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DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES



We express deep appreciation for and celebrate our partnership with the Southeast Pennsylvania Synod and its congregations. Through Many Hands, guided by One Heart, Diakon serves people in need of all ages, especially those with limited financial resources.

In 2022, Diakon served over 77,000 people, nearly 8,500 from within this synod.

Diakon Youth Services aids teens from Delaware and Chester counties. Programs such as Bridge serve those ages 11 to 18 by providing accountability-focused counseling and monitoring programs to prevent out-of-home placement. Participants sometimes are served by the Weekend Alternative Program, located at the Diakon Wilderness Center near Boiling Springs in Cumberland County. Diakon also operates a Youthful Offenders Program, which focuses on young adults from Bucks County; those who successfully complete the program can have their felony charges reduced or eliminated.

Diakon Family Reunification and Preservation Services continued to grow throughout the year, aiding both children and families in Bucks and Delaware counties. The reunification program is designed to assist children and youth in out-of-home placements such as foster or residential care in their transition home. The intensive family preservation program serves children returning home from foster care, residential or other out-of-home placement to ensure the reunification's success. In 2022, the two programs served 142 children and families in the SEPA synod territory.

Additional services within the synod include Diakon Adoption & Foster Care, which works with resource families in meeting the needs of waiting children and teens in Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware and Chester counties. Separately, Diakon continues to manage Pennsylvania's Statewide Adoption & Permanency Network, or SWAN, meaning Diakon plays a role in all public adoptions in the Commonwealth. In 2022, that work had an impact on the lives of over 8,250 children, youth, and family members throughout the SEPA Synod.

We thank God for the gifts of staff, volunteers, congregations, donors and board members who, together, enabled us to touch the lives of thousands of people last year.

Scott D. Habecker, CPA, CGMA, *President/CEO*

GEMMA SERVICES



SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT, 2023

Gemma was formed in 2019 by the merger of two long-standing nonprofit organizations: Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and the Village, both of which were founded in the 1800s within faith-based communities as orphanages. The organization has evolved through the years to meet the growing needs in our communities, but the essence of Gemma's work remains the same. Hope is at the center of all we do. Life's challenges can be too complex to face alone, and that can lead people to feel they don't matter. At Gemma, we know that all people matter, and it is our goal to make sure they know this too. Today, Gemma provides a range of behavioral health, education, child welfare, and prevention programs. We walk beside children and families as they navigate life's challenges, build strengths, and expand skills so they can shine. Gemma's mission is to change lives by transforming hope into action for children and families experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties. We have the privilege of accompanying more than 3,000 kids and families each year on their journey toward their brightest future.

Our current programs include: a psychiatric Residential Treatment Program in Plymouth Meeting for children ages six to 14 with significant mental health challenges, many of whom have experienced trauma; Martin Luther School, a K-12th grade special education school in Plymouth Meeting for students from our residential program and also those referred by over 45 area school districts; and Community Based Programs.

Residential Treatment Program – During FY 21/22, the Residential Treatment (RT) Program on our Plymouth Meeting campus served 93 boys and girls ages six through 14. Many of the children

and youth we serve have experienced traumas such as physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, abandonment, multiple foster home placements, and other extremely difficult circumstances such as poverty, domestic violence, parental mental illness or drug addiction. Our skilled and trained staff members embrace a trauma-informed approach to help children and youth heal from the aftereffects of their traumas, learn skills to better manage feelings and behaviors, and reach for stable and bright futures.

The RT Program provides therapeutic living environments that include individualized treatment, supervision, care, and nurturing for children and youth 24/7/365. Our approach includes an outcome-oriented treatment, psychiatric evaluations and medication management as necessary, trauma-informed therapies, case management, behavior management, and health care. All services are provided with the valued participation of biological, adoptive, and/or foster families. While in our care, we provide for the children's clothing, mental health, and physical health needs. Additionally, our programs include therapeutic activities programming to ensure that the children experience joy and opportunities for creative expression.

