



2019 Annual Report to Congregations

LSS: A New Vision for a Second Century of Service

As LSS prepares to enter its 100th Anniversary year of celebration, a new vision statement was recently incorporated—All people in South Dakota will be healthy, safe and accepted. This new vision was created to reflect what we hope for all people in South Dakota. The services offered by LSS contribute to achieving this vision. It is a succinct and clear statement that complements and supports the mission and values of LSS. Why we chose these specific words:

HEALTHY

Our work has a direct impact on individuals' and families' well-being—physically, mentally and financially. LSS has specific services that focus on mental and financial health, however we also coordinate the physical well-being of children and youth in residential care, foster care, independent living services and many other services.

SAFE

LSS listens, guides and offers coping tools to allow children, adults and families to heal and grow after abusive and traumatic experiences. This includes LSS Behavioral Health, Residential Services for Children & Youth, Foster Care, Arise Youth Center, Independent Living, and Childcare & Education services to name a few. We want all people in South Dakota to be free from injury, free from abuse and neglect, and to be safe in their homes and work environments—physically and emotionally.

ACCEPTED

Through our actions, advocacy and work, it is our hope that all people feel accepted, loved and valued. This is vital to a person's sense of well-being and existence. LSS works to restore or build family relationships in an environment that is non-judgmental and non-discriminatory. We want dignity and respect for all people; we love our neighbor and welcome the stranger. This includes all LSS services. Prime examples include the Center for New Americans, Re-Entry Services, Mentoring, Adoption, Pregnancy Counseling, and Kinship Services.

LSS touched the lives of those we **serve 45,781 times** last year. We strive to care for, support and strengthen those who are in need, bringing a future filled with hope—a future of success to people of all ages, families of all kinds and communities of all sizes.

*"It was you who made a big difference in my life.
You showed me that I matter.*

That is something I can never thank you enough for."

— youth, Residential Services for Children & Youth and Arise Youth Center

I want to express gratitude on behalf of all those we serve. We sincerely appreciate your support and partnership. Every kindness and resource that we receive is utilized in serving others. For more information on LSS services and those we serve, visit www.LssSD.org.

Betty Oldenkamp, President/CEO

Our Mission

Inspired by God's love, we care for, support and strengthen individuals, families and communities.

Our Vision

All people in South Dakota will be healthy, safe and accepted.

How Your Gift Served



