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One of the home's first residents, Molly Tew, was a guest at the Building Independence dedication ceremony, along with Kevin Campbell, President and CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Wake County.

Building Independence welcomes residents

"Let us build a house where love can dwell..."

Those words were part of "All Are Welcome," a hymn sung by about 150 guests at the Aug. 21 service of blessing and dedication for Building Independence Lake Wheeler in Raleigh. The three homes have welcomed nine adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities whose goal is to live as independently as possible.

The Building Independence homes are the result of an innovative collaboration between Habitat for Humanity of Wake County, Lutheran Services Carolinas, and The Serving Cup in Raleigh. Habitat Wake built the homes, which LSC will own and operate.

After the service, guests quickly took refuge in the air-conditioned homes to enjoy a barbecue meal provided by Thrivent Financial.

Residents began to move in Oct. 3. Each resident has a private bedroom and bathroom, as well as the use of common space, including a kitchen, dining room, and den. On-site support is provided by LSC staff.

Later in October, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency spent a day landscaping at the site, a service project funded

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God has been very good to me. He has blessed me with a wonderful family, good health, and a vocation with Lutheran Services Carolinas. Just since September 20, 2016, I have had the opportunity to be in Spain, Montana, Washington, D.C., and Indianapolis. These trips have been for business, vacation, or

both. My time is part of my vocation; I can't separate work from pleasure and I don't want to.

Cheryl and I spent a week on a thousand-year-old pilgrimage trail in Spain. I was blown away to be walking on Via Romano XIX (Roman Highway 19), built before the birth of Christ. I was enthralled by rock walls and stone roads and little granite bridges built over 2,000 years ago by the Romans.

At one point as we hiked into a tiny little town, I asked Cheryl if she thought the inhabitants felt bad that they don't live in the greatest country in the world. This was not a slap at them or at the U. S. It was wrought out of the realization that this is a great big world, and they didn't seem concerned with anything other than the grape harvest. This realization was hammered home hard as I sat with brilliant people at meetings in Montana and Indianapolis, as I looked out over the massive Lamar Valley in Yellowstone National Park, and as I got to meet and hear the life story of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Washington.

More and more each day, I have come to understand how little I know and how big and complicated the world is. What can we do with that realization? We can pull the covers up over our heads. Or we can redouble our efforts to make a difference in our little corner of the world.

Mother Teresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." That is very reflective of LSC's mission statement: Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve.

So, what can we do?

Neill receives LSC volunteer award

Some volunteers just stand out for their compassion, enthusiasm, and dedication, and Pat Neill of Newton, N.C., is one of them. In recognition of her outstanding volunteer efforts at Trinity Ridge in Hickory, Pat has received LSC's WOW (Worker of Wonders) Award for 2016.

Pat has been volunteering at Trinity Ridge for five years. She's organized theme parties, helped with crafts, assisted with cooking activities, visited residents, helped chaperone outings, and decorated the building for Christmas.

"Pat is always ready to help our residents by encouraging them to participate on their level," says Life Enrichment Director Wendy Hefner. "She knows the residents and adjusts activities to suit their abilities. She was instrumental in helping us move into our new building a few years ago."

Pat volunteered more than 200 hours last year. She has a reputation as a great listener for both residents and staff members. She's also known for her dependability and her creativity and for saving Trinity Ridge money by being a thrifty shopper when buying craft items.

"She truly is a worker of wonders when it comes to dressing up for theme parties and holidays, sitting with a resident in their last days of life, or making a resident smile with her infectious wonderful attitude," Wendy says.



Pat Neill has been a faithful volunteer at Trinity Ridge for five years.

The late Bill Brittain inducted into Raleigh Hall of Fame



Bill Brittain

Recognized as a pioneer and advocate for children's services, the late Dr. Bill D. Brittain was inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame Oct. 3. His wife, Mary Ann, and daughter Angie Ferree, as well as LSC staff members Jeffrey DeMagistris, Kathleen Brock, Michelle McWilliams, and Elliott Williams, attended the event at the Raleigh Convention Center.

