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LSSI'S LEGACY CORPS IS RECRUITING MEMBERS TO HELP PROVIDE CAREGIVERS WITH RESPITE SUPPORT

Legacy Corps is looking for a few good people who want to make a difference in their communities. People like the woman who provides respite care for a 15-year-old who has muscular dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair, so that her mom can go shopping or run other errands. Or like another person who is serving as a volunteer interpreter at a health clinic that serves individuals from the Latino community who can't afford paid interpreters. Or a woman who has been assisting a caregiver whose wife who has Alzheimer's disease and recently helped the couple with the difficult process of moving from a home to a condo.

These are just some of the 65 individuals who are Legacy Corps members in a program sponsored by Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) serving Winnebago, Boone and Ogle Counties, and starting this year, McHenry County. In the past three years, these volunteers have provided a free service to caregivers not only by giving them a break, but also by providing them with educational resources.

LSSI is currently recruiting Legacy Corps members, 50 years and older. Members can serve for as few as 10 hours a week, and receive complete orientation and ongoing training, as well as an annual stipend of \$2,000 to defray expenses – such as transportation – and the opportunity to earn an educational award of \$1,250 for lifelong learning.

Legacy Corps is a part of AmeriCorps, a network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, the environment and other human needs, including health and housing. The programs are run by more than 2,100 non-profits, public agencies and faith-based organizations such as LSSI.

“Legacy Corps provides adults 50 and older with a meaningful and important way to help others,” says Elaine Pfluger, Legacy Corps program director. “Corps members have proven that

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they are ‘making a difference’ in America, and we invite all who are interested to apply to the program.”

The deadline to register to become a Legacy Corps member is March 17. For more information, or to obtain and submit an application, contact Pfluger at 815/395-8716 or at Elaine.Pfluger@LSSI.org.

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. LSSI offers a variety of services for children, adults and families in northern Illinois

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