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LSSI to Hold 20th Annual & Final Bid For Youth Auction at Oregon's Blackhawk Center

On Friday, April 29, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host the 20th Annual – and final – Bid For Youth Auction at the Blackhawk Center in Oregon.

Twenty years ago, LSSI's Bid For Youth Auction was started by a committee of four people who gathered 90 items for the auction. That first year, \$5,000 was raised for LSSI programs in Ogle County. Today, a committee of 11 volunteers has gathered more than 500 items for this year's event.

"As we prepare for the 20th and final auction, our agency is so grateful for the generous support that individuals, businesses, civic groups and churches have shown to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois related to Bid for Youth," says Kathy Hall, LSSI's senior development director in northern Illinois. "The Ogle County community truly is our partner in serving people, as nearly \$410,000 has been raised during the last 19 years for the youth in our community who are in so much need of LSSI's services."

In Ogle County, LSSI counselors provide crisis intervention for youth and families, along with [school-based services](#) at local schools, which include individual and group counseling, crisis intervention and classroom presentations. LSSI also offers [adoption](#) and [foster care](#), and services for older adults in Ogle County.

More than 500 items will be offered in a silent and a live auction during the fun-filled evening, which will also include refreshments and two door prizes. A sampling of auction items includes: a John Deere pedal tractor; one-year family membership to the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford; St. Louis Cardinals tickets; Keurig coffee maker with 48 k-cups; model tractor signed by Max Armstrong; Getaway Trip at Standish House Bed and Breakfast in Rockford; as well as two half hogs from Eickman's Processing, Inc. Auction participants may also bid on many great gift baskets and certificates from Sam's Club, La Vigna Restaurant and Edgewood Golf Course. A complete list of auction items is available on www.LSSI.org.

Auction attendees will also have a chance to win this year's grand door prizes: two one-night "Water Resort Stay" packages and four CoCo Key water resort passes at the Clock Tower Resort in Rockford. In addition, a Samsung 42" Plasma HD Television 720p will be raffled. Raffle tickets are \$1

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each or 6 tickets for \$5. Admission to the auction is a free-will donation at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the live auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Supplemental funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Ogle County Chapter, and proceeds from the event will benefit LSSI's Ogle County youth programs.

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 with 83 program locations, as well as an agency of the United Way.

For more information or to make a tax-deductible contribution to the 2011 Bid For Youth Auction, call Wendy Adams at 815/397-7311, or visit www.LSSI.org or [LSSI's Facebook page](#).

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