Last year, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan touched more than 52,000 lives. With the support of congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, we’re blessed to be able to serve the most vulnerable members of your communities with an array of programs and services.

Here’s a look at the programs we offer within the Greater Milwaukee Synod. We’re proud to report a 95% client satisfaction rate with our services.

**Children & Family Services**

*Strengthening families through services that engage caregivers, empower parents and foster growth, development and wellbeing in children.*

- Services for children who have autism
- Domestic, international and special needs adoption services
- Pregnancy Services
- Foster care services including foster homes for children who have special emotional, behavioral or medical needs
- Family preservation programs for families at risk of having children placed in foster care
- Early intervention program for young parents and their babies
- Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) school-based program to educate children about abuse
- Birth to Three early intervention program for young children with developmental delays or disabilities
- Residential treatment facilities for adolescents

**Adult Services**

*Empowering individuals to live healthy, independent lives through services and care coordination.*

- Subsidized housing for older adults, individuals in crisis, with developmental or physical disabilities or chronic mental illness
- Financial counseling including guidance, knowledge and tools to help individuals skillfully achieve freedom from debt and financial worry
- Subsidized housing including housing with coordination of services or case management services for residents
- Consulting, assistance and support services for people who have disabilities and participate in Wisconsin’s IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct) program for self-directed, long-term care
- Personalized services for people who live with disabilities, helping them to live in their own homes and be active in their communities
- Outpatient counseling for mental health and substance abuse issues
- Friendships Unlimited program to provide support and socialization to people who have mental illness
- Programs to help people cope with memory loss
- Day programs for older adults and people with disabilities that provide nutritious meals, assistance with personal care, medical monitoring and social time
Community Services
Promoting strong and engaged communities through safe and welcoming programming and services.

- Transitional housing for men recovering from addictions including specialized housing for high-risk offenders
- Refugee resettlement, health services and intensive case management
- Community resource centers for people with disabilities who want to socialize or learn new skills

LSS IN ACTION: EXPANDING SERVICES

Success in recovery is all about timing. Individuals have to be ready for change, ready to do the work. They also need a support system to help them through. When an individual makes the decision to enter treatment for addiction, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan offers a number of programs designed to help people on the path to recovery.

One of those programs is Genesis House, which has been part of the Waukesha community for more than 40 years, helping hundreds of people find a new path on the road to recovery. Genesis House is a supportive 12-bed transitional residential treatment facility for men with substance use disorder. Residents typically stay at Genesis House for 30 to 180 days, with nine hours of group therapy per week.

After many years of success, plans are in the works to expand the services offered by Genesis House, providing services to women and expanding its service array to include Medically Monitored Treatment (MMT). The expansion would make the facility the first affordable medically monitored or transitional residential treatment center for women in Waukesha County. We look forward to providing updates on this expansion in the months ahead.

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