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INTOUCH HOME CARE SERVICES OF LSSI CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

On Tuesday, November 14, Intouch Home Care Services, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), will host an Open House to celebrate its 25th anniversary. The public is invited for refreshments and the opportunity to learn more about Intouch from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at the program’s office at 3000 West Rohmann Avenue in Peoria.

Intouch Home Care has provided affordable home care to older adults in the Peoria area for the past 25 years. Home care assistants provide a long list of non-medical care, such as housekeeping, laundering clothes, assisting with personal care, helping with banking and paying bills, reminding clients to take medication and providing transportation to appointments. Perhaps most important, the home care assistants provide companionship to their elderly clients and offer respite caregiving services to families during breaks and vacations.

“Senior citizens are so important, and I think it’s important to help them maintain their dignity and self-respect,” says Susie Bohm, program director. “Clients statistically live longer in their own homes, and that is where they’re happiest. By providing good home care assistance, we can help them stay in their own homes longer.”

Home care services are available on a fee-for-service basis. Insurance doesn’t cover non-medical care, but some clients may be eligible for the Community Care Program, sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging. To be eligible, clients must be over 60-years-old with liquid assets totaling less than \$17,500. Private-pay clients can receive services throughout central Illinois, although state-funded clients must reside in Peoria, Fulton, Marshall, Stark, Tazewell, and Woodward Counties, Bohm says.

“I couldn’t handle this apartment without help, and that’s real important to me,” says Bernice, one Intouch client. “I’d like to be on my own as long as I can. I’d just like people to know that they couldn’t get better service than I get from LSSI. I wouldn’t even think about changing.”

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Founded in 1867, LSSI is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI offers a variety of services for children, adults and families in the Peoria area. For more information about Intouch Home Care Services, call 309/671-0308. To learn more about Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, visit www.LSSI.org.

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