

2016 LCS PROGRAM SERVICES REPORT

Lutheran Community Services (LCS) provides food, homelessness prevention and other programs for people with low incomes in Wilmington, New Castle County, and to a limited extent, other areas of Delaware. LCS is the largest customer of the Food Bank of Delaware and is in its second year of operations from headquarters at 2809 Baynard Boulevard which also houses the “Choice” Food Pantry which opened in February 2016 – the fourth stationary pantry.

Homelessness Prevention Programs

LCS provides zero interest loans and grants to families who are behind in their rent, mortgages, or utility payments - as well as to those who need security deposits for decent housing. To assure that they remain housed, follow ups are done with each person at 30, 90, 180 and 365 day milestones. Recipients also receive a professional financial counseling session. For seniors, LCS provides affordable home repairs to help them stay independent.



Confirmation students from Word of Life Lutheran in New Jersey work in the garden while on a mission trip to Delaware.

Nutrition and Produce Distribution

LCS provides fruits, vegetables and other perishable items to help families balance their diets. Other activities to improve nutrition include classes, literature and information tables. A community pantry garden at the headquarters location provided hundreds of pounds of fresh produce this year.

Food	
Stationary Pantries (4)	37,324
Emergency Meal Boxes (2)	4,761
Produce Distributions (3)	4,172
Supplemental Groceries (9)	8,267
<i>Subtotal</i>	54,524
Homelessness Prevention	
Rent, Mortgage, Security Deposit	422
Utilities	228
Home Repairs	76
<i>Subtotal</i>	726
More LCS Services	
Clothing	1,583
Smoking Cessation	6,422
Retired Men's Luncheon Club	696
<i>Subtotal</i>	8,701
Total People Served	63,951

LCS is well positioned to grow its services and serve more people in Delaware as funds allow.

Monthly Distributions

Each of the 9 LCS distributions of supplemental groceries serves 25 to 50 families every month. Most have waiting lists. A new distribution center was opened at Faith Lutheran Church in Bear in August.

Emergency Food Pantries

LCS’s four stationary pantries provide nutritionally balanced groceries for families in crisis that cannot afford to buy their own. Bags provide families with food sufficient to last three days. Monthly meal box distributions are provided at Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington and Hope Lutheran in New Castle.

More Services

LCS also provides cessation help for low income smokers through a partnership with the State of Delaware and Alere Wellbeing / Optum, as well as regular free clothing distributions, and many volunteer opportunities.

