

# *The Harvest of Gifts*



Lutheran Social Services of New York



Strengthening  
Lives, Families,  
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# Harvest of Gifts— Annual Report 2009



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The fiscal year 2009 was a time of change and challenge for Lutheran Social Services of New York. Changing times and circumstances require that we rethink size and shape of our agency, and call upon our strengths and experience. We often succeed by being more of who we are, by the grace of God, rather than less.

This past year required much from us, but from those who have been given much, much is expected. It was, and continues to be a time when we need to be at our best, centered in our faith and moving into the world. As a community of care givers, we also need to be centered in our values and mission of enabling each person to reach his or her full potential.

Now, more than ever, we are compelled to be disciplined in fiscal management, responsible with our expenditures, and focused on measurable outcomes in all of our endeavors. We continue to share our vision with you, which is to build new programs and services in strong partnerships with Lutheran congregations, the community and to reach 150,000 lives by 2012. Our vision requires \$10,000,000 in gifts.

We move closer toward the realization of this vision in collaboration with you, our members, as we share a harvest of gifts and strengthen one life, one family, and one community at a time.

Lutheran Social Services of New York was privileged to celebrate a harvest of gifts through its *LIFE programs*. *The New LIFE School*, *Healthy LIFE*, and *New LIFE Adoption* highlighted these programs this past year.

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## The New LIFE School

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we have now expanded the agency's educational offering of *The New LIFE School* to include grades 9-12 at 831 Eagle Avenue in the Bronx. *The New LIFE School* was opened in 2006 in partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church in the Bronx. It began as a twelve month intermediate level, publicly funded educational program for students in grades 5-8 with behavioral and academic challenges. It currently serves over one hundred children. This exciting educational endeavor affords students, for whom there is no alternative, personal growth and special learning opportunities.

I rejoice because *The New LIFE School* is the harvest of the generous and faithful support of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church







in America, and in partnership with the New York State Board of Regents and the New York City Board of Education.

Parents, staff and especially the students are enthusiastic about the educational programs of *The New LIFE School* that will serve over three hundred and fifty students. We have witnessed significant student academic progress and positive academic continuation for students in transition from the lower to upper grades.

We welcome your participation and gifts for this wonderful educational mission. Together, with the harvest of God's gifts, we can make this educational mission a living reality that will benefit special needs students, their families and our community.



### Healthy LIFE

There has been a greater demand for the services provided by Lutheran Social Services of New York. The number of people who contact our agency for assistance at our affiliated food pantries and soup kitchens has grown tremendously.

*Healthy LIFE* provides community access to hunger Prevention sites and nutritional resources. Lutheran Social Services of New York is committed to providing support services and programs that give people access to nutritional resources in their neighborhood. Hunger prevention is at the heart of our agency's mission. We work in partnership with congregations and community organizations to establish food pantries, soup kitchens and hunger prevention and collections sites. There are currently more than fifty sites in the Metropolitan New York area. We are striving, with your help, to establish by 2012.

We are grateful for the many volunteers who Harvest their God-given gifts by serving at the agency's hunger prevention sites. Our volunteers help stock food items, teach nutrition and



cooking classes, and provide tutoring and childcare for families in need. We invite you become a volunteer.

Ray Gonzalez, Executive Director, and I will run in the New York City Marathon Saturday, November 1 to raise awareness and contributions for hunger prevention sites, food pantries and soup kitchens operated by Lutheran Social Services of New York.

You are welcome to join our marathon team, and contribute to a runner's sponsorship. Congregations are also being asked to host pasta dinners before the marathon and contribute the dinner's proceeds on behalf of the Run2Feed team.



In addition, we have made significant strides with an international adoption initiative over the past three years. Our agency has established a partnership with Latvia to help provide families for more than three thousand Latvian children living in orphanages.

We are in the process of securing our permanent Hague Accreditation for our *New LIFE Adoption* program. This accreditation reflects that Lutheran Social Services of New York is in compliance with high ethical standards of practice, protection for children, and excellence in client support.

Lutheran Social Services of New York invites applications for domestic and international adoption. We are ready to provide families for children, who need a safe, loving, and nurturing home.

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### New LIFE Adoption

Lutheran Social Services of New York addresses the overwhelming number of children who need families, an estimated 143 million, through its *New LIFE Adoption* program, one child at a time.

