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Volunteers Needed for Beautification Project at LSSI's Nachusa Lutheran Home on May 16

Nachusa Lutheran Home and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans are looking for a few helping hands to volunteer with a beautification project on its campus on Saturday, May 16, from 9 a.m. until noon. Lunch for the volunteers will be provided. The home is located at 1261 Illinois Rte. 38 in Nachusa.

Nachusa Lutheran Home, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), provides a variety of innovative services geared to improving the lives of children and families. The campus is home to several LSSI programs, including: outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment for adolescents, a residential treatment program for youth on probation, group and individual therapy for youth, foster care and adoption services, and services for youth ages 10 to 17 who are on probation.

The Lee County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is sponsoring this event with a \$1,000 grant. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a faith-based membership organization called to improve the quality of life of its members, their families and their communities by providing solutions that focus on financial security, wellness and caring for others.

The beautification project is part of Join Hands Days, a national volunteer day that targets and develops relationships between young people and adults through neighborhood volunteering. Youths and adults work together on an equal basis to plan, organize and implement the day's activities. Building relationships across generations restores confidence, trust and respect for each other and creates a sense of community.

Join Hands Day is a program of the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA), a Connect America partner. The 121-year-old NFCA unites the 76 not-for-profit America's Fraternal Benefit Societies that operate in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

To volunteer or to obtain more information, contact Leo Patterson at 815/677-1139 or Lyle Warner at 815/453-2214. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gardening/planting tools.

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About Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

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. For more information on Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, visit www.LSSI.org.