In 1976 out of an office in Raleigh's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Brittain began what would become Lutheran Family Services of the Carolinas. With an initial annual budget of \$37,000, he oversaw the growth of the organization from a small, local service agency to a multi-state one. When he retired in 2001, Lutheran Family Services was one of the largest nonprofits dedicated to youth and family services in the Carolinas, with 450 employees, six counseling centers, 400 foster homes, and 50 group homes for adults and children with special needs.

Brittain was also devoted to the plight of Vietnamese refugees who aided U.S. troops during the Vietnam conflict. With the help

of communities in Raleigh, Greensboro, and Charlotte, he helped resettle hundreds of refugees who came to the state. With his wife, Mary Ann, he also spent many volunteer hours at the Wake County Correctional Center, helping prepare inmates and their families for discharge from the prison system. Lutheran Family Services began a prison ministry as a result. Brittain also gave his time and talents during retirement as a board member of Raleigh's Loaves and Fishes Ministry, which provides services to area children and their families from kindergarten to twelfth grade.



LSC's Michelle McWilliams, far left, and Jeffrey DeMagistris, far right, celebrate the induction of Bill Brittain into the Raleigh Hall of Fame with Brittain's wife, Mary Ann Brittain, center left, and daughter, Angie Ferree, center right.

Mohrmann joins LSC development staff



Pastor E. Ray Mohrmann

Pastor E. Ray Mohrmann has joined Lutheran Services as its South Carolina development officer. Mohrmann will help plan and manage development strategies to advance LSC's mission. Over the next few years, he will focus on building and maintaining relationships with South Carolina churches and individuals and help manage the

upcoming LSC child and family capital campaign in South Carolina.

Born in Charleston, S.C., and raised in Charlotte, N.C., Mohrmann

is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne College and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. He was ordained by the SC Synod of the ELCA in 1990. He has served most recently as pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. He previously served congregations in Winston-Salem, N.C. as well as in Rock Hill, North Augusta, and Greenville, S.C.

He is married to Ann (Barnett), a graduate of Western Carolina University and a registered nurse, who has worked primarily in public health, school, and clinical settings. They have two grown children – Laura Hicken (Gordon) of Wichita Falls, Texas, and John Mohrmann of Winston-Salem.

Grant is newest member of LSC boards



Cary Grant

Cary Michael Grant from Durham is the newest member of the Lutheran Services Carolinas boards.

Grant is a corporate attorney for GlaxoSmithKline at Research Triangle Park in Durham. He has an undergraduate degree in history from

Temple University and earned his law degree at the University of Virginia. He has previously served a three-year term as church council member at an ELCA congregation in Durham.

Grant was the recipient of LSC's assistance two years ago when he needed help identifying resources for care for his father. The connection he made with LSC helped inspire him to volunteer for board service.

Promises with a purpose

More than 150 well-wishers gathered at Trinity Oaks health and rehab in October to celebrate the completion of multiple construction projects there and to honor two of the building's most renowned residents, Leon Williams and Cindy Rentz.

The health and rehab building has undergone a steady series of improvements since 2012 funded in part by LSC's *Keeping the Promise* (KTP) capital campaign. Those improvements include a facelift that began with the installation of new energy efficient windows and culminated with the completion of a stunning new porte cochere or covered entryway. Enhancements to the entrance also include new automatic doors, a redesigned porch and sitting area, as well as a fountain and landscaping.

An anonymous donor requested that the enhanced entrance be dedicated in honor of Cindy and Leon, and Bill Johnson, executive director of Trinity Oaks and LSC's Rowan senior services, couldn't be happier. "Leon and Cindy are our unofficial guardians," he said.

"Not only do we now have a sheltered entrance high enough to accommodate a new generation of taller transport vehicles, we also have a new front porch and a friendly and beautiful gathering space for residents and their guests. We are truly grateful."



