

## WHAT IS THE SHARING PLACE?



The Sharing Place is a material assistance program providing free food and clothing to children, individuals and families in need. Located on the east and west sides of Indianapolis, the Sharing Place is staffed by volunteers recruited from the community and local congregations.

Food and clothing giveaway programs are made possible by donations from individuals, congregations, service organizations and local businesses. Cash gifts and proceeds from the two thrift stores are used to purchase additional food or clothing as needed, while food and commodities are also purchased at low cost from Gleaner's Food Bank.

There are numerous food and clothing pantries in and around Indianapolis, but few afford clients the opportunity to receive individual, group, and family therapy, family case management and service referrals and linkage along with crisis assistance through the Social Triage at the Sharing Place East.

The Sharing Place Ministry helps with the food and material assistance needed to get families back on the path to self-sufficiency. At present, Sharing Place East and West serve over 30,000 needy families each year.

## WHO DO WE SERVE?

The people we serve are individual or families, of all ages, who are at or below 150% of the poverty level. The program is designed to provide crisis/ temporary stabilization to prevent long term dependence on services for these population as well as individuals and families who have experienced a crisis (job loss, loss of home, medical emergency, etc.) and need temporary assistance. Temporary assistance is provided to alleviate the emergency needs as it relates to food and clothing.

Clients are eligible to receive free food every 30 days and clothing twice a year. Those who come to the Sharing Place repeatedly for assistance are encouraged to participate in the social triage program. During this process a trained volunteer conducts a needs assessment with the client and if necessary, directs them to other community resources that may help them achieve self-sufficiency and independence.



## HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

The Sharing Place ministry eliminates clients having to choose whether to feed their families or pay the rent or utilities. Individuals participate in the selection of their food and clothing items that allows them an opportunity to exercise personal tastes and creates an environment of more control and self-respect. The Social Triage program designed to promote self-sufficiency complements this ministry. The triage coordinator assists clients in identifying and linking with other services to address the sources of instability in the clients' life. The program is designed to help decrease clients reliance on food and clothing assistance with education about the resources available to address their needs.

## ANY ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE?

The Sharing Place sponsors two seasonal give-away programs that provide additional outreach to the community. Ready, Set, Learn! Is a back-to-school program offering families in need the opportunity to "shop" at The Sharing Place.

### MISSION STATEMENT

In response to God's love and grace in Jesus Christ, Lutheran Child & Family Services of Indiana/Kentucky serves human needs with the support of the church and community by providing programs of compassionate care and counsel to enhance dignity and quality of life.

## VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers play a pivotal role in all services provided by Lutheran Child and Family Services. Individuals and groups can serve in many different capacities, centered around our mission to serve human needs and provide compassionate care. To schedule a volunteer service project or for more information about volunteering, please contact Leslie McCotry, Volunteer Resource Coordinator (317)359-5467 ext.242 or email, [volunteers@lutheranfamily.org](mailto:volunteers@lutheranfamily.org).

## WHERE ARE WE LOCATED?

The LCFS Sharing Place Program provides services to client families throughout Marion County. The Sharing Place has two convenient Indianapolis strategically located accessible to public transportation and major roadways.

*Sharing Place East, 7049 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219/ 317-353-0537*

*Sharing Place West, 3976 Georgetown Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224/ 317-298-3180*

*Join us in June 2008 for our ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the grand opening of our new Lutherwood Residential Treatment Facility!*



### **Lutheran Child & Family Services**

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### **Community-Based Program Services**

Special Needs Adoptions • Family Preservation/  
Reunification Services • Trinity House • Foster Care  
• Parenting Education  
The Sharing Place—Material Assistance Support  
Centers

### **Lutherwood Residential Treatment Center**

Open and Secure Units • Short-term Stabilization  
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)  
Certified Teachers • Youth Mentoring • Independent  
Living/ GED Program • Group/Individual/Family  
Counseling



## The Sharing Place

*Material Assistance Support Centers*



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