Community Based Programs – During FY 21/22, our Community Based Programs served 1,879 children and families and/or caregivers from our Philadelphia offices in Mt. Airy and Southwest Philadelphia. Our Community Based Programs include:

- **Treatment Foster Care** provided for children from Bucks, Delaware, Lancaster, Montgomery, Northern Chester, and Philadelphia Counties who cannot reside in their own homes presently. Foster families provide compassionate care in a loving home environment to address the needs of children with emotional and behavioral challenges to help them heal and flourish.
- The **Host Home Program** was developed to provide treatment and a safe and supportive home environment for children ages 4 to 18 who are dealing with serious emotional and behavioral challenges. Eligible children and teens are placed in family homes with specially trained host parents who use individualized plans to meet each child's needs, with the goal of alleviating the pain, distress, and disruption in their lives while building resiliency and stability.
- **Adoption & Permanency Services** are provided for children and adolescents who have experienced loss, separation, abuse, neglect, and other trauma. These services are for children who have been placed in homes of foster or kinship families because their legal families currently are unable to provide the care they need.
- **Outpatient Mental Health Services** are offered that include individual therapy, family therapy, and medication management for children and teens, ages 4 to 21. Credentialed therapists use evidenced-based practices including Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) in working with children and teens.

- **Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS)** provide intensive support in home and school settings for children, youth, and young adults up to age 21 experiencing serious emotional or behavioral struggles or skill deficits. Our IBHS program is designed to give each child the tools they need to face challenges with a greater sense of strength and resilience and improve overall behavioral functioning.
- Our **Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)** program is based on the science of learning and behavior and involves the process of implementing basic behavioral interventions to create meaningful behavior changes. ABA services are typically provided to children, youth, or young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and include assessments and 1:1 interventions to help them improve their behavioral, social, communication, and adaptive skills.
- **Family Based Mental Health Services** is an intensive, evidenced-based, and family focused approach to support children, adolescents, and their families. The primary goal of Family Based Services is to assist families with maintaining their child in the home and to keep families intact, rather than an “out of home” placement of the child. Family Based provides intensive individual and family therapy, as well as case management support in a family’s home and community by a two-person team.
- Our **Prevention Services** include our Family Empowerment Center, In Home Protective Services, and our newest program, the Family Support Program, which began serving clients in January 2023. The goal of these programs is to support children and families to overcome challenges, strengthen community supports, and prevent further involvement with the child welfare system.

Martin Luther School – During FY 21/22, Martin Luther School, located on our Plymouth Meeting campus, served 203 students. A Pennsylvania Department of Education Approved Private School that is licensed as a Private Academic School, Martin Luther School provides an individualized educational program to meet the needs of students whose emotional and behavioral difficulties are disrupt their ability to succeed academically in a mainstream school setting. Students are referred from their public or charter schools, and also from the Gemma Services’ Residential Treatment Program. Each child has an Individual Educational Plan that identifies their instructional needs and specific accommodations needed. Martin Luther School is located on a beautiful 35-acre campus and facilities include a gymnasium, outdoor recreational facilities, a library, computer lab with technology instruction, reading tutoring, art and music programming, and the full range of academic instruction.

Your Partnership: More than 50 Lutheran congregations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod actively support Gemma Services in our efforts to meet the needs of the vulnerable and at-risk children and families we serve. We are grateful for these generous and supportive partners. Relationships with congregations of other denominations, individual friends and supporters, community groups, and philanthropic foundations combine to comprise a mosaic of support that demonstrates “fervent love is an action.” Gemma Services is proud of our founding (as Silver Springs – Martin Luther School) as a Lutheran Social Ministry Organization and pleased to share

that Kristen Gay, Ph.D., President and CEO of Gemma Services serves on the board of Lutheran Services in America.

To learn more about our programs, please visit www.gemmaservices.org. If you would like to schedule a visit and tour, please contact Amanda Bryant, Senior Development Officer, at (610) 825-4440 x3307 or Abryant@gemmaservices.org.

Thank you for partnering with us to help hope shine for vulnerable children, youth, and families!

Submitted by Amanda Bryant, Senior Development Officer

GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION NETWORK

March 2022 to February 2023

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network is a broadly recognized, not-for-profit rehabilitation leader committed to transforming lives through expertise, innovation and compassion. Good Shepherd provides an exceptional patient experience for people of all ages and stages by developing leading-edge solutions, often for complex medical situations; serving as a test site for the newest rehabilitation technologies; and inspiring hope in all we do.