Cindy Rentz



Leon Williams

Trinity Oaks has a beautiful new covered entrance.



Trinity Voices

William C. Griffin, Trinity Glen

My gardening experience started at Trinity Glen when I felt the need to grow some tomatoes. We started with 10 tomato plants and then added two cucumber plants. Everyone from staff, residents, and family members would come out to the garden and enjoy fresh produce.

I would wake up real early every day, go outside to the patio at 6:30 and water all my plants, as well as pruning any that needed it. These plants are like my babies – it gave me such pleasure to tend to them. Since the tomatoes and cucumbers have been gone, I planted azaleas, and I'm about to begin planting onions. And we're already thinking about ideas for next year's planting season.

I'm so thankful I was able to give to others through my gardening. Residents enjoyed tomatoes and cucumbers with meals, and staff would come pick what they liked as well. We also made fried green tomatoes and pickled some cucumbers. It's always nice to do something you love and watch how it affects others.

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Disaster case managers to continue relief efforts in S.C.

It's been more than a year since the devastating flooding caused by Hurricane Joaquin in South Carolina, and even as Hurricane Matthew is causing a fresh set of problems, many 2015 flood victims are still struggling to find help. As an agency, LSC's role in disaster response generally is to help address long-term needs. To that end, LSC has hired two disaster case managers to help with long-term relief in South Carolina, thanks to a \$238,892 grant from Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lavada Smith and Ashley McKee-Thompson will provide disaster case management for two years in the South Carolina counties of



Lavada Smith and Ashley McKee-Thompson are serving as disaster case managers in Richland and Lexington counties in South Carolina.

Richland and Lexington, which sustained heavy damage from last year's flood.

"We are very excited to have them as part of our team," says George Knox, LSC's quality management coordinator for South Carolina.

It is estimated that 1,200 households in Richland and Lexington counties still need help with repairs. Working out of LSC's Columbia office, Smith and McKee-Thompson will serve an estimated 180 households with pending FEMA registrations. Services provided will include assistance with unmet needs, including securing housing, connecting to benefits and other resources, and facilitating home repairs.

Lutheran Services Carolinas is currently involved in the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) for Richland and Lexington counties. Disaster case managers will coordinate with this group, as well as the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) case management task force, the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) for case referrals, the South Carolina Synod, and Lutheran Disaster Response. Case managers will also work with an alliance formed of other faith-based agencies across the state, including the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, to help facilitate case management.

LSC continues to accept charitable donations from individuals, businesses, places of worship, and foundations to support long-term efforts in South Carolina.

Disaster relief

Nearly one year to the date of Hurricane Joaquin and the resulting floods that ravaged many South Carolina counties, disaster response teams were deployed to Haiti, Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina to help those suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew.

Please help those harmed by Hurricane Matthew as you are able by:

- Praying for those whose lives have been forever changed by this disaster and for those who will make great sacrifices to help them.
- Going to www.LSCarolinas.net and clicking on "Donate Now" or "Learn More" and choosing Disaster Relief from the drop-down menu.

- Making a gift to the North Carolina Synod's Domestic Disaster Relief Fund by visiting www.nclutheran.org and clicking on "Give."
- Making a contribution to the South Carolina Synod earmarked for disaster relief by visiting www.scsynod.com and clicking on "Give."
- Giving through Lutheran Disaster Response by visiting www.elca.org.

By following Lutheran Services Carolinas on Facebook, you can access regular updates on recovery efforts and needs in affected areas. Thank you.



Thomas Joe Cunningham works with Angela Nance, an occupational therapist at Trinity Glen.



Former Harlem Globetrotter rehabs at Trinity Glen

Thomas Joe Cunningham just didn't feel right. He'd already had several stents because of cardiac issues, and he realized he needed to see a doctor. In short order, he was having open heart surgery, followed by a month of recuperation in the hospital. When he was discharged, it was Trinity Glen he chose for rehabilitation services.



