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## **LSSI to Hold 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bid For Youth Auction at Oregon Blackhawk Center**

On Friday, April 30, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host the 19<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 500 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: a New Orleans Saints football signed by the head coach, Sean Payton; Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals tickets; 10 pieces of original pottery by Silver Creek Pottery; Getaway Trips at Standish House Bed and Breakfast in Rockford and White Pines Inn in Oregon, as well as a \$200 landscape design package. Auction participants can also bid on many great gift baskets and certificates from Barnes and Noble, the Rockford Park District and Edgewood Golf Course. A complete listing of auction items is available at [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org).

Auction attendees will also have a chance to win this year’s grand door prize: a two-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, an Apple iPod Touch 32GB 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 2010 Bid For Youth Auction, call Wendy Adams at 815/397-7311, or visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org).*

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