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LSSI's Joshua Arms Senior Residence to Celebrate 30th Anniversary in Joliet

On Wednesday, October 29, Joshua Arms Senior Residence, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) in Joliet, will celebrate 30 years of providing affordable housing for seniors and individuals with disabilities with a luncheon, beginning at 11 a.m. Joshua Arms is located at 1315 Rowell Avenue in Joliet.

The public is invited to attend the celebration. Tenants of the building, members of LSSI's Housing staff and local dignitaries will be in attendance. Tours of resident apartments, as well as the Supportive Living apartments will also be offered.

Joshua Arms – originally named Salem Towers – opened in April 1978 to provide affordable apartment living for seniors and people with disabilities. In 1999, the name of the high-rise building was changed to Joshua Arms.

“I have witnessed Joshua Arms evolve and grow over the 23 years that I have been with LSSI,” says Mary Jensen, property manager. “Joshua Arms offers so many amenities to the seniors in our area, including activities, an on-site doctor's office, bus services and home-cooked meals in our dining room. Most importantly, the staff and tenants here share a family-like bond that creates lifelong friendships. It is truly a wonderful place to be a part of.”

Joshua Arms has 242 one-bedroom apartments, 56 of which are supportive living units. These units, which were made available in 2007 after an extensive renovation of the building, are wheelchair-accessible. They feature a large bathroom with a roll-in shower and a kitchen with easy access to refrigerator, freezer and microwave. Residents of these apartments receive three meals daily plus snacks, laundry and housekeeping help, assistance with personal care, medication monitoring, arrangements for transportation to medical appointments, an emergency call system, and the services

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of an activity director and a designated case manager. Certified nursing assistants are available 24 hours a day. Eligibility for these units requires the applicant to be 65 years of age or older.

Residents of the apartment-style units must be 62 years of age or older or people who are mobility impaired. They must meet specific income guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which funded the building and its most recent renovation.

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 on Joshua Arms and LSSI, visit <http://www.lssi.org/SERVICE/JoshuaArmsOfLSSI.aspx>.

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