"I've enjoyed somebody looking after me," said Cunningham, who received occupational and physical therapy. Some nerve

issues in his hand were preventing him from writing comfortably, but exercises – including finding beans hidden in balls of Play-Doh – have helped strengthen his grip.

Cunningham enjoyed his private room at Trinity Glen. Despite the fact that he's been a very public figure, Cunningham relishes solitude – something he didn't experience a lot when he was younger and a member of the legendary Harlem Globetrotters.

Originally from Charlotte, Cunningham – known by some as T.J. and others as Joe or Ham – moved to Winston-Salem in 1962 to begin college at Winston-Salem State University, where he was a defensive standout on their basketball squad.

Later, he landed a spot with the Harlem Globetrotters, taking the court with the likes of Meadowlark Lemon, Curly Neal, and Nate Branch during the team's heyday. His favorite teammate was Geese Ausbie, who, Cunningham says, "was just as funny as Meadowlark."

A broken wrist took Cunningham off the court and on the road for speaking engagements. He was surprised to discover that he had a knack for public speaking. After seven years on the team, he made

the transition to being an off-the-court Globetrotter, visiting more countries than he had when he was a player, more than 30.

His speaking was a solo pursuit, and while that was quite different than "traveling with 12 knuckleheads," he enjoyed it. He even got to spend a summer with Wilt Chamberlain, who sometimes played with the Globetrotters in the off season.

One of his most memorable experiences was being part of a documentary in the early 1980s called "Cycling Through China," in which American performers toured China via bicycle performing at stops along the way, including Tiananmen Square. The film also featured Ben Vereen, Lorne Greene (of "Bonanza" fame) and Kate Jackson. One of the most memorable scenes came when Cunningham went off script to clown around with local children, engaging them with basketball tricks as they followed him through town.

After his time with the Globetrotters, Cunningham embarked on a career in the airline industry. He began with Piedmont Airlines, which is now American Airlines. He currently manages a team of 30 in the reservation department.

His real passion after leaving the Globetrotters was working for the Prince Hall Masons, inspiring men to become better husbands and fathers and to become engaged with their communities.

He's seen a lot in his 72 years – from the sit-ins in Greensboro, which happened while he was in college, to the country's first black president. He still marvels at the opportunities he's had in his life, things he couldn't have imagined as a child in Charlotte growing up as part of a family with nine kids.

He believes personal responsibility is key: "The world is not going to fit around you," he says. "You need to adapt to the world."

Bramley and Stanfield-Switzer depart boards

Jerry Bramley and Steven Stanfield-Switzer, both of Wilmington, N.C., are leaving the LSC Boards of Trustees after a combined 16 years of dedicated service.

“Both Steve and Jerry have served at a critical time in the growth and development of Lutheran Services Carolinas,” said LSC President Ted W. Goins. “Shepherding the organization through the construction of four nursing homes, the affiliation of the Lutheran Services for the Aging and Lutheran Family Services ministries, and the successful completion of the *Keeping the Promise* capital campaign are just three of their accomplishments. We thank them for their leadership. Their expertise and knowledge have been invaluable; they will be greatly missed.”



Jerry Bramley



Steven Stanfield-Switzer

LSC champion Jerry Bramley looks back

Nine years ago I was asked by Bob Stansbury, a long-time member of the Board of Trustees of Lutheran Services for the Aging (LSA), if I would consider serving on that board in Salisbury, N.C. After he explained that LSA is a Lutheran-affiliated nonprofit organization that serves the needs of the elderly throughout North Carolina by building and running nursing homes, assisted living and independent living centers and adult day care, I agreed to serve. As an added plus, Bob told me that LSA was actively pursuing building a nursing home in Wilmington.

In 2007 the NC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America approved my election to the Board of Trustees. During my tenure on the board we purchased land for a nursing home in Wilmington, completed the application process with the state, and LSA was subsequently approved to build Trinity Grove in Monkey Junction. Many of you may remember hearing about Dee and Ernie Young, my wife’s parents, who were the very first residents in that home. In June we celebrated the fifth year of the opening of that state-of-the-art nursing home.