Headquartered in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Good Shepherd traces its pioneering spirit for innovation and compassionate care to its founding family, The Rev. John “Papa” Raker and D. Estella “Mama” Raker. In 1908, the Rakers opened the Good Shepherd Home to care for children with disabilities and senior citizens, filling an unmet community need — and setting the stage for Good Shepherd’s continued growth as a rehabilitation groundbreaker.

Good Shepherd also partners with Penn Medicine to provide rehabilitation and specialty services in the greater Philadelphia area and New Jersey through a joint venture called Good Shepherd Penn Partners (GSPP).

Significant 2022-23 accomplishments included:

- Good Shepherd continued construction of its state-of-the-art, 76-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. When it opens in late-July 2023, it will revolutionize treatment and recovery options for people with complex medical conditions, such as stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury and other serious injuries or illnesses. Nationally, only a handful of new rehabilitation hospitals are built each year. The new hospital will feature the Experience Center, a first-of-its-kind space that gives people with disabilities and other mobility challenges an environment to explore the latest

advancements in 3D printing, robotics, wearables, artificial intelligence and smart home and personal assistance devices to promote healing and independence and make people's lives better.

- Good Shepherd launched a partnership in July 2022 with the Temple University Hospital Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) Residency Program. Good Shepherd's collaboration with Temple matches nine highly qualified candidates in the field of physiatry for a three-year categorical training program at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital. Through the Temple University Hospital/Good Shepherd partnership, residents have a majority focus on inpatient rehabilitation experience at Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital, including brain injury medicine, stroke rehabilitation, medical rehabilitation and spinal cord injury medicine. The residents also will have the opportunity to experience ambulatory services relevant to chronic disease populations.
- Good Shepherd Rehabilitation and GSPP employees were awarded Good Shepherd Innovation Grants, which facilitate innovation and collaboration by providing significant financial support and development opportunities for employee-led projects that improve patient care and define the future of rehabilitation — from developing a prototype, implementing a trial or launching a research study.
- In addition to being the only health-care provider in the country to provide all three sizes of the Trexo robotic gait training device across inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation settings, Good Shepherd became the first provider in the world to reach 1 million steps taken in the devices.
- Good Shepherd Home – Bethlehem and Good Shepherd Home - Raker Center in Allentown both received successful, deficiency-free surveys from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. It was Good Shepherd Home – Bethlehem's sixth straight year of deficiency-free surveys.

Your continued support allows Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Network to further our mission of compassion and recovery and to honor the legacy of our founders, the Raker family. On behalf of every Good Shepherd Trustee and Associate, thank you.

Submitted by Mike Walbert, Manager, Marketing & Communications

LIBERTY LUTHERAN

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Paul's Run
The Hearth at Drexel
The Manor at York Town
The Village at Penn State
Lutheran Congregational Services

LCFS West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

Synod Assembly Report 2023

Mission Statement

Liberty Lutheran faithfully accompanies individuals and families who are facing life changing situations through an empowering approach that honors their choices and well-being.

Liberty Lutheran is eternally grateful for the prayers and support of all our faith partners. Moving through the ongoing challenges of the pandemic and shortages in the workforce, Liberty has emerged more faithful, resilient and stronger.

Much like everyone else, including churches, Liberty, our residents, members, clients and staff, are navigating inflation. Increases in food, goods and services are especially burdensome on older adults living on a fixed income.

Highlights of Liberty's Senior Living Communities

Like so many organizations in the senior living industry, our census dropped in each of our communities during the first two years of the pandemic. Our sales and marketing teams persevered, knowing that the fear of COVID19 would be replaced with recognition of the enormous benefits of living in a secure, supportive community.

Marketing events are back, bringing people in to experience and explore each of our communities. Today we are at pre-pandemic occupancy or higher, with The Village and The Manor managing waiting lists of a dozen or more applicants.

