–2 calling them to serve the Lord with their hearts and their lives.

“We believe that Lutheran Social Services, with its great programs, has given us many tools to help honor that call over the years,” says June Tweten.

Malcolm and June, who farmed near Buxton for many years, had their initial contact with Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota in 1955 when they adopted the first of four children through the agency.



The Tweten family began with these four adopted children.

“We adopted in 1955, 1958, 1959 and 1960, and then we had a ‘miracle’,” June tells.

That’s when she became pregnant with their first natural child and the couple went on to have a “surprise” and then a “shock”—a total of three biological children in addition to their four adopted children.

“All of our children got along well and are still close now,” June says.

She does however remember one of the adopted



June and Malcolm Tweten

daughters teasing one of the youngest ones by telling her, “Our parents chose me. But they had to take you!”

The Twetens built a close-knit family based on love and hard work on the farm. Over the years, Malcolm started Nokota Packers in Buxton, now run by son

Steve, that ships potatoes all over the country. Malcolm also served in the North Dakota Legislature from 1973 to 1987. June maintains the family’s connection to Lutheran Social Services, currently serving as Church Liaison for Messiah Lutheran Church in Fargo.

“We’ve always given, and we’ve encouraged our children to give,” June notes. “Malcolm set such a good example of giving all of his life through tithing. The children know how important it is to support worthwhile causes.”

June says they have continually been impressed with Lutheran Social Services and the work the agency does.

tradition of giving

“From adoption to so many other programs, like working on housing for people out west, the children in Luther Hall, the refugee program— we’re proud to support Lutheran Social Services,”

June says. 🙏

Thank you, Church Liaisons!

Heartfelt appreciation to all of the Church Liaisons who are working so hard to bring the social ministry information about Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota to your congregations and to keep the agency informed of your church’s needs for speakers and services.

If your congregation is interested in participating in the Church Liaison program or you want to suggest someone from within your congregation to serve, please contact Hope Deutscher, church relations coordinator, at 701-271-3236 (Fargo) or hdeutscher@lssnd.org.

memorials & honorariums

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Think
spring!

It's already time to
register with Lutheran Social Services' Charity Team
for the 8th Annual Fargo Marathon set for May 17-19, 2012.

There are two easy steps to support Lutheran Social Services by joining the team:
1. Register yourself at the Marathon site at www.fargomarathon.com;
2. Register with the Lutheran Social Services Charity Team by contacting
Elisha Kabanuk at elkabanuk@lssnd.org or 701-306-0605.

Last year Lutheran Social Services fielded the largest charity team in
the marathon and everyone had a great time. *Let's keep it going!*



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FEBRUARY 2012

February 7—Mobile Food Pantry in Edmore, Osnabrock, Langdon and Cavalier

Provided by the Great Plains Food Bank, a program of Lutheran Social Services of ND.

February 14—Giving Hearts Day

Statewide. Make an online donation of \$10 or more to Lutheran Social Services of ND or the Great Plains Food Bank today only, and you will multiply the impact of your donation with matching funds. Thank you for going to www.impactgiveback.org on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th to make your contribution.

APRIL 2012

April 3—4—Building Bridges Conference

Fargo, Holiday Inn. "The Refugee Journey" is the theme of this year's Building Bridges Conference, sponsored by Lutheran Social Services' New American Services program. Contact Darci Asche at 701-235-7341 or dasche@lssnd.org.

MAY 2012

May 5—6—Restorative Justice Training

Bismarck. Annual statewide training for all facilitators of Restorative Justice, a program of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota. Contact Joel Friesz at 701-271-3241 or jfriesz@lssnd.org.

May 17—19—Lutheran Social Services charity team at the Fargo Marathon

Fargo. Join the team for any marathon event or volunteer to help. See details on page 11.

For up-to-date event information, see our website at www.lssnd.org.