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## **LSSI's Riverain Point Apartments for Seniors Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 21**

On July 21, Riverain Point Apartments, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), will celebrate its 25th anniversary. The 85-unit building, which is located at 200 N. Island Avenue in Batavia, provides one-bedroom apartments for low-income seniors and people with disabilities. The celebration ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m., and Jeffery D. Schielke, mayor of Batavia, is scheduled to speak. Lisa Ingalls and Kevin Hagemann, associate executive directors of LSSI's Housing, are also scheduled to speak.

"I think we are able to give the residents a community atmosphere here," says Sandy Kowalewski, property manager. "We have social functions where people come together, and an on-site social service coordinator, who knows about programs and resources for residents. And, because we are located near the fire station and police department, I think residents feel safe and secure here."

Riverain, located along the river in the historical district of Batavia, is conveniently located near shopping, recreation and business services. Its apartments are designed with convenience in mind, and include an electric range, refrigerator, air-conditioners, carpeting and draperies. There is a social room, dining room, library and TV room, as well as an on-site laundry. Some of the homes are adapted for individuals living with disabilities.

"I'd sign up [to live at Riverain] for another 25 years," says David Rompel, one of the community's original residents. "It's been a pleasure and joy."

"It feels like family being here," adds his wife, Jeannette.

Residents must be 62 or older or adults with physical disabilities (who would benefit from the unique design of Riverain's barrier-free units) 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. Residents pay for their own electric service.

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

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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.

*For more information about Riverain Point, call Sandy Kowalewski at 630/879-0350, or visit [www.LSSI.org](http://www.LSSI.org).*

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