While I was on the board we built three additional nursing homes. One of those is located in Hickory, and two are in the Winston-Salem area. We also renovated many of our other senior service facilities. Our ability to build and improve facilities was eased by the contributions of many of you to the *Keeping the Promise* fundraising campaign.

While I was on the board we faced many challenges. One of those challenges was the request from Lutheran Family Services

(LFS) to provide them with financial guidance and leadership. LFS provides social services throughout North and South Carolina. Those services include foster care, resettling of refugees, and the running of homes for veterans, the developmentally disadvantaged, and those suffering from brain trauma. After some deep prayers to God for guidance, and careful consideration, the board agreed to take over the administration duties of LFS and assimilate that organization into an affiliation that would be known as Lutheran Services Carolinas.

I want to thank all of you for your support of LSA, LFS, and LSC. Your support has paid off for our seniors in North Carolina, and for the socially dependent citizens in North and South Carolina. That support has also paid off locally here in Wilmington. After 35 years of waiting, Wilmington finally had its nursing home, and now, there are a number of independent living options being considered in Wilmington.

Members of the boards of directors are allowed to serve three consecutive terms of three years. I have served those nine years as board member and board chair, and I am now stepping aside for others to fulfill those duties. I thank all of you for your support of LSC in the past and trust you will continue in that support in the future. LSC follows the mandate of Jesus to serve all of those people who are unable to care for themselves.

—Jerry Bramley

Salisbury senior services staff changes



Bill Johnson

Senior services operations in Salisbury have had some administrative changes. As the new executive director of LSC's senior services in Rowan County, Bill Johnson will supervise Trinity Living Center, Trinity at Home, Trinity Oaks health and rehab, and Trinity Oaks independent living. Mike Walsh continues as executive director of retirement services at Trinity Oaks. Christina Joyce, former executive director of Trinity Living Center, is now director of community services, supervising both Trinity Living Center and Trinity at Home. Barbara Garwood, former director of community services, retired from her full-time position in November but will continue to work part-time as a geriatric care manager and write a monthly caregiver column for the Salisbury Post. LSC appreciates the dedication and compassion Garwood has brought to all her roles with the organization.



Christina Joyce



Barbara Garwood

Hollar Scholarship award winners announced

Ashley Morrow, Trinity Village, and Pam Dean, Trinity Ridge were this year's recipients of the Bryce and Margie Hollar Scholarship. The fund was established in 2011 to recognize LSC staff who wish to further their education in a field that will advance their abilities to provide care for seniors and other adults with special needs at an LSC facility.



Ashley Morrow, left, and Pam Dean, right, pose with Bryce Hollar, center, who started a scholarship fund for LSC staff members.

LSC welcomes VISTA organizer Ayanna Woodberry



Ayanna Woodberry joined Lutheran Services Carolinas in July for a year-long appointment as a VISTA Community Resilience-Building Program organizer for Richland County, S.C.

The VISTA program is part of a larger effort by the federal government to help low-income communities better withstand and recover from a variety of disruptions, such as home fires, extreme weather events, economic crises or human-caused disasters. Woodberry joins other VISTA organizers at Lutheran social service organizations across the United States who are implementing strategies and tools to improve community resilience in low-income and vulnerable communities.

Dakins wins Rowan Chamber award



Teresa Dakins, Trinity at Home's community outreach coordinator, was the number one producer in the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce's Total Resource Campaign. For her efforts in signing up the most new chamber members, Teresa won a \$2,500 trip – and the gratitude of the chamber!

Dorn group volunteers at Angels House

The Women's Empowerment Group from Dorn VA Medical Center visited Angels House in Columbia, SC, Sept. 29 and worked in the yard pulling weeds, planting flowers and other plants, painting furniture, sweeping and edging.

