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# DIAKON LUTHERAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES



We sincerely appreciate and celebrate our partnership with the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and its congregations. United in purpose and guided by compassion, Diakon extends its services to individuals of all ages, particularly those facing financial difficulties, with the collective effort of many hands guided by one heart. In 2023, Diakon programs and senior living communities served close to 69,000 people, nearly 7,200 of them 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 2023, the two programs served over 500 children and families in the SEPA synod territory.

Additional services within the synod include Diakon Adoption & Foster Care, which works with resource families to meet 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 2023, that work had an impact on the lives of over 6,600 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, 2024

Gemma Services was formed in 2019 by the merger of two long-standing Philadelphia-area nonprofits: Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage. Each of them was founded in the 1800s as orphanages and evolved through the years to meet the growing needs of their communities. Today as one organization, Gemma represents 300+ years of service to youth and families facing extreme challenges in the Greater Philadelphia area. 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.

Guided by the vision of a world where every person knows they matter, Gemma Services' mission is to accompany people of all ages through life's challenges using individualized, data-informed support. With three locations in Greater Philadelphia, Gemma assists more than 3,000 youth and families each year through mental health, child welfare, prevention, and education programs.

Gemma's programs include: a 24/7/365 psychiatric Residential Treatment Program for youth ages 6-14 years old who are experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties that presently make it unsafe for them to live in a family setting; an Approved Private School (Martin Luther School) that provides special education for students in grades K-12, including youth participating in Gemma's residential program and students referred from more than 40-area school districts; and eight Community Based Programs.

<u>**Residential Treatment Program**</u> – The Residential Treatment (RT) Program provides 24/7/365 clinical treatment and trauma-informed care for a maximum of 65 youth ages six to 14 who need an intensive out-of-home placement because they are experiencing distressing emotions and

disruptive behaviors. Last year, 96 youth participated in this program. Youth are referred to us by a medical professional who has determined their behaviors to be too unsafe for them to live in a home setting presently. These behaviors might include self-harm, aggression, sexual acting out, suicidal threats, and more.

Many of the children and youth we assist have experienced traumas such as physical and/or 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 their goals.

The RT Program provides therapeutic living environments that include individualized treatment, supervision, care, and nurturing for each youth. Our approach includes 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.

<u>Community Based Programs</u> – During FY 22/23, our Community Based Programs assisted 2,061 children and families and/or caregivers through our Philadelphia offices in Mt. Airy and Southwest Philadelphia, as well as virtually. 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 the 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 and our newest program, the Family Support Program. 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.

<u>Martin Luther School</u> – During FY 22/23, 234 students attended Martin Luther School, located on our Plymouth Meeting campus. A K-12 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 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.

<u>Your Partnership</u> – More than 50 Lutheran congregations of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod actively support Gemma Services as we accompany youth and families. 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 to one of our locations or learn more about volunteering at Gemma, please contact Amanda Bryant, Senior Development Officer, at (610) 825-4440 x3307 or Abryant@gemmaservices.org.

We are grateful for your partnership. Thank you for helping us work toward creating a world where every person knows they matter!

# GOOD SHEPHERD REHABILITATION NETWORK

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation 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 accomplishments over the last year included:

 Good Shepherd opened its state-of-the-art, 76-bed inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Center Valley, Pennsylvania, in July 2023. The brand-new destination for rehabilitation provides leading-edge 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 features Empower+, 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 live life undefined by diagnosis, disease or injury.

- Good Shepherd Home Raker Center partnered with Moravian Academy's Story class to
  restart its community story collaboration with our long-term care residents. The year-long
  project featured high school students producing and presenting a creative artifact for their
  Story Buddy at Raker Center that reflects who they are, their stories and the time they
  spent together.
- Good Shepherd Home Bethlehem celebrated a seven-year streak of deficiency-free Department of Health surveys, an outstanding accomplishment by the long-term care team.
- Good Shepherd hosted a Disability Inclusion Day event at Da Vinci Science Center in Allentown, drawing more than 100 of our Pediatrics patients and families for an afternoon of activities and exploration in an inclusive environment.

Your continued support allows Good Shepherd Rehabilitation 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.

# LIBERTY LUTHERAN



Artman 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 2024

#### **Mission Statement**

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

Liberty Lutheran is grateful for all our faith partners. With your prayers and support, our communities and Liberty life services are stronger than ever. You lift us up and serve as a guiding light in all we do.

Following the motto of God's Work Our Hands, the church's service to others is a great witness of Christ's love, offering hope, comfort, and courage to those who need it most.