Our agency has provided community outreach and children's services since 1886 in an atmosphere that embraces and supports children. Lutheran Social Services of New York has an extensive history in adoption, as an early provider of housing for orphans, and continues to provide adoption, foster care, education, and residential services for children, many with special needs.

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### We Celebrate the Harvest of Your Gifts

Last year Lutheran Social Services of New York touched the lives of more than ten thousand people. We realize there are many more lives, families, and communities that need to be strengthened.

Your gift is a harvest of love that witnesses to your faith and enables our mission to succeed. Every dollar

contributed to strengthen lives, families and communities is matched by more than sixteen dollars in grants and government funds. Your gift to Lutheran Social Services of New York will help prevent hunger and poverty, counsel and educate youth, provide families for children, and provide services and safe affordable housing for older adults and families with special needs. Your contribution helps to bring forth an abundant harvest of gifts to provide services and programs to those in need.

We could not have accomplished so much this past year, nor could we have such great confidence in the future, without the harvest of gifts from the members of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, funding agencies and partner congregations. We thank God for you.

We look forward to our continued journey together on behalf of those whom we are called to serve in our Lord's name.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald S. Drews  
President & CEO



# Many Gifts, One Spirit

*“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.”*

— 1 Corinthians 12:4-6.

The following three articles “Celebrate the Harvest of Gifts” produced by three of Lutheran Social Services of New York’s LIFE programs, *New LIFE Adoption*, the *New LIFE Center – Nassau*, and *The New LIFE School*.

These programs, together with other *LIFE services* of the agency, are living illustrations of Paul’s words in first Corinthians.

The articles that follow impart stories about children and families whose lives have been forever changed and strengthened through the mission and ministry of Lutheran Social Services of New York during the past year.

five children, they were compelled to open their home to their niece and great nephew, born just days later. However, Marta was not working. Her husband’s earnings were already insufficient to meet the family’s needs. There was not enough food or clothing, and a lack of beds meant sleeping on the floor for some family members.

Marta came, with her niece, to the *New LIFE Center-Nassau* looking for food. What they received moved them to shed tears of joy. The volunteers of the Center were delighted to present the new mother with a beautifully arranged layette box filled with a handmade baby quilt, new baby clothes and new baby gifts. Marta was given clothing, food, and furniture. The staff at the center connected the young mother with the federally funded WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Program for ongoing and extensive support services.

## The Gift of Hope

Hope is the first gift Marta received when she came to the *New LIFE Center – Nassau*. She was not sure where to go for help and was feeling completely overwhelmed. She had just found her teenaged niece, living on the streets, and nine months pregnant. Although Marta and her husband live apartment with their



There are many other “Martas” whose lives have been touched and strengthened through the ministry of the *Healthy LIFE Program* and the *New Life Center-Nassau*. The story of Marta and her family is just one example of the children and families that have received assistance through the *New LIFE Center-Nassau* this year. In addition to distributing 180 layettes to new mothers, in 2008, the Center served 9,419 people and distributed 68,041 pounds of food. *The New LIFE Center* experienced a 21% increase in the number of clients it served in 2008 as compared to the previous year, and it is projected that there will be a 40% increase for 2009.

The agency plans to replicate the model of the *New LIFE Center* and establish a 25 new “Hunger Prevention Sites” in response to the explosive number of requests for emergency food assistance and other social services. America’s Second Harvest, now known as Feeding America, estimated that approximately 93,000 children on Long Island depend on emergency food assistance each year. This number will be revised, by the end of 2009, to reflect the alarming and rapidly increasing need for services, most predominately for women and children.

The Center is the means by which volunteers and staff can live out their faith, in word and deed, to help an ever-growing population of people in need. Clients receive far more than the necessities of food and clothing at the *New Life Center-Nassau*. Like Marta and her family, and the many others who come to the Center, they receive the lasting gift of hope that is rooted in the love of Christ Jesus.

### The Gift of Miracles

*To Whom Do They Belong?  
They wait silently to be filled  
Longing and hoping to run and play  
And then rest at days’ end  
Within the confines of shelter  
Made warm by family and friends*

The shoes belong to children living in an orphanage in Latvia. Lutheran Social Services of New York visitation team had the privilege and opportunity to share a sense of family and friendship with these children in its recent trip to Latvia. A partnership of support and cooperation has been developed between our agency and Latvia’s Ministry for Children and Families.

