



Fall/Winter 2011/2012



I and the staff of the GA Foster Care Program are thankful for your financial support. Above is Nicholas, who is a big brother to a foster child in his family. He played football for Southside, which is sponsored by LSS. James is also in foster care. He played football for Frewsburg and attends JCC.

Dear Friend,

I trust you had a nice Thanksgiving and hope you found your blessings too many to count. It is at this time of year that we realize how much we have much to be grateful for; and it is this gratefulness that motivates us to share our abundance to bless others as we begin the Christmas Season of giving.

And that is what I am asking you today – *to share your abundance by giving a financial gift to support our mission at Lutheran Social Services of helping those in need, so they will have many blessings to count.* You likely are now considering your year-end giving. Please remember LSS as you make those decisions.

Thank you for your generosity and your consistent support. I have been able to count on you year after year, and that not only means a lot to me, but to everyone who comes through our doors – residents, families, staff, volunteers, and our board of directors. *It is with your financial support that folks in our community can find the help they need to live well every day.*

It is an exciting time here at LSS. Perhaps you had a chance to read about or even attend the open house held recently to welcome the community to the 44 new rooms in Hultquist Place, our assisted living program. Already, nearly 20 people have moved in. And we also opened the new Smartment™ Building, dedicating it to Norman Berg, who was our executive director from 1969 to 1995. We also held our first graduation ceremony at the GA Learning Center for nine seniors who all graduated with a plan for their future.

As our 125th anniversary draws to a close, I think back on all that has been accomplished in those years, and I thank you for your part in making it all a reality. **Perhaps you will consider a gift of \$125 or more in honor of our anniversary and become a member of our Touching Lives Club.**

This may sound like a cliché, but it is not – we need you. You are vital to the success of our Mission. Please remember us and send your financial gift today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Axelson".

Gwen Axelson
Development Officer



Thanks to you, it's on to a bright future for these graduates!

P. S. Please consider our *Gifts of Caring* program where you can set up monthly gifts. With monthly giving, you can have quite an impact on the lives of many, but it is not such an impact on your budget.