Building Resilient Individuals & Communities

Organizational Dollars to Continue Services where Shortfalls Exist

\$1,476,231

Benevolent Care

+ \$11,645,769

Unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid Costs

= \$13,122,000

Total Costs

Our skilled care services continue to rank high in nursing care, receiving a 5-star rating. Fortunately with regulations relaxing we have returned to our resident choice focus called Liberty Way.

Artman in Ambler, PA

Located on Bethlehem Pike in Ambler, PA, Artman provides personal care, long-term skilled care, memory care and short-term rehabilitation care.

This past year, Janet Lorenzon, Artman’s executive director of 38 years, retired. While we said goodbye to Janet, we welcomed Dana O’Donnell as the new director. Dana was our first director for our Liberty at Home program, and was the executive director of The Hearth at Drexel just prior to moving to Artman.



The Hearth at Drexel in Bala Cynwyd, PA

The Hearth is located on Belmont Avenue in Bala Cynwyd, PA. They offer assisted living and memory care.

With Dana O’Donnell’s move to Artman, The Hearth also welcomed a new executive director, Dana Guyton. She served as the director of personal care at Paul’s Run prior to being promoted to her new role at The Hearth.



This past summer The Hearth hosted its picnic on their beautiful grounds. With the event outdoors, they were able to welcome families and friends to join residents for a fun afternoon of good food and entertainment. In the fall, The Hearth started a concert series with Astral Artists.

The Manor at York Town in Jamison, PA

Located on York Road adjacent to Warwick Township Community Park, The Manor offers boutique style living for independent residents. This year was filled with fun activities, including a Christmas gala. The team focused on sprucing up the community and adding new amenities.



One new feature is a movie theater style room for small groups to gather in comfortable seating to stream movies, shows, sports and more. Some residents have used the room to virtually attend events like a wedding, birthday party or a grandchild’s sports tournament, recital and more.

Another feature added in the last year is fine dining for small groups. Instead of going out to an expensive restaurant, residents can reserve a spot in a private

dining room featuring a more upscale menu for a different dining experience.

Paul's Run in Philadelphia, PA

Located in northeast Philadelphia on Bustleton Avenue, Paul's Run is a continuum care community offering independent living, personal care, short-term rehabilitation and long-term skilled care.

Paul's Run renovated what was the dining room for independent living residents, transforming the space to a bistro open to the lobby area. Dining includes brick oven pizzas and carving stations.

With 22 centenarians, Paul's Run held a special ceremony and dinner to celebrate residents who have reached this milestone. Philadelphia Mayor Kenney joined the celebration, speaking with each resident and providing a special tribute to honor them.



The Village at Penn State in State College, PA

The Village is nestled just off Fox Hollow Road close to Penn State University. Also a continuum care community, it offers independent living, personal care and skilled care.

This past year The Village installed Connected Living to enhance resident engagement. This technology provides solutions for better communication and sharing newsletters, photos, calendars, dining menus, and much more. It can also integrate telemedicine, virtual live events, classes and targeted programs.

Highlights of Liberty's Services and Ministries

Lutheran Congregational Services

Lutheran Congregational Services hosted four Lay Eucharistic Visitor Trainings, with an additional location of West Chester PA. Grief sessions continue, primarily in spring and fall. A new facilitator has committed for spring 2023. The annual Advent Devotional was produced and disseminated.

Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania



Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania hosted a rebuild skills day at NEPA Synod building to build capacity and awareness for the need of disaster volunteers. Two who attended have since already worked on Ida rebuilding.

Oktoberfest at St. Paul's in Glenside raised \$9,000; Pumpkinfests and Fall fairs at Trinity Lutheran, Lansdale, and St. Mark's Lutheran, Bethlehem raised over \$5,000.



