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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Honors Long-Term Employees from Sterling, Dixon and Nachusa Programs

At a luncheon held on March 27, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) honored six of its long-term employees. The employees, who recently retired, had a total of 95 years of service at the social services agency, which offers a number of programs in north central Illinois. The event was held at LSSI's Nachusa Lutheran Home and was attended by the retirees' colleagues and agency volunteers.

Retired employees honored included: Cathie Tompkins, 20 years of service (direct service provider at Sterling Group Home, a home for eight men with developmental disabilities); Jim Stratton, 18 years of service (outpatient substance abuse treatment); Judy Netz, 18 years of service (director of LSSI's Dixon Group Home for individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome, school-based program and Domestic Violence & Intervention Program; and a counselor at the Nachusa Lutheran Home); Bill Stover, 16 years of service (maintenance at Nachusa Lutheran Home); Joyce Langholz, 13 years of service (administrative assistant for LSSI's Advancement Department); Geri Naylor, 10 years of service (direct service provider at the Dixon Group Home and residential treatment specialist at Nachusa Lutheran Home).

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), as well as an agency of the United Way. LSSI serves people of all faiths through an array of services at 83 program sites across Illinois. In north central Illinois, LSSI offers counseling, youth programs (including residential treatment), foster care, substance abuse treatment, and adoption, as well as services for older adults and individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information about Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, please call 815/626-7333 or visit www.LSSI.org.

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Photo: Lutheran Social Services of Illinois employees who recently retired (from left): Bill Stover, Geri Naylor, Jim Stratton, Judy Netz, Joyce Langholz and Cathie Tompkins.