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## **LSSI's Buford Walker Senior Housing to Celebrate 25th Anniversary with Open House on September 24 in Lansing**

On Wednesday, September 24, Buford Walker Senior Housing, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), will hold an Open House from 4 - 8 p.m., celebrating 25 years of providing affordable housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Buford Walker is located at 17725 Arcadia Avenue in Lansing.

“We invite the community to come and see the quality of housing that can be offered through a HUD [Department of Housing and Urban Development] program,” says LaTonya James, senior director of property management at LSSI. “We believe that Buford Walker – like the other properties LSSI owns and manages – dispels the stereotypes people have of subsidized housing. We are most proud of our ongoing partnership with the Board of Directors of Buford Walker Senior Housing, under the direction of Board President June Cole. The Board is entirely dedicated to the overall success of Buford Walker and it shows.”

The members of the Buford Walker Board, local dignitaries, members of LSSI's Housing staff and current residents are expected to attend the Open House. Light refreshments will be served, and tours of resident apartments will be offered. People planning to attend the Open House should RSVP by September 19 by contacting Barbara McGowan at 708/895-6661 or Karen.Tice@LSSI.org.

The five-story Buford Walker residence includes 59 one-bedroom apartments, four of which are barrier-free units for individuals with disabilities. Eligibility for these units requires the applicant to be 18 years of age or older and have mobility impairment that requires the special features of the unit. Other residents must be 62 or older and meet specific income guidelines set by HUD. Rent is 30 percent of the resident's adjusted annual income.

Founded in 1867, 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 (ELCA). LSSI serves people of all faiths and walks of life through an array of services at 89 program sites across Illinois. For more information, visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org).

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