Tropical Storm Isaias

- Continue to lead the Eastwick Unmet Needs Roundtable to address long term needs related to heat, hot water, appliance replacement and repairs for 60 families in the Eastwick section of Philadelphia using volunteers from churches and other groups.
- Rebuilding includes mitigation, i.e., elevating mechanical equipment, mold resistant drywall
- Engaging contractors to do window and door installation as skilled volunteers are difficult to find

Hurricane Ida

- LCS has spent \$30,000 between March 2022 – March 2023 for rental assistance and contractors for home repairs to Ida survivors
- Collectively with its partners they are providing intensive long term disaster case management to about 350 families representing 413 children and 522 adults.
- As of March 14, 2023, for all cases with recovery plans among all agencies in DART, Asian - 1%, Black/African American, 38%, Decline– 1%, Other – 44%, White – 14%
- 51% LCS is serving are renters. 22% are currently homeless or "couch surfing" and 27% own their home. While it is possible that there are just higher numbers of renters and homeless impacted, we strongly believe that it is because we are specifically seeking out ways to assist renters that we are able to help address their unmet needs.
- LCS has provided 1,500 hours of case management.

LCFS' West Philadelphia Senior Community Center



Most activities and programs are back at The Center. This past summer, they were able to offer in-house dining for their daily lunch program, and added breakfast two days a week.

After a drop in membership during the first two years of COVID, membership is back to pre-COVID numbers with over 1,500 members. The Center continues to provide grab and go lunches two days a week for those who need them. They also provided meals for special occasions, including Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In the fall, the Main Line School Night (MLSN) began offering members virtual classes, free of charge. Whether members want to learn a foreign language, explore the arts, or pick up new computer skills, there's something for everyone.

Respectfully submitted by Julia Menzo, Director of Community Outreach, on behalf of Liberty Lutheran. jmenzo@libertylutheran.org

LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICE



Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

Siblings in Christ of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod,

For many of us, 2022 represented a moment of hope. After the darkness and isolation of the pandemic, life has begun to return to normal —offering new opportunities for connection and renewed commitment to serving our neighbor.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service has embraced this moment; in the past year, we have grown exponentially in both size and scale, expanding our capacity to welcome immigrants and refugees.

With the help of people of faith and communities like yours, we were able to...

- help **16,690 children** reunify with their families or find safe, loving foster homes
- resettle nearly **12,000 Afghans** forced to flee after Afghanistan fell under Taliban control
- welcome **3,169 refugees** from countries across the world
- assist **18,262 people** seeking safety from Central America and beyond

We continue to expand our slate of innovative programming to move beyond traditional resettlement into an empowered living experience that promotes not just surviving, but thriving.

That work reaches, too, into our media and advocacy footprint. You may have seen LIRS President and CEO Krish O'Mara Vignarajah on national news programs like *PBS Newshour*, *MSNBC*, *NPR*, the *BBC*, and others, advocating on behalf of our immigrant and refugee neighbors from Ukraine to Venezuela.

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

It remains a priority of ours in 2023 to combat the divisive, xenophobic rhetoric surrounding immigration and instead promote kindness, compassion, and inherent human dignity.

We invite you to join us in that work! This year, we will continue to offer opportunities to get involved in the work of welcome, including:

- advocating alongside LIRS and our newest neighbors in celebration of [World Refugee Day](#) on June 20th,

- sharing notes of welcome with children and families impacted by immigration detention through LIRS' [Hope for the Holidays™ program](#) each fall (with Pennsylvania among one of the highest participating states, sending over 1,000 cards to people seeking safety in the United States!),
- and equipping leaders and faith communities to create more just and welcoming



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communities through the [LIRS Ambassador Network](#) and [EMMAUS Network for Congregations](#) throughout the year.

Together, we can realize Jesus's ministry of compassion and welcome. We're so grateful for your support and solidarity, and we earnestly look forward to working alongside you in the coming year.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chelsey Johnson".

Chelsey Johnson, LIRS Mobilization and Faith Relations

LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE



For over 120 years, people have relied on Lutheran Settlement House in times of crisis and transition. From families experiencing homelessness, to women and children who have experienced domestic violence, to seniors striving to maintain their independence, to families unsure of where they will find their next meal, Lutheran Settlement House has been here to care for our community. The nearly 7,000 women, men, children, and families we serve each year find safety, hope, and healing at LSH. Through our comprehensive services and our many partnerships, we help to break cycles of abuse, poverty, and neglect so that people can live the lives they choose for themselves.