### Highlights of Liberty's Senior Living Communities

Your generosity provides the resources needed to serve others with compassion, creativity and intention. Our communities are offering more engaging opportunities to residents.

Today our occupancy is high across all of our communities. Our skilled care services continue to rank high in nursing care, receiving a 5 star rating.

#### 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.

Artman's executive director enhanced communications with family members by hosting monthly ZOOM calls and sending weekly emails to share community updates. Building Resilient Individuals & Communities

Organizational Dollars to Continue Services where Shortfalls Exist

> \$1,741,000 Benevolent Care

+ \$15,932,000 Unreimbursed Medicare and Medicaid Costs

= \$17,673,000 Total Costs The Becoming Center at Artman is now offering Rock Steady Boxing, an exercise program specifically designed for people with Parkinson's disease.

# The Hearth at Drexel in Bala Cynwyd, PA

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

Expanding community life staffing, The Hearth has increased programs for residents. Staff, dedicated to specific neighborhoods, offer more unique and personalized activities to enhance engagement. One program that residents particularly enjoy is animal therapy.

# 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 Manor continued to focus on sprucing up the community since it became part of Liberty Lutheran in 2018. New carpeting, paint, wallpaper, artwork and furniture in hallways added color and made for warmer, more inviting environments. Balcony renovations were also completed, just in time for enjoying warmer weather.

# 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.

In the Fall, Paul's Run residents and staff brought back its annual bazaar to raise money to support the Fellowship Fund for benevolent care.

Paul's Run hired a new Director of Health Services following the retirement of the person formally in the position. Improvement projects included installing additional grounds cameras and updating Wi-Fi.

# The Village at Penn State in State College, PA

Nestled just off Fox Hollow Road close to Penn State University, The Village is also a continuum care community, offering independent living, personal care and skilled care.

The Village celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September. Renovations continued on the Atrium healthcare building. As a result of increasing demand, leadership is evaluating options for additional accommodations. This expansion would be in addition to the new cottages, personal care unit, and a state of the art community building completed in recent years.



### Highlights of Liberty's Life Services and Ministries

#### Lutheran Congregational Services

Lutheran Congregational Services (LCS) continues to serve congregations through its Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training Program, offering at least 4, in person trainings a year, sometimes supplemented by additional programs when requested both online and in person. The program continues to grow in popularity as lay people are eager to serve those who are homebound.

Grief counselor Sylvia Havlish continues to help those who are grieving through both in person group sessions and one on one sessions when referred by a pastor.

LCS staff are available to lead adult forums and other educational sessions around topics related to bereavement and disaster response. The LCS Advent Devotional featured inspirational and comforting words from recognized leaders across both Northeastern and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods and beyond, and will begin seeking writers this summer for 2024.

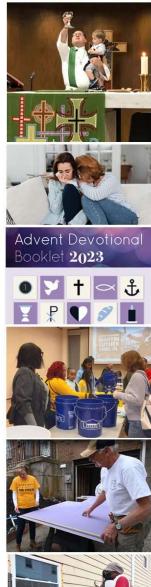
#### Lutheran Disaster Response – Eastern Pennsylvania

Between Gods Work Our Hands Day 2023 held at the offices of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA in Allentown, and on MLK Day 2024 held at United Lutheran Seminary Philadelphia Campus, volunteers assembled over 200 hygiene kits and 120 clean-up buckets.

Distributing kits and buckets to folks immediately following a disaster gives LDR an idea of who will have long-term needs related to disaster recovery. LDR is currently helping hundreds of families in Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Berks, Northampton, Lackawanna, and Luzerne Counties who were either impacted by Hurricane Ida in 2021 or by summer storms of 2023.

Providing kits and buckets is just the beginning. Families suffering from water damage due to flooding often have years of recovery ahead of them. LDR – Eastern PA is there for the long term.

In order to serve those who have the greatest barriers to recovery, LDR-Eastern PA continues to build partnerships with community organizations who are trusted by the most vulnerable, as well as with corporate partners and federal and state emergency management, thereby providing a passageway for complicated resources to get to those who most need them.





The church is one of LDR-Eastern PA's most critical partners. The ELCA's LDR provided \$262,000 in grants to help survivors of local disasters. Oktoberfest at St. Paul's in Glenside raised \$18,000; and, Pumpkin Fest at Trinity Lutheran, Lansdale provided over \$5,000.

LDR-Eastern PA's Julia Frank, is also currently serving as President of Pennsylvania VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) and leading efforts to streamline resources to disaster survivors through coordinated disaster case management strategies as well as through the creation of a statewide material donations plan.

