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**LUTHERAN  
FAMILY SERVICES**  
Rocky Mountains



To Members of the RMS-ELCA

Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains (LFS) has been an intentional expression of the church's outreach to hurting and vulnerable people, for seventy years. It has also served to enliven the faith and enrich the lives of ELCA members by providing opportunities for individuals and congregations to directly serve others through acts of love and mercy. The agency's mission statement is, "Inspired by the compassionate love of Christ, LFS walks with the vulnerable through services that heal, strengthen and provide hope."

LFS serves domestic abused and neglected children/youth and Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in specialized Foster Care programs; couples wanting to build a family, through open; designated and international Adoption Services; persecuted people from around the globe, through Refugee and Asylee Services and Immigration Legal Services; isolated older adults, through Older Adult and Caregiver Services; survivors of natural and human caused disasters, through Disaster Response Services; women facing unplanned pregnancies, through Pregnancy Counseling Services; and families at risk of breaking apart, through Prevention Services such as, Trauma Assessments, Parenting Education, Therapeutic Visitation, Crisis Respite Care, SafeCare Colorado, and Safe Exchange Services.

Many of these programs are offered free or at greatly reduced fees due to financial support we receive from congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod, as well as from individuals, Foundations, United Way agencies, businesses and many other congregations including those of the Rocky Mt. District, LCMS, LCMC, NALC and Episcopal Church USA. The people we serve are also exposed to the healing love of God through the hands and hearts of many highly skilled staff, foster parents and volunteers who consider their work to be an extension of their faith. In FY2017 (ending 6/30/17), LFS served more than 30,000 people through 20 distinct programs in 6 regional locations in Colorado and New Mexico.

In FY2017, LFS enjoyed specific mutual ministry relationships with more than 161 congregations, including 63 ELCA congregations, in areas of Refugee Resettlement, Foster Care, Respite Care, Older Adult and Caregiver Services, Disaster Response and Special Events. Congregational support included providing office and meeting space, financial support, childcare, mentoring, housing assistance, ongoing general volunteer support, and specific client-centered fundraising events such as scholarships for foster children to attend ELCA church camps. Many congregations also take part in providing backpacks filled with school supplies for foster and refugee children and many others provide Thanksgiving baskets for isolated seniors or participate in our "Angel Tree" project at Christmas, which provided more than 3,000 gifts for hundreds of foster children and refugee families last year!

Thanks to the financial and volunteer support of the member congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod, LFS is able to be present in ministry that would otherwise not be financially possible. In fact, if not for you, we would not be able to offer services free or on a "sliding fee scale" to many people who cannot afford help any other way. As funding from government and community sources historically ebbs and flows for the vulnerable populations we serve, yours are the dollars that continue to help keep life-giving services in place for our neighbors in need, in the name of Christ. We thank God for this ministry of healing and hope and for your committed, compassionate and generous partnership in services that heal, strengthen and provide hope!

Jim Barclay, President/CEO