The overwhelming majority of people served by LSH are low-income, and more than 80% are women. Our integrated services help ensure that a client at Lutheran Settlement House receives

the help and support they need, all under one roof. Since the pandemic started, we've seen an increase in need across all our programs, and have expanded our capacity to serve and support and community.

The services at Lutheran Settlement House include:

The Bilingual Domestic Violence Program (BDVP) provides free counseling services for victims and survivors of domestic and dating abuse regardless of gender or sexual orientation. The BDVP also provides advocacy, education, and outreach through community workshops; one-on-one and group counseling for adults and children; transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children; homeless prevention services for survivors; Medical Advocacy on-site at area hospitals; a program promoting healthy relationships to teens; Masculinity Action Project to engage men in anti-violence work; and, with 3 other domestic violence agencies in the city, runs the Philadelphia 24-hour domestic violence crisis hotline.

Since March 2022 we:

- Answered 3,923 domestic violence hotline calls
- Saw a 30% increase in demand for counseling
- Provided counseling to 480 adults and 51 children
- Helped over 50 survivors avoid homelessness by providing housing support
- Provided domestic violence training to 307 medical professionals
- Provided over 100 healthy relationship trainings to children and teens

Jane Addams Place, our shelter for families experiencing homelessness, provides emergency housing for 30 adults and up to 70 children. Families stay in Jane Addams Place for an average of five months, during which staff help residents connect with benefits and community resources, and help set goals and action plans for meeting their goals. Unlike most shelters in Philadelphia, LSH employs a full-time on-site trauma therapist at the shelter to help parents and kids process the experiences that caused homelessness, and to help them begin to heal and transform. We are also expanding our services for children focused on social-emotional health, stress management, and school engagement.

Since March 2022 we:

- Provided shelter for over 250 children and adults
- Began offering pet therapy with our newest staff member, Jane the Guinea Pig
- Nearly doubled the number of children receiving therapy (Thanks, Jane!)
- Benefitted from over 1,000 volunteer hours
- Provided 200 programming hours to families in shelter

The Community Senior Center (The Center) provides low-income seniors with nutritious hot meals five days/week and regular educational and health/wellness programming and activities, including everything from cardio drumming and yoga classes to art classes, bingo, and regional fieldtrips. Many senior center members also volunteer with our food pantry and participate in

other LSH events and activities. Our senior center currently has 175 active members and is an important community anchor for low-income seniors in a rapidly gentrifying section of the city.

Since March 2022 we:

- Added new classes and activities to engage a broader range of older adults including, a fitness class, belly dancing, computer and smartphone usage, charcoal drawing, and art therapy
- Piloted a health coaching program that helped over 30 older adults manage their chronic illnesses and live independently at home
- Engaged members in focus groups to help rebrand the Center to better attract the next generation of older adults

The Food Pantry targets the hunger and nutrition challenges of homeless families, teens, domestic violence victims and older adults living in Philadelphia through a food pantry and nutrition education. By supporting nutrition and food security, clients of our various programs are better able to focus on their goals and maintaining stability in their lives. Our food pantry is open six hours a day, five days a week, and fresh produce is available daily.

Since March 2022 we have:

- Distributed nearly 400 full Thanksgiving meals in 2022
- Distributed over 400,000 pounds of food (up from 125,000/year before COVID)
- Held a weekly Choice Pantry and Farm Stand from April to November 2022 that helped 200 families each week
- Provided a monthly free Community Meal sponsored by local restaurants and volunteer groups

Over the course of the pandemic, our food security work has become some of our most important and oft-utilized services. Our food pantry is now one of our biggest programs—seeing over 9,000 visits in 2022. As the effects of the pandemic and historically high food costs impacts our region, we strive to continue providing fresh, healthy food of the highest quality to all who need it, including those experiencing food insecurity for the first time.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Invite us to speak at your church, highlighting the people we serve and issues we address.
- Collect donations to serve our clients, including food drives, comfort kits for children, and monetary donations that help us meet emergency needs.
- Come volunteer and get to know our work. We have opportunities for adults, youth groups, and families.
- For more information, contact David Chiles, dchiles@lshphilly.org, 215-426-8610 X 1246.

SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Section E, Addendum 1
