



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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## **LSSI Names Jean Johnson Vice President of Advancement**

Jean M. Johnson has been appointed vice president of Advancement for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), a statewide social services agency based in Des Plaines.

Johnson comes to LSSI from Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Foundation, where she was a vice president and responsible for creating, executing and leading overall strategic fundraising for the healthcare system. In that capacity, she led a capital campaign that raised more than \$112 million in less than four years and oversaw system-wide communication strategies for the organization.

“Jean is a gifted administrator and strategist, as well as a highly regarded manager of professional staff,” says the Rev. Dr. Frederick Aigner, LSSI president. “She brings skills in major gifts, planned giving and campaign management to our organization.”

Previously, she was director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving at the Newberry Library in Chicago, one of the world’s leading research libraries for the humanities, and also the manager of Major Gifts at Advocate Charitable Foundation. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Missouri’s School of Journalism in Columbia, Mo., where she obtained a degree in advertising.

“I am thrilled to be joining Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and the exceptional people who are dedicated to the mission of helping care for people and communities throughout the state,” says Johnson. “I am looking forward to the challenge of making a significant difference in the fundraising efforts at LSSI.”

Founded in 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. LSSI provides an array of services for individuals and families at approximately 89 locations throughout the state. For more information, visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org) or call 847/635-4600.

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