KEEPPING CHILDREN SAFE

4,200 children provided with mental health services
2,052 children in foster care received services
580 youth found refuge and direction at one of our shelters or group homes

MAKING FAMILIES STRONG

Educated more than 7,100 at risk children and helped their families through LSF Early Head Start and Head Start programs
5,223,205 meals and snacks served to children in Head Start and after school programs

CREATING VIBRANT COMMUNITIES

Managed mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment for 262,834 individuals in a 23-county region through LSF Health Systems

Served nearly 7,560 refugees and immigrants from across the globe

Supported 678 adults who have disabilities, live with AIDS or have other life altering issues

“I see clients from the very start. They are scared. They are in a new country. Unsure. I reassure them that I am here for them. Whatever fear they have, I work to erase it. I never let them lose hope.”
– Gina, LSF Case Manager for Comprehensive Refugee Services
STATEWIDE IMPACT

62 PROGRAMS

35 FLORIDA COUNTIES

1 IN 50 FLORIDIANS

“When I was asked if I would ever work in recovery I didn’t understand where I was yet. Now, living a program of sobriety, I understand my purpose in the world now is to help others.”

– John, LSF Health Systems Recovery Peer Specialist

A HISTORY OF HELPING

1982

Lutheran Services Florida established as a means to sustain the work of Lutheran churches that came together in the 70’s and 80’s to address the Vietnamese and Cuban refugee crises.

1984

LSF began the expansion of its state-wide footprint with residential and counseling services in Southwest and Southeast Florida, including its first runaway youth shelter called Lippman.
I will not find the right words to thank you enough for this opportunity and also for this break that I really needed. I think it is better if I tell you how this [Head Start] program helps me.

Two years ago, my life took a difficult turn because of some family issues. I had to make lots of sacrifices to meet the obligations for my son and me, like leaving him with virtual strangers as sitters, working two jobs, neglecting my studies, etc.

But since I have connected with LSF, once again my life changed, but in a positive direction. Now my son goes to a place where I know that he is protected, educated and accompanied according to the pedagogical regulations. I finally have the peace of mind that I needed to work on my personal development, I was able to go back to my studies intensely, I have time for my home work, the result of the last semester can prove it. Thanks to this program, I am happy and proud to say that in a few months I will be graduating for my AA and I will have the opportunity to enter a nursing program this year.

Thank you for your love and dedication to the cause of children and thank you again for this opportunity.

– Tamar, LSF Head Start Parent
Mission

LSF brings God’s healing, hope and help to people in need in the name of Jesus Christ.

Vision

Safe Children  Strong Families  Vibrant Communities

Employees

1200

Budget

$238M

Yzabelle

A Transformational Story

Your support makes a difference! Consider the words below from Yzabelle, a 16-year-old foster teen, about her time living at LSF Grace Place—our newest program in Palm Beach County that exists to help at-risk youth thrive. Her years have been fraught with challenges, abuse and rebellion, including a dark, hopeless period of being trafficked…

“…It’s honestly changed me completely. I was definitely headed down the wrong path and when I got placed [in Grace Place] everybody there has been the biggest support team I’ve ever had. They motivated me to get a job. They make sure that I attend school every day. There’s not a day where they don’t wake me up in the morning smiling, telling me to get ready. They’ve encouraged me in ways that I can’t even explain. They have boosted my self-esteem. Miss Sabrina [has] been my biggest cheerleader. She’s definitely motivated me to get my life together and pushed me harder than anybody else. I wouldn’t be where I’m at right now if it wasn’t for her.”
This report gives a snapshot of how together, in 2019, we’ve impacted thousands of people of all ages through specialized programs and professional care. When you support LSF, you intervene in people’s lives at their darkest moments, providing the healing, hope and help they desperately need. We count on your prayers to guide us and your donations to help ensure we have the funding needed to transform lives. Thank you for believing in creating a world where children are safe, families are strong and communities are vibrant!

“And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

– Hebrews 13:16

We invite you to join us in providing hope-filled tomorrows. Learn more about how you can get involved by visiting

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