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## **St. Matthew Center for Health Donor Extends Matching Grant Deadline to March 31**

St. Matthew Center for Health recently received a \$50,000 matching gift pledge from the family member of a former St. Matthew resident who was inspired to make the gift because of the quality of care received by that loved one. St. Matthew Center for Health, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), provides a variety of health care services to seniors and other individuals in the community.

The anonymous donor has extended the deadline from the end of 2007 to March 31, 2008. Contributions made to St. Matthew from now until March 31 will be matched to help fund new fire-retardant window treatments for residents' rooms, which residents will be able to adjust safely and independently. The goal is to raise \$100,000, with the donor matching donations up to \$50,000. So far, pledges and gifts total \$45,000, but another \$5,000 is needed to complete the match.

The St. Matthew Service League, with the support of families and community members, initiated fundraising for this project by raising \$10,000 from the St. Luke's Bottle Band benefit concert, which was held last summer. Members of the fund-raising committee include: Marilyn Goll, Park Ridge resident; Betty Henneman, Park Ridge city clerk; Elsie Ciulla, treasurer of the St. Matthew Service League; Alice Gronwick, resident and part-time receptionist at St. Matthew; Kelly Fitzgerald, assistant administrator and recreation services director at St. Matthew; Howard Frimark, Park Ridge mayor; Terri Gens, LSSI major gifts director; Pastor Eileen Harris, chaplain at St. Matthew; Dr. Andrew Mantelman, licensed clinical psychologist; and Valerie Niskanen, marketing director at St. Matthew.

For more information on how to make a gift, contact Valerie Niskanen at 847/825-5531 or at [Valerie.Niskanen@LSSI.org](mailto:Valerie.Niskanen@LSSI.org). For more information on St. Matthew, visit [www.StMatthewCenter.org](http://www.StMatthewCenter.org).

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