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- Michigan's largest faith-based social service organization
- 70 programs in 40 cities, serving people of all ages, including senior adults, children and families, and persons with disabilities

## Lutheran Social Services ministries in southeastern Michigan

- Adoption: Kari Mascar, 24 *Michigan's largest adoption agency*
- Foster Care: Laura Mitchell, 616-356-1934  
*Michigan's largest private foster care agency*
- Refugee Services: Kathryn Geller, 616-964-9235  
*Michigan's largest provider of refugee services*
- Senior Adult Housing:
  - Danish Village, Rochester Hills: Linda Young, 248-375-1810
  - Sequoia Place, Ann Arbor: Margaret Fox, 734-669-8840
  - Maple Village, Bloomfield Hills: Leif Woodhouse, 248-723-6275
- Luther Haven Nursing Center, Detroit: Shela Myrick, 313-579-2255
- Heartline, Detroit: Mary Ellen White, 313-923-4200  
*A transitional residence for homeless women and women coming out of the prison system*
- Wayne County Family Center, Westland: Carol Eddy, 734-721-0590  
*One of Michigan's largest transitional housing shelters for homeless families*
- Family Subsidized Housing - Village Pines of Monroe: Pat Foland, 734-243-5500
- Persons with Disabilities group homes & in-home services: Kristina French, 313-823-2233



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*Michigan's largest adoption agency*
- Foster Care: Sabrenah Taylor, 248-423-2760  
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- Refugee Services: Belmin Pinjic, 248-423-2790  
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- put together Welcome Boxes of household goods for refugee families
- fill duffle bags with clothing and school supplies for foster children
- “adopt” an older foster child who has no permanent home
- sponsor holiday parties for persons with disabilities

For more ideas, see our Web site or call Maurice Huey, Community Relations Manager, 800-421-3062



### Donate

- make a gift through your congregation or directly to Lutheran Social Services
- make a recurring gift via credit card or electronic funds transfer; call Sonia Bankston at 800-421-3062 to arrange
- donate online at [www.lssm.org](http://www.lssm.org)
- include Lutheran Social Services in your estate plan; call Richard Martin, Vice President for Advancement, 800-421-3062



### Advocate

- join our Advocacy Network - go to [www.lssm.org](http://www.lssm.org) and click on Advocacy
- contact public officials to support legislation that helps those served by Lutheran Social Services
- For more information, call Ben Baldus, Director of Public Policy & Advocacy, 517-487-5776



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