



LMS Ministries Compassion Place

NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to All Who Made the "Miracle of Christmas" Project Possible

In 2018, the LMS Compassion Place Miracle of Christmas (MoC) Project served 143 families comprised of 454 individuals -- 234 adults and 220 children -- ranging in age from 89 years to newborn.

Here is a letter received from one of the basket recipients:

"Dear Earth's Angels, I am writing in regards to your recent Christmas donations. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the contributions for my family. Your donations were not just amazing, but something more valuable: Love and

Hope! Words cannot express my gratitude. Although life brings its challenges and setbacks, I will continue to walk in faith. Your dedication to those less fortunate has inspired me to never give up and to one day do great things. In the near future I look forward to being on the other end of the spectrum, where I too will spread peace, love and joy! Thank you again for all you do

and for making this Christmas unforgettable. May God continue to bless your organization."

LMS Compassion Place would like to thank everyone involved in making Christmas better for so many.

The project was made possible by:

Volunteers (some are pictured below) who sorted and packed food and gifts;

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MoC Project served over 450 people in 2018



PACKING FOOD & GIFTS: (Top row L to R) Maureen & Frank Anchondo; Matt & Jessica Jones; Karin Weaver; Delores Baumann; Herm Schmidt
(Bottom row L to R) Katherine Mulford; Brenda Geidel; Debbie Broderick; Gayle Schmidt; Heather Rosenkoetter

Bull & Oyster Roast Apr. 27th



Join us on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood, MD 21040 for a Bull & Oyster Roast to benefit LMS Compassion Place ministries. The event runs from 7:00 PM till 11:00 PM. There will be door prizes, games, and a Silent Auction.

Bring some friends and have a great evening! Churches: please help by filling a table -- tables seat 8 to 10.

Cost is \$50 per person. Tickets are available now. Call 410-636-0123 or email tickets@compassionplace.org.

Businesses and organizations can also become involved by advertising on the dinner's placemats or donating silent auction items.

For more information, call Ministry Advancement Director Randal Gast at 410-636-0123 or email rgast@compassionplace.org. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there.



112 people attended last year's event -- our goal is to double that number.



(L to R) Arnold, Anita & Alaina Abel enjoying last year's Bull & Oyster Roast

LC-MS Domestic Emergency Grant Provides \$24,000 to Repair Roof Damage

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has provided Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland a Domestic Emergency Grant in the amount of \$24,000 to help repair storm damage to the Fells Point Compassion Center roof.



Portion of Fells Point Compassion Center roof after storm damage.

"The Fells Point center was the first LMS Compassion Center, established in 1967," said Rev. Dr. David R. Maack, LMS Compassion Place Executive Director. "The center sustained significant roof damage from storms during the fall of 2018. We are grateful for the generosity of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod for standing with us in mission and providing this much-needed Domestic Emergency Grant to facilitate repairs on the Fells Point roof."

Work was started on the roof in December of 2018 and will be finishing soon.

"The LCMS grant is a blessing," Rev. Maack added. "It enables more of our limited funds to remain on the front lines of ministry."

St. Michael Church Hosts "Undie Sunday"

In January, St. Michael Lutheran Church in Perry Hall, MD sponsored an "Undie Sunday" to benefit LMS Compassion Place clients.

Donations of new underwear, socks, tee-shirts, gloves, scarves, and hats were collected on several Sundays and provided to LMS Compassion Place for distribution to children and adults in need.

Our thanks to Mrs. Gretchen Grace for organizing this event and all the members of St. Michael for their gifts. If your congregation would like to sponsor a similar event, please call Heather Rosenkoetter at 410-636-0123.



FUNDRAISERS FOR LMS COMPASSION PLACE SAVE THE DATE IN 2019

MONDAY
AUG 5 GOLF TOURNAMENT at Glenn Dale Golf Club in Bowie, MD starting at 8 AM.

SATURDAY
AUG 24 CRAB FEAST at Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church from 3-6 PM.

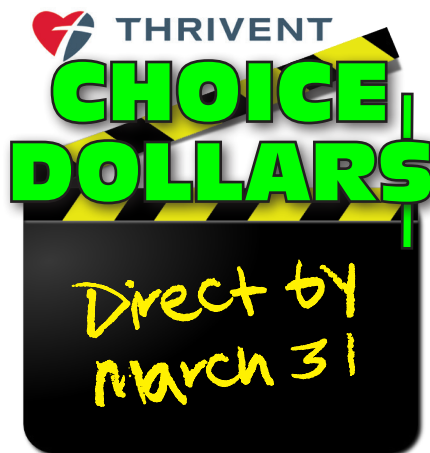
SUNDAY
NOV 3 ANNUAL DINNER at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena, MD from 2-5 PM (new earlier time).

