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For Your Church Newsletter

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A Volunteer Story

LCS is proud of its volunteers – all 450 of them. From time to time one of our volunteers goes above and beyond what is expected. Tim Shepp is one such volunteer. Tim has a truck and has now and then helped with picking up supplies from Kathryn's Kloset for LCS food pantries. One day in January we at LCS got a call from an organization called Feeding Children Everywhere. They specialize in providing bags of nutritious lentil casserole for low income families with children all over the world. They wanted to give us 9500 lentil casserole meals. Problem was it had to get picked up right away, that day. Our Program Director wasn't sure if he could find someone to pick it up on such short notice. But he asked Tim, and even though he had zero warning, Tim said he could do it. And he did. As a result of his generosity with his time, LCS has a massive supply of healthy nonperishable food on hand to meet the hunger needs of low income folks in our service area. Thank you Tim!

LCS Proud to Have Four Interns

This winter, LCS is pleased to have on board four college interns. One is from Widener and the other three are from Del Tech. Depending on their course work, each will be able to help LCS in different ways. At the same time, they will be learning about what it takes to run a successful nonprofit like Lutheran Community Services.

Helping a Senior Citizen

The first week in January, Jan walked into LCS for her appointment, an unusual client because she was much older than most – into her eighties. She had cancer and a host of other medical problems. But she was the kind of person who keeps pushing ahead. That kind of attitude is what made her drive herself to her appointment and take the steps rather than the elevator. She came to LCS because as a result of her health problems she fell behind in her rent and was facing eviction. Jean Washington, our assistant program director went to work. First she talked to and facilitated an arrangement with the landlord. Then she orchestrated financial assistance by LCS, plus direct assistance from two other churches who have a tradition of helping folks this way. Jan left our office a little more confident that some things at least were going her way.