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Intouch Adult Day Services in Moline Receives Grants from Four Local Foundations

Intouch Adult Day in Moline, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), recently received grants from four local foundations. They include: Rock Island Community Foundation, which awarded a \$1,700 grant; The Moline Foundation, which awarded \$2,000; the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, which awarded \$7,500; and the Doris and Victor Day Foundation, which awarded \$2,500. LSSI is a statewide social service agency based in Des Plaines.

Established in 1980, Intouch Adult Day Services provides personal attention and stimulating activities to 250 active seniors, socially isolated adults, and medically and psychologically challenged adults in a comfortable, monitored environment. The program provides caregivers with respite from their demanding daily responsibilities. Intouch participants range in age from 18 to 98 years, with the majority more than 60 years old.

“We are very grateful for these generous grants and work to be a wise steward of these funds,” says Mary Bivens, program director. “They enable us to do many things, such as bringing entertainment and additional activities into the facility and taking the participants on trips out in the community. We also were able to purchase a TV with a Wii fitness and sports game program, which is being used in our Adaptive Services Unit for participants with mobility challenges. And we were able to send our activities directors to training sessions.”

The Rock Island Community Foundation, formed in 1967, provides financial support for organizations that serve the needs of the citizens of Rock Island. Its donors have a strong sense of community and personal commitment to making a contribution to the area where they live.

The Moline Foundation, founded in 1953, provides grants to health, human services, education, community development, the arts and other charitable organizations that benefit the citizens of Moline and the surrounding area. The Moline Foundation receives and administers charitable gifts and has a current endowment of more than \$13 million.

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The Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, established in 1964, works with individuals, families and nonprofit organizations to develop creative solutions to meet present and emerging needs in the Quad Cities. The Foundation strives to better “our community by connecting people who care with causes that matter.”

Doris and Victor Day established the Foundation bearing their names in 1965, as a way to financially support charitable activities. Because of their great love of the community and the financial success they had achieved there, Mr. and Mrs. Day wanted the earnings from their assets to benefit of the Quad Cities community and make it a “better place.” As a result, the Foundation’s trustees have emphasized grants that meet basic human needs. Emergency assistance, affordable housing, child care, job training, support programs, scholarships and education have been the focus of many of its grants.

According to the Illinois Department on Aging, in the Quad Cities Area there are more than 99,000 adults aged 61 years and older. Of those, 28,000 live alone, 59,000 live in rural areas, and more than 4,000 live at or below the poverty level in the counties around Rock Island and Moline, demonstrating a clear need for adult day services in these communities.

Intouch Adult Day Services, which just celebrated its 30th anniversary, is the largest adult day facility in Illinois and is approved by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA). The adult day center is a 21,000 square foot facility that offers several activity rooms, an enclosed garden area and a secure Alzheimer’s section with four activity rooms. Through Intouch, a stable and structured environment is provided to adults who can benefit from increased physical, mental and social stimulation.

For more information on Intouch Adult Day Services, contact Mary Bivens, program director, at 309/797-0200.

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. For more information, visit www.LSSI.org or the LSSI [Facebook page](#).

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