“Miracle of Christmas” *(continued from front cover)*

Donors who provided gifts, food and funds;

Churches and organizations that provided sponsorships and support. We would like to thank:

- Annapolis Evangelical Lutheran Church;
- Assistance Center of Towson Churches;
- Augsburg Lutheran Village;
- Bay Area Community Bible Church;
- Bethel Christian Center;
- Boy Scout Troop 804;
- Calvary Lutheran Church (Baltimore);
- Crofton Children's Centre;
- Empowerment Academy;
- Faith Lutheran Church (Eldersburg);
- First Lutheran Church (Odenton);
- Galilee Lutheran Church & Pre-School (Pasadena);
- Grace Lutheran Church (Bowie);
- Grace Lutheran Church (Lutherville);
- Haven City Church;
- Immanuel Lutheran Church (Baltimore);
- Immanuel Lutheran Church Ladies' Group (Giddings, TX);
- Iron Mountain, LLC;
- Lutheran Church of St. Andrew;
- North County High School National Honor Society;
- Resurrection Lutheran Church (Brooklyn Park);
- St. James Lutheran Church (Overlea);
- St. John Lutheran Church (York, PA);
- St. Paul Lutheran Church (Annapolis);
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School (Glen Burnie);
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church LWML (Glen Burnie);
- St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School (Kingsville);
- St. Peter's Christian Day School (Fullerton);
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Mt. Rainier)



Thrivent Financial members: Please don't forget to designate your Thrivent CHOICE dollars to the Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland. **All of your remaining 2018 CHOICE dollars must be designated by March 31, 2019** or they will be lost.

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hibernate ...**

**...but we need
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us through the
winter!**

**Our ministry to folks in
need is year-round.**

**Please help us through
the lean winter months.**



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North County High NHS Helps Those in Need



National Honor Society from North County High sorted food for gift baskets for this year's *Miracle of Christmas* project. The group is starting on their eleventh year of service.

Since 2008, members of the North County High School National Honor Society (NHS) have volunteered their time for projects at LMS Compassion Place headquarters.

Mrs. Jennifer Mermod, of the North County High English Department and NHS advisor for nine of those years, had this to say:

LMS: How did the North County NHS first become involved with LMS Compassion Place?

JM: *One of our previous advisors, Sarah Roi, made the initial contact. One of our previous Vice-Presidents, Chris Frye, helped cement the relationship between North County and LMS.*

LMS: Do you have any personal thoughts or reflections on the group's service? Any impressions from the students involved?

JM: *We have our NHS induction ceremony in the Spring. I often ask the seniors to reflect on their time in NHS and their favorite service projects. LMS Compassion Place is always a top choice. I think the students value the camaraderie of working together. I personally love that they can make such an impact without raising money. Many people associate community service with supporting causes financially. I like to give students an opportunity to see that giving of their time is also a valuable resource--and it's something more of our students have than financial excess. In more recent years, I have brought my family (husband*

and two kids) with me to the Miracle of Christmas sorts. I love for them to associate the holidays with giving, as opposed to only receiving. I also think this has an impact on the students at North County.

LMS: What projects has the group participated in?

JM: *We always do the Miracle of Christmas the first two Saturdays in December. We also help sort whenever the kids are off school and Kim Naumann [Volunteer Ministry Coordinator] emails that our help is needed.*

LMS: Do you have any idea approximately how many different students have been involved over the years?

JM: *NHS has 30-50 students participate each year. Some of those overlap for the 4 years of high school, but that is a large impact over 10 years!*

LMS: Anything else you think may be of interest?

JM: *Since we volunteer each year, it's been interesting to watch the space and projects evolve and change. I always take pictures for our end of the year slideshow. I remem-*

LMS Compassion Place on Community Bridge



Calvin Carter
of Family Radio
(750AM

WBMD and 860AM WFSI in Maryland) interviewed Randy Gast, Ministry Advancement Director of LMS Compassion Place, recently on Mr. Carter's *Community Bridge* show. The fifteen-minute segment can be heard at: <https://www.familyradio.org/audio-library/>

The interview focused on the role of LMS Compassion Place in the com-

ber climbing the stairs and taking pictures overlooking the gym/sorting area. In more recent years that upstairs area has been walled in, renovated, and it is serving a new purpose [as Compassionate Grace Counseling Center]. I have seen the storage bins change and methods stream-lined [in the sorting area]. We also always appreciate the water, hot chocolate, and cookies! It is a compassion project and we appreciate the compassion shown to the volunteers!

LMS: Thank you Jennifer, along with Sarah Roi, Chris Frye, and all the North County High students who have provided such a blessing to folks in need.

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