Trinity Elms recognized for outstanding resident satisfaction

Trinity Elms assisted living has received the Excellence in Action customer satisfaction award from My InnerView by National Research Corporation. This honor recognizes post-acute care facilities that achieve overall resident or employee satisfaction scores within the top 10 percent of the My InnerView product database, the largest source of long-term care and senior living satisfaction metrics in the nation.

“Our residents are very important to us,” said Frandee Nichols, administrator of Trinity Elms assisted living. “It’s very gratifying to be recognized for the services we provide to those who make Trinity Elms their home.”

Employee engagement survey results

Each year, LSC administers an employee engagement survey to all staff members in order to assess how employees are feeling about the organization. This year, participation in the survey was 85.7 percent, an improvement over last year’s rate of 82 percent. LSC scores improved in almost every area and were significantly higher than the average scores of organizations of a similar size with a similar mission.

Double the impact of your gift. Give to *Changing Spaces* today.

An anonymous donor has pledged a matching gift of up to \$250,000 for new gifts or new pledges made to the *Changing Spaces* campaign between July 31 and Dec. 31, 2016. The match will be paid as gifts or pledge payments on those pledges received by LSC.

The funds raised will be used to add desperately needed assisted living residences to Trinity Oaks independent living, will improve common spaces for those residences, and will add more private rooms to health and rehab.

Pledge or make a gift now by visiting www.LSCarolinas.net and clicking on “Donate Now.” Select “Changing Spaces.”

Employee giving tops \$100,000

LSC employees believe in the organization’s mission, and their actions demonstrate that. More than 800 LSC employees across the organization have pledged payroll deductions or made cash gifts to LSC totalling \$100,972.26 for the annual staff giving year, an increase from last year’s total of \$90,876.80. Donors chose to have their money go to any combination of four different funds: LSC General; Child and Family We Believe; Senior Services We Believe; and Trinity Oaks Changing Spaces. The We Believe fund supports client needs not funded in other ways.

God’s Work projects help LSC

LSC is grateful for the support received from several congregations in September on “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday, a national day of service sponsored by the ELCA.



Trinity Glen residents show off their fresh manicures.

Good Shepherd, Raleigh, volunteered to clean and prepare an apartment that will be the first home for incoming refugees; Philadelphia, Dallas, visited Mountain Ridge in Gastonia and completed needed repairs on the backyard fence and picnic table; Augsburg, Winston-Salem, treated residents of Trinity Glen to manicures; and Mt. Zion, Richfield, First, Albemarle, and St. Martin’s, Oakboro, hosted a workday at Trinity Place, which included outside work, a worship service, and a meal.



This group of volunteers from Augsburg Lutheran gave manicures to residents of Trinity Glen.



Mental Health First Aid trainer Penny Felker talks to LSC staff member Brad Jackson during a recent training session while Eleanor Qadirah of Salisbury looks on.



As a participant in the Mental Health First Aid Training session at Trinity Oaks, Judy Klusman does an exercise designed to prompt people to consider what they know about mental illness.

LSC sees high demand for Mental Health First Aid training

Many people feel equipped to respond to a basic health crisis – whether that means calling 911, applying a tourniquet, or doing CPR.

But would you know what to do if you encountered someone having a mental health crisis?

Lutheran Services Carolinas is giving its staff, as well as members of the community, an opportunity to learn what steps to take when confronted with a mental health emergency situation – steps that could mean the difference between life and death.

On Sept. 9, LSC and Trinity Oaks, in conjunction with Novant Health Rowan Medical Center, sponsored an eight-hour training in Mental Health First Aid. Trainers Vikki Johnson and Penny Felker gave participants practical, interactive instruction on how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.

The offering was so popular that LSC offered an additional training

in Salisbury Oct. 26. Both sessions were full to capacity, and another has been scheduled for February.

“This is a response to a community need that came out of the Community Health Forum a few months back,” said LSC President Ted Goins.