In a recent letter from Ainars Bastiks, former Minister of Latvia’s Ministry for Children and Families wrote:

There is a Latvian song that says: “believe in miracles, because they really do happen”. For us, the miracle started when we began to explore our partnership with Lutheran Social Services of New York on behalf of children. Seeing a child smile is a miracle we all hope for, and making it happen is our greatest and most important task. Because of our partnership, many steps have been fulfilled. Your dedication and sincerity has brought warmth in our hearts, but most of all in the hearts of children.

We thank you immensely for receiving us, supporting us, and most of all – for putting a smile on the faces of our Latvian children. We look forward to mutual cooperation.



There are an estimated 143 million children around the world who need families. While we cannot deal with this staggering number of children, we can help... one child at a time through our *New LIFE Adoption* program and our established partnership with Latvia.

Since 1886, Lutheran Social Services of New York has provided community outreach and children’s services, in an atmosphere that embraces and supports children. The agency has an extensive history in adoption, as an early provider of housing for orphans and continuing to the present day with adoption, foster care, schools, and residential services for children, many with special needs.

The Council on Accreditation (COA) has granted temporary Hague Accreditation for our *New LIFE Adoption* program. This accreditation reflects that Lutheran Social Services of New York complies with high ethical standards of practice, protection for children, and excellence in client support. The Hague Convention on Inter-country Adoption is an international treaty that provides guidelines for the international adoption process and protection for the children being adopted across country borders.

Lutheran Social Services of New York invites applications for international adoption. We are ready to provide families for children and help families experience the miracle of adoption. We are ready to support families in a profound journey that reflects the heart of God! A child is waiting for a family.

### The Gift of New Beginnings

Tommy understands the gift of a new beginning because that was what he was given when he was accepted at *The New LIFE School*. Tommy and his foster parents were surprised and pleased by his acceptance. They did not think it would be possible due to his history of violent outbursts, and resulting lack of education. His violent behavior had initiated frequent transitions between foster homes, compromising his ability trust relationships and the foster care system. After an unsuccessful placement in a group home, he was hospitalized, and upon discharge, placed with a loving and steadfast foster couple. His foster parents stood by him as he worked hard adjust to *The New LIFE School*. His especially skilled teachers and principal developed



behavior modification plans to support him as he became more comfortable with his new environment. This caring and committed staff met frequently with Tommy and his foster parents to make changes in Tommy’s behavior plan and to provide input regarding his overall progress.

When Tommy had to be hospitalized for a second time, due to a setback, teachers and administrators refused to lose hope. They believed that he would eventually adjust and achieve his full potential. Tommy returned to *The New LIFE School*, and slowly began to show progress. Most importantly, because of the faithfulness and unbending resolve of his teachers and administrators, he learned that relationships can be lasting and trusted. Today, thanks to the new beginning he received at *The New LIFE School*, Tommy is thriving.

Tommy is just one child and one story among the many children who have received the gift of new beginnings at *The New LIFE School*. Martin Luther is known to have said that we, as Christians, should make the sign of the cross at the start of each day to remember that we have been made new in Christ and, having been bathed in forgiveness, have been given each day as a new start.

*The New LIFE School* embodies the spirit of Luther’s words. Opening with 28 middle school students in 2006, the program has expanded to accommodate 120 students. In June of this year, 45 students “moved up” to become the first class of *The New LIFE School* – High School. The establishment of second site will mean that more young people will have the opportunity for a new beginning and that more lives will be changed and strengthened through the mission and ministry of *The New LIFE School*.





