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LSSI TO HOLD 17th ANNUAL BID FOR YOUTH AUCTION AT OREGON BLACKHAWK CENTER

On Friday, April 25, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host the 17th 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: a handmade quilt by Rochelle resident, Deanie Springmire, two St. Louis Cardinals tickets, “Carry Me” Isabel Bloom statue, small crystal Swarovski animal statues, a copy of the “Jane Fonda Cooking for Healthy Living” cookbook autographed by Jane Fonda, and a John Deere 4995 Windrower collector toy. Auction participants can also bid on a handcrafted Intarsia Intricut wood plaque of “Praying Hands” made from 11 different kinds of wood. This unique item was donated to LSSI from the Dr. Emmerson Fransen estate.

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, “Blooms for All Seasons” from Harry and David, which includes blooming plants delivered to the winner’s home all year long, 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 89 program locations, as well as an agency of the United Way.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the 2008 Bid For Youth Auction, call 815/284-7796, ext. 2013, or visit www.LSSI.org.

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