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Lutheran Child & Family Services

LCFS Walks

The past few months LCFS has held many walking events ranging from spiritual walks to a walk/run/bike event downtown.

Our very own Sven has been leading groups through spiritual walks in various state parks around Indiana. These walks have provided a place for everyone to come together and bond over the connection of faith and nature.

The Kind Walk/Run/Bike event was created this year to help raise money for our Pando Permanent Supportive Housing Project. The event took place on Saturday May 22nd at White River State Park. Over 80 people registered to participate and we were able to raise approximately $15,000 after event expenses! We hope to turn this into an annual event, so stay tuned for next year!

For more information on future Spiritual Walks please contact sschumacher@lutheranfamily.org or for more information on other upcoming events please contact events@lutheranfamily.org

Stay tuned for LCFS programming updates in the coming months!

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Our Mission:
Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith and Support

Pando Aspen Grove of Community Height is Now Open!

LCFS/The Foundation for LCFS, along with our collaborative partners, have been working on a new program: Pando Aspen Grove of Community Heights (Pando). This new program is located at 5626 E. 16th Street and is the first Permanent Supportive Housing Program in the Indianapolis metro area specifically serving young adults ages 18-24 years old who have been involved in the child welfare/foster care system.

The 30 one-bedroom unit apartment complex is now open with several tenants already settling into their new homes. Individuals are referred to the program through the Indianapolis Coordinated Entry System.

Some of the services LCFS provides through Pando include helping clients gain access to health insurance and supplemental food programs, nutrition and cooking classes, legal aid, budgeting and finance management, case management and mental health services, employment and career planning, and access and connections to educational enhancement opportunities. All these services are offerred at no cost to the clients at any point while residing at Pando.

The onsite property manager at Pando, Catinya Brown, who has worked with TWG for more that 2 years said, “This is a fantastic program going on here at Pando.” Brown has her bachelor’s degree in social services and has a background of working in mental health as well as with both children and adults diagnosed with autism. “I loved working in social services in the past and I was surprised that those experiences were coming back around again in my current career.”

Brown understands that some clients may arrive at Pando still in the mindset that this is transitional housing. Still, Brown hopes the clients can grow at Pando and that when they move on to other places, they can take the life skills they learned while living there with them. Operating with the “Housing First” approach, the Pando program supplies an array of voluntary supportive services to help young adults reach their education, employment, health, and community integration goals.

LCFS along with its partners is hosting a panel discussion and Grand Opening for Pando on Wednesday, July 28, 2021. The Panel Discussion includes guest speakers to address some of the challenges associated with homelessness. The Pando Grand Opening follows the panel discussion . The event includes guided tours of the new Pando facility after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Thank You, Sponsors!

We would like to take a moment to give special thanks to those who helped sponsor our most recent Kind Walk/Run/Bike event at White River State Park.

At the highest level we have our **Champion Sponsors**, this includes: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bose McKinney & Evans, Christ The Savior Lutheran Church, Michael E. and Jacquelyn I. Hanson Family Foundation, PNC Bank, Secure Door Solutions, and TWG.

Many at this level may be featured in upcoming weekly updates, so stay tuned!

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"It's in the interest of Bose McKinney & Evans to help organizations providing services to those in the community."

TWG not only supported our event – they were also there as our co-developer and construction partner to help make our project vision come to life. They've been guiding us through the funding applications, financing arrangements, site and project development, and construction process.

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We also would like to thank our **Partner Sponsors**: Anthem, Ascent 121, Comfort Systems USA, Gordon and Stephanie Bothun and our **Friend Sponsors**: Gratus Development, MJ Insurance, Nichols, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority - Theta Pi Chapter, and Thrivent Financial.

Having such a wide range of different sponsors creates great opportunities and we are so blessed to be able to connect with each and every sponsor listed.

Again, without the support of all of these local organizations, foundations, and businesses we wouldn't be able to do what we do and we hope to continue building these relationships for years to come!

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