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## **LSSI to Hold 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bid For Youth Auction at Oregon Blackhawk Center**

On Friday, April 24, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Bid For Youth Auction at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon.

“The event will be a lot of fun for the entire family,” says Kathy Hall, LSSI’s senior development director in northern Illinois. “There will be interesting auction items for people of all ages, as well as entertainment. Everyone in attendance will be supporting local LSSI programs for children and families.”

More than 300 items will be offered in a silent and a live auction during the fun-filled evening that will also include refreshments and a door prize. A sampling of auction items includes: four VIP tickets to the taping of Dr. Phil, The Doctors and Wheel of Fortune; two St. Louis Cardinals tickets; “Child of Peace” Isabel Bloom statue; and a baseball autographed by Cubs manager, Lou Piniella. Auction participants can also bid on two admission tickets to the Lucy-Desi Museum & Desilu Playhouse in Jamestown, New York.

Auction attendees will also have a chance to win this year’s grand door prize: a one-night “Water Resort Stay” package and four CoCo Key water resort passes at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford. In addition to the numerous auction items and grand door prize, a Nintendo Wii, which includes two controllers and two games (Wii Sports and Wii Play), will be raffled.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Admission to the auction is a free-will donation at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Supplemental funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Ogle County Chapter, and proceeds from the event will benefit LSSI’s Ogle County youth programs. In Ogle County, LSSI counselors provide crisis intervention for youth and families, school-based services, adoption, foster care and services for older adults. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with 83 program locations, as well as an agency of the United Way.

*For more information or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the 2009 Bid For Youth Auction, call 815/284-7796, ext. 2013, or visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org).*

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