# LCFS' West Philadelphia Senior Community Center

Located at 1016 N. 41st Street, the West Philadelphia Senior Community Center (WPSCC) is a beloved neighborhood hub for adults age 50 and better. It promotes the well-being of older adults by offering a wide-range of activities, programs, and services designed to meet their diverse needs and help them age successfully.

Open weekdays from 9am to 5pm, WPSCC provides a hot lunch daily. In 2023, the center served over 12,000 meals and provided over 70 programs and activities. Program highlights:

- Members and staff donated or made over 600 baby items for families experiencing homelessness.
- Independence Blue Cross sponsored an Embroidery Camp.
- Generations Online held a tech training and support class on navigating the internet.
- The Center received 3 additional grants totaling \$86,792 to support older adults in the community.



Respectfully submitted by Julia Frank, Director of Community Outreach, on behalf of Liberty Lutheran. <u>jfrank@libertylutheran.org</u>

# LUTHERAN SETTLEMENT HOUSE

#### **Overview**

When you visit Lutheran Settlement House—and if you haven't visited yet, we'd love to see you—you'll meet people for whom this work is a personal mission. Our new tagline, Community, Compassion, Change, speaks to values we share as an agency, and we hope you see these values, and your own values, reflected throughout this report. You can see Community in the breadth of people we work with, from babies to older adults. We are stronger because we experience and understand the strengths and challenges of our different populations, and we form partnerships across the community, and across our agency, to bring together expertise, resources, and support. Through LSH, people who are often isolated, and resources that are often fragmented, come together to build a community that is healing and empowering.

Compassion starts with the way people are welcomed into our spaces and programs, and it continues in the ways we accompany our clients. We believe in putting our compassion into action by being responsive to each individual, getting to know their worries and their dreams, and providing options when they feel optionless. Our compassion is tenacious, and we never stop believing in people's ability to live the life they want and deserve.

Change is our foundation. Serving people since 1902, LSH is part of a movement rooted in radical compassion and focused on making lasting, meaningful change in people's lives and in our community. Our clients are at the heart of this process. Their story is unique, so their path forward is too. People know best what supports they need and what dreams they have for their lives, and they know what systems need to change so they can flourish. Our client's voice and lived expertise must be at the center of change, and we are committed to accompanying people to build a more just and compassionate community.

This work is made possible because of so many people—clients, staff, board members, partners, donors, volunteers. This report is more than a reflection of the past year, it's a promise of what is possible when we come together to value each other, care for each other, and believe in each other.

#### **Client Voices**

The community at Lutheran Settlement House, the change that's possible, and the compassion at the heart of our work is because of the people we serve. Their dreams, their joy, and their future are what drive our work forward.

- "Fun, friends, community. They are the things I experience most at the Settlement House. And maybe that's love, too" - Lois, Center Member
- "I've been coming to the settlement house for over 60 years. The neighborhood has changed, but the Settlement House has stayed a pillar of the community" Tom, Center Member and Volunteer
- "I graduated college at Jane Addams Place because I had support there and people believed in me" LaToya, former Jane Addams Place Resident

- "LSH provided a foundation when I didn't have one" Devon, Survivors Network Member
- "LSH put a mirror in front of me to show me who I was" Kalena, Survivors Network Member

### Impact Data

#### **Bilingual Domestic Violence Program**

Established nearly 50 years ago, our BDVP provides lifesaving services to nearly 5,000 women, men, children, and non-binary people each year, including counseling, housing support, hospital-based advocacy and training, and violence prevention education.

- **4306:** Hotline calls answered
- 557: Children, teens, and adults received counseling
- 84: Clients received housing support
- **75%:** Feel more hopeful about the future
- 92%: Feel more confident in how to stay safe
- **100%:** Know more about how abuse affects relationships

#### Education

Education is woven throughout our different programs. At LSH, and through our various partners across the city, children, teens, and adults grow their skills and knowledge to live the lives they want and deserve.

- 1,362: Professionals trained in domestic violence education
- **216:** Domestic violence prevention workshops held with teens
- 106: Children at Jane Addams Place participated in social emotional learning programs
- 213: Instances of school advocacy for children experiencing homelessness
- **69:** Technology classes taught to older adults
- 254: One-on-one technology tutoring sessions with older adults

#### **Food Access**

Our food pantry provides fresh food and nutritional support to food-insecure families, teens, domestic violence survivors, and older adults. Open five days a week and six hours a day, our pantry is among the most accessible and responsive in Philadelphia.

