



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Names Donna Barber Vice President of Human Resources

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), based in Des Plaines, recently named Donna Barber as its vice president of Human Resources. Barber joined LSSI in April 2005, initially serving as senior director of employee relations and, more recently, as interim vice president of Human Resources. Previously, she held various executive human resources positions at Wilton Industries, Inc. and Morton International, Inc.

“Donna has performed ably in her interim role, and is well-liked by her colleagues,” says the Rev. Dr. Frederick Aigner, LSSI president. “She brings a wealth of experience and will be an asset to the agency in her new role.”

Barber’s vision for LSSI’s Human Resources Department is to continue to build a close working relationship with the agency’s five major service networks, which include Behavioral Health Services, Children’s Community Services, Housing (for seniors and individuals with disabilities), Senior Services and Prisoner and Family Ministry.

“Human Resources is a key function in fostering the mission and values of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois,” says Barber. “Our employees are what make LSSI the outstanding social service agency it is today. Over the past three years, I have spent a great deal of time traveling to many of our locations to better understand who we are, what we do and meet the employees who provide these services. I continue to be impressed with the dedication and passion for our mission that I have witnessed throughout the state of Illinois.”

Barber, who lives in Wheaton, has a bachelor’s degree in business education from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb) and a master’s degree in organizational behavior from George Williams College (Downers Grove, Ill.).

Founded in October 1867, LSSI is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI, which is celebrating its 140th

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anniversary, serves people through an array of services at approximately 89 sites across Illinois. LSSI's services include foster care, adoption, pregnancy counseling, Head Start, child care, services for at-risk families, residential services for youth, counseling, mental health, substance abuse treatment, residential programs for adults with developmental disabilities, housing and services for older adults and individuals with disabilities, nursing care and rehabilitation, and programs for prisoners and their families.

For more information on Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, visit www.LSSI.org or call 847/635-4600.

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