The course teaches a five-step action plan to support someone who is developing signs of mental illness or is in emotional distress. The five steps are: (1) Assess for risk of suicide or harm; (2) Listen nonjudgmentally; (3) Give reassurance and information; (4) Encourage appropriate professional help; (5) Encourage self-help and other support strategies.

First developed in Australia in 2001, Mental Health First Aid was introduced in the United States in 2008. Since then, more than 100,000 people in the U.S. and Puerto Rico have taken the course, from hospital staff, business leaders, faith communities, and law enforcement professionals.

Building Independence welcomes residents

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by NCHFA and organized to honor A. Robert Kucab, the agency’s executive director, for his 35 years of service.

LSC President Ted Goins said he is confident that Building Independence will serve as a model for others who are seeking to address the pressing need for housing for adults with disabilities.

“Individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities deserve to be as independent as possible,” he said. “We’re grateful to our partners, Habitat for Humanity of Wake County and The Serving Cup, and all of the donors and volunteers who are helping to make independent living a possibility for these people.”

LSC names Philanthropists of the Year



Glenn and Susan Ketner



Dr. Christopher Herman

Lutheran Services Carolinas created a Philanthropist of the Year award to give special recognition to individuals, families, or organizations who have demonstrated extraordinary financial commitment and wholehearted support for the LSC ministry. This year, in North Carolina, those being honored are Glenn and Susan Ketner of Salisbury, and Dr. Christopher Herman of Winston-Salem.

Glenn and Susan Ketner have accepted the award on behalf of the Glenn E. and Addie G. Ketner Family Foundation and the whole Ketner family, which has supported Trinity Oaks in Salisbury throughout its history. Glenn Ketner Sr. and his wife, Addie, were part of the original construction effort 40 years ago.

“I think I remember seeing my father turning one of the first shovels of dirt out there,” Glenn Ketner Jr. said, describing the 1972 groundbreaking for what was colloquially known as the Lutheran Home. Ten years before that, Ketner’s grandmother, Molly Bernhardt Glover, was among the initial residents of what is now Trinity Village

in Hickory, the first nursing home built by Lutheran Services Carolinas.

The Ketners have recently given generously to the *Changing Spaces* campaign, which will fund major renovations at Trinity Oaks.

Also being honored is Dr. Christopher Herman, the medical director at Trinity Glen in Winston-Salem. Herman, who is the president of Physicians Eldercare, is loved and respected by LSC staff. He gives to Trinity Glen annually, always with the stipulation that his donation be used to buy the equipment most needed by residents. Over the years, he has helped buy wheelchairs, a bariatric shower chair, and lift slings.

“He is the kindest person,” says Administrator Cissy McCoy. “He believes in treating in place and trying to keep residents from having to go to the hospital if he can help it so they get the best care by folks that know them best.”

LSC is grateful for the generous support of its mission by this year’s award winners.

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"Empowered by Christ, we walk together with all we serve."

Leaping Lederhosen!

Incarnation Lutheran Church Oktoberfest benefits LSC

With hopes for crowds of 7,000 or more, Incarnation Lutheran Church once again offered revelers a weekend of polka, beer, and bratwurst at its annual Oktoberfest, October 14-16, on the church grounds in Columbia.

Now in its sixth year, the family-friendly weekend features live music; authentic German foods like bratwurst, wiesswurst, schnitzel, and spätzle; pastries that taste every bit as good as they look; and beer. Lots and lots of beer.

According to Sarah Sawicki, Oktoberfest co-director, the combination of faith and beer tends to pique the interest of those attending for the first time, but she is quick to point out that it's not about evangelism. "It's just a really good time," she says.

The event allows the church to celebrate its German Lutheran heritage while supporting important work like LSC's foster care,

adult residences, and veterans and refugee services. Although the after-effects of Hurricane Joaquin brought last year's festivities to a halt, Oktoberfest 2014 netted \$5,000 for those programs.



What would an Oktoberfest be without Oompah? Festival regulars like Dr. Albert Jabs and his wife Janice, take a few turns around the dance floor.

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