- **372,502:** Pounds of food distributed
- **11,235:** Visits to the pantry
- **323:** Thanksgiving meals distributed
- **323:** Clients connected to benefits programs

#### **Homeless Services**

Jane Addams Place, our family shelter, helps families entangled in the housing crisis to heal from trauma they have experienced, to explore housing and employment options, and to plan for the future they want and deserve.

- 244: People called Jane Addams Place home, including 162 children
- **21,840:** Nourishing meals served
- **6 Months:** Average length of stay
- **19:** Babies and infants attended early intervention programs
- **39:** Children received onsite healthcare through our CHOP partnership

# **Older Adults**

For adults 55 and over, the Center offers a range of programming for right now and for what's next. Members can explore fitness and dance classes, personalized health coaching, volunteering to help others, creative arts, trips and excursions, digital literacy, healthy cooking, and more. Members learn new skills, meet new friends, and plan for the future.

- 183: Members of our Center for older adults
- 64: Center members who also volunteer
- 302: Exercise classes offered, leading to 82% of members being more physically active
- 10,651: Meals served to Center members, with 83% of members eating healthier meals
- 128: Members utilized health and wellness services

# Program Highlights

Last year was a year of growth, collaboration, and imagination. We built new partnerships, brought in new and innovative programming (and a furry new staff member), and ensured we had the resources needed to provide services to more members of our community. These highlights showcase our commitment to creatively meeting the needs of our clients and working collaboratively with partners across the city to build a strong community for everyone.

**Health Coaching:** For older adults, health challenges often lead to a loss of independence. We want the people we work with to have options as they age. That's where our Health Coaching program comes in. Managed by a Certified Community Health Worker, our Health Coaching program provides 1-on-1 and group consultations that explore topics like chronic disease management and nutrition. Health coaching helps older adults to understand instructions from their healthcare team, to know how to set and achieve health goals, and to feel in control of their health.

**Growing our Food Pantry:** Everyone deserves healthy and plentiful food. Prior to COVID, about 200 families visited our pantry each month. Now, we often see 200 families in a single day. We've gone from distributing 100,000 pounds of food a year, to almost 400,000 pounds! This food fills the tables of everyone we serve, plus many other community members from Fishtown

and surrounding neighborhoods. Families rely on our pantry so that they never have to choose between paying the bills and putting food on the table.

Jane the Emotional Support Guinea Pig: Counseling is available to everyone at our family shelter, but sometimes children and teens are hesitant to talk about their problems with someone new. However, kids love hanging out with Jane, our emotional support guinea pig! Whether they're missing their own pets, or just excited to bond with someone cute and fuzzy, Jane has doubled the number of youth who participate in our counseling program. She has a special way of making residents feel safe and comfortable (parents love her, too!), which opens the door for growth and healing.

**Maternal Mortality Project:** Every child deserves to be born into a safe home. This year, LSH was selected to create domestic violence awareness training videos as part of a five-year Maternal Mortality Project. These videos will be used to train doctors, nurses, and staff at every delivery hospital in Philadelphia. Partnering with The Office of Domestic Violence Strategies, we're committed to improving provider awareness of domestic violence, and increasing trauma-informed screening and intervention. Ultimately, we know these efforts will improve maternal and child health outcomes.

**Domestic Violence Prevention:** 1 in 12 teens experiences dating violence. We want to prevent domestic violence before it starts, which is what STAR is all about. Through STAR, or Students Talking About Relationships, we work in 5 Philly high schools, and the Juvenile Justice Center, and employs 7 Teen Ambassadors to lead groups on healthy relationships and non-violence. STAR also provides education workshops to school staff and parents. Last year, we partnered with CHOP to conduct a robust evaluation of STAR, expanding the evidence-base for teen dating violence prevention strategies.

#### **Get Involved**

We would love to meet you and the people in your congregation! Here are a few ways that you can get involved with Lutheran Settlement House, and we're also open to any ideas you might have.

**Invite us to speak:** We'd love to visit your church, give a temple talk, speak to adult or youth education groups, or any other ways we can share information about our work and the people we serve. Contact David Chiles, dchiles@lshphilly.org.

**Volunteer:** We have volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, and we've hosted youth groups as well. To explore possibilities, contact Dana Barnes, dbarnes@lshphilly.org. **Come for a tour:** A great way to connect to our work is to come and see it in action! We'd love to host you and anyone else for a tour to learn about LSH and explore ways to connect. Contact David Chiles, dchiles@lshphilly.org. **Make a gift:** Financial contributions help to sustain and grow our work. Collections can also help us better serve our clients, such as food for our pantry, back to school supplies, and comfort kits for children entering our shelter. To learn about our current needs, contact Erica Zaveloff, ezaveloff@lshphilly.org.

### SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

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