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### \$5,000 and up

Lutheran Church of Our Savior,  
 Port Washington, NY  
 The Lutheran Church of the  
 Resurrection, Garden City, NY  
 Trinity Lutheran Church,  
 Hicksville, NY

### \$1,000 to \$5,000

Christ Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church, New Hyde Park, NY  
 Good Shepherd Lutheran  
 Church, Plainview, NY  
 Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church, Croton-on-Hudson,  
 NY  
 Salem Lutheran Church,  
 Tomball, TX

### \$500 to \$1,000

Faith Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church, Syosset, NY  
 Grace Lutheran Church,  
 Malvern, NY  
 Grace Lutheran Church,  
 Uniondale, NY  
 New Hope Lutheran Church,  
 Jamaica, NY  
 St. David's Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church, Massapequa Park, NY  
 Zion Lutheran Church, Staten  
 Island, NY

### Up to \$500

Ascension Lutheran Church,  
 Franklin Square, NY  
 Atonement Lutheran Church,  
 Saugerties, NY  
 Bethany Lutheran Church,  
 Brooklyn, NY  
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 Elmhurst, NY  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church,  
 Baldwin, NY  
 Christ Lutheran Church, Floral  
 Park, NY  
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 Germantown, NY  
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 Park, NY  
 Christ Lutheran Church,  
 Wantagh, NY  
 Church of Our Savior Lutheran,  
 Manhasset, NY  
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 Pleasantville, NY  
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 Church of St. Paul, New York,  
 NY  
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 New Hyde Park, NY  
 Grace Lutheran Church,  
 Greenwood Lake, NY  
 Grace Lutheran Church,  
 Uniondale, NY  
 Holy Trinity Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church, Middle  
 Island, NY  
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 Flatbush, Brooklyn, NY  
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
 Rockville Centre, NY

Incarnation Lutheran Church,  
 Cedarhurst, NY  
 Ladies Aid Society of St. Pauls  
 Lutheran Church, Amityville,  
 NY  
 Love Lutheran Church, East  
 Greenbush, NY  
 Lutheran Church of Our Savior,  
 Patchogue, NY  
 Lutheran Women's Missionary  
 League Nassau Zone,  
 Mineola, NY  
 Messiah Lutheran Church, East  
 Setauket, NY  
 Messiah Lutheran Church,  
 Flushing, NY  
 Our Savior Lutheran Church,  
 Fishkill, NY  
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 Glen Head, NY  
 St. Andrew Lutheran Church,  
 West Hempstead, NY  
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 Smithtown, NY  
 St. David's Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church, Massapequa Park, NY  
 St. James Community Lutheran  
 Church, Stewart Manor, NY  
 St. James Lutheran Church,  
 Stewart Manor, NY  
 St. John Lutheran Church,  
 Bellmore, NY  
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 Lynbrook, NY  
 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church, Elizaville, NY  
 St. John's Lutheran Church,  
 Merrick, NY  
 St. John's Lutheran Church,  
 Poughkeepsie, NY  
 St. Lukes Lutheran Church, New  
 Rochelle, NY  
 St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
 Bethpage, NY  
 St. Paul's-St. Luke's Lutheran  
 Church, Staten Island, NY  
 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Port  
 Jervis, NY  
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 Baldwin, NY  
 St. Stephen's Nursery School,  
 Hicksville, NY  
 The Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church of the Abiding  
 Presence, Fort Salonga, NY  
 The Evangelical Lutheran  
 Church of the Prince of  
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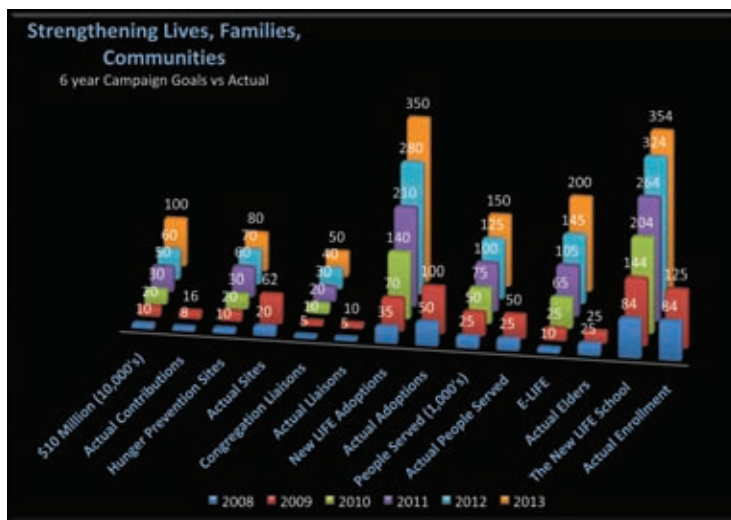
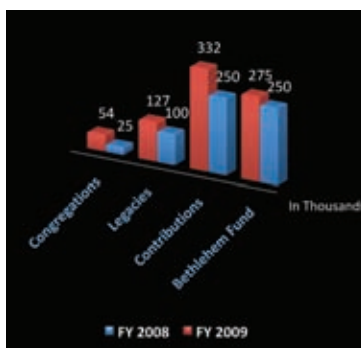
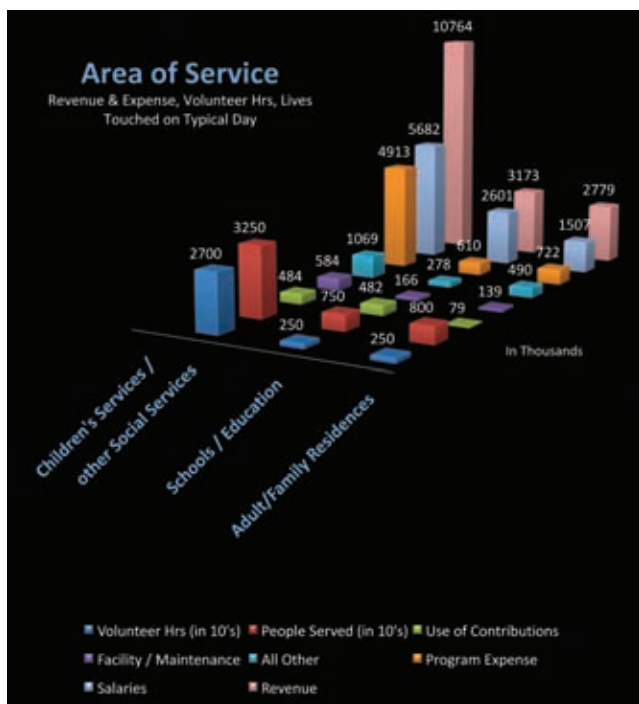
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Advent Ev Lutheran Church  
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AHRC Nassau County Chapter  
Ascension Lutheran Church  
Franklin Square  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Baldwin  
Boy Scout of America  
Brooklyn Tabernacle  
Calvary Lutheran Church East  
Meadow  
Christ Ev Lutheran Church  
Floral Park  
Christ Lutheran Church New  
Hyde Park  
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Clickets Fabric Arts Group  
Cross of Life Lutheran Church  
Epiphany Lutheran Church  
Hempstead  
Ev Luth Church of Our Saviour  
Mineola  
Faith Ev Lutheran Church  
Syosset  
Girl Scout of Nassau Council  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church  
New Hyde Park  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church Levittown  
Good Shepherd Lutheran  
Church Plainview





