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LSSI's Prairie Ridge Apartments for Seniors in Freeport Celebrates 5th Anniversary on September 6

On September 6, Prairie Ridge Apartments, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), will celebrate its 5th anniversary in Freeport with an Open House, which will run from 1–4 p.m. Freeport Mayor George Gaulrapp — as well as Lisa Ingalls and Kevin Hagemann, associate executive directors of LSSI's Housing — are scheduled to speak at a special presentation at 1:30 p.m.

The 33-unit building, which is located 1730 Hance Drive, provides one-bedroom apartments for low-income seniors.

“Prairie Ridge is a very friendly, homey community,” says Kay Edler, manager of the complex. “We have a nice location in a good area of town that is close to shopping. Our staff is very attentive to residents, whose council plans many of the activities that take place here.”

The apartments of Prairie Ridge are designed with convenience in mind, and include an electric range, refrigerator, air conditioner, carpeting and walk-in shower. Two of the units are wheelchair accessible for individuals with disabilities and also include other conveniences. The three-story building also offers a community room, private dining room and patio.

“I have a nice apartment, and the rent is good for my income,” says Shirley Fritzenmeier, one of the first residents to move into Prairie Ridge. “I have ample and fun activities to participate in, and I’ve made a lot of good friends here.”

Residents must be 62 or older and meet specific income guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Rent is 30 percent of the resident’s adjusted annual income.

The community is invited to attend the anniversary celebration. Local dignitaries, members of LSSI's Housing staff and current residents are expected to attend. Guests are welcomed to tour the facility, and apartments will be open for visitors. Refreshments will also be served.

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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, which include 18 affordable senior housing developments.

To RSVP to attend the Open House, or for more information about Prairie Ridge Apartments, call Kay Edler, manager, at 815/233-9253, or visit www.LSSI.org.

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