## What is Lutheran Social Services of New York?

It is simple: together, with you, we share Christ's blessings with people in need. Each year, Lutheran Social Services of New York helps thousands of adults and children lead healthier, happier, safer and more successful lives. Through the work of dedicated staff, committed volunteers, congregations and community partners, Lutheran Social Services of New York has been *strengthening lives, families and communities* for more than 121 years. Our services address needs ranging from infant care to elder wellness.

### History

Lutheran Social Services of New York has its roots in the Bethlehem Home, founded in 1886 by a group of concerned Lutheran church leaders. today, in addition to caring for children, Lutheran Social Services of New York helps seniors live independently, links families with children in need of adoption, provides safe and affordable housing for the formerly homeless, food for needy

families and assistance to immigrants and refugees. Lutheran Social Services of New York continues to partner with churches and communities to enable people to reach their full potential.

### How Can I Help?

**Join in the rewarding work of strengthening lives, families, and communities.**

**Volunteer.** Join the Lutheran Social Services of New York *LIFE-SAVERS* volunteer community. Work in a food pantry or soup kitchen, share your professional skills, help your church prepare in the event of a disaster, serve as a board member.

**Donate.** We need toys and gifts for children and teenage moms, new and gently used clothing for people of all ages, non-perishable food items for our hunger prevention locations, and furniture and household items for refugees and immigrants.

**Make a financial contribution.** Your generosity to Lutheran Social Services of New York helps meet human needs.

**Make an estate gift.** Remember Lutheran Social Services of New York when preparing your will or planning for your estate.

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