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Anniversary Events Commemorate the Work of LMM

This year marks a momentous time of celebration and reflection for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. Within our 50th Anniversary Celebration at League Park and throughout the remainder of the year, we will salute those who have made significant investments into the programming, history and vision of the organization. Our anniversary special events are telling the story of the dedicated role LMM has played in helping people who are oppressed, forgotten and hurting to become empowered, valued and healed.

INAUGURAL CHARLES R. SEE FORUM ON RE-ENTRY

In honor of Charles R. See's tenured service with LMM and our 50th Anniversary, LMM has endowed an Annual **Charles R. See Forum on Re-Entry**, to continue his legacy of addressing the needs of those in the re-entry community.

The annual forum will be inaugurated this fall, with the purpose of creating a platform to facilitate impactful dialogue about issues of consequence to the reentry community. **To learn more about the Charles R. See Forum on Re-Entry, visit LUTHERANMETRO.ORG.**



Salute: An Anniversary Social for Guardianship



date Thursday, Oct. 17

time 6 pm to 9 pm

location Market Garden Brewery
1947 W. 25TH St. Cleveland, OH 44113

tickets \$15 per person

Join us in celebration...

of this milestone and enjoy an evening of live music, a fun-filled wine raffle, hearty appetizers and samples of Market Garden Brewery's fall collection. Event proceeds to benefit Guardianship Services.

Visit LUTHERANMETRO.ORG for tickets

Remember LMM this Giving Season

The night chill is a reminder that fall is heading our way and so is Giving Season. At LMM, fall is a time when we celebrate the holiday season with our program participants, despite the challenging life circumstances they face. We need your help to make this year one of hope and joy, even for those who are the least of us.

There are many ways you can support LMM this Giving Season. Donations of time, talent and treasure can go a long way in helping us empower people who are oppressed, hurting and forgotten.

Charitable Giving at LMM

Making a charitable donation to LMM has never been easier or more important.



Cash: A cash gift is the simplest form of charitable giving. A donation can be made by check or charge, and can even be broken into small, recurring contributions. Your tax deduction is equal to the amount you donate to LMM.



Donor Advised Fund: Select LMM as a recipient of your donor advised fund distribution(s) this year. You will immediately receive the maximum tax benefit from the IRS for your contribution, and you can set up the funding to continue for as long as you wish.



Real Estate: If you have a property that you're no longer using, and you would be required to pay a large tax if you sold it, you may find that donating the real estate to LMM is a meaningful alternative. Property donations are subject to approval by the LMM Finance Committee, to ensure a mutually beneficial outcome.



Stocks: One of the most tax-efficient ways to give is by contributing long-term appreciated securities, like stocks. Since you are not selling your stocks, there are no capital gains taxes to be concerned with, and the more appreciation the stocks have, the bigger your tax savings will be.



Charitable Lead Trust: This trust is established by transferring assets into a trust fund and donating a stream of income from the assets to a charitable organization each year. Money left over in the trust at the end of the period you've established to donate can be disbursed to other beneficiaries or held in the trust. Your gift tax deduction is immediate and based on the value of the income stream to the charity. Not only is this great for transferring wealth to your heirs, it also provides consistent cash flow to the charity of your choice.



Charitable Remainder Trust: This is a trust in which the beneficiaries and donor are paid first, receiving their stream of income before the charitable organization does. However, this is beneficial as it gives you and your beneficiaries' income and diversifies your investments. This is perfect for those with highly appreciated investments who want to create income but still provide consistent cash flow to a charity.



A Bequest in Your Will: Simply including a bequest to LMM in your will is a thoughtful, lasting way to ensure a bright future for the organization and our program participants.



Private Foundation: Consider a grant or distribution from your Family or Private Foundation to LMM. Although there are stricter regulations and tax laws, a Private Foundation can award a grant distribution and you can retain control of donated assets. It also encourages your family members and friends to get involved.



Dress Down Day Fundraisers: Does your office have a monthly or quarterly "Dress Down Day" or "Jeans Day" Fundraiser? Can LMM fit in those jeans? Nominate LMM to be the recipient of your next office or company pooled fundraiser.

If you or your financial advisor have any questions about contributions to LMM, please don't hesitate to call Kate Maver, Director of Development, at 216-658-7204. **LMM is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, recognized by the IRS. Contributions made to LMM are all or in part tax-deductible.**



Browns Linebacker Christian Kirksey Treats Youth to New Shoes for Start of School Year



Volunteering with LMM

Are the mission and programs of LMM dear to your heart? Do you want to know how your company, organization or faith community can do more to support those who need to be valued, empowered and healed? Organize a group to volunteer at the Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside Avenue. Donate gifts and personal supplies to the teenagers living in our youth residential centers. Send a holiday card to an elder adult in our Guardianship Services Program. Host a pampering day for one of our women's support groups. Here are some of the many ways you can give of your time to the people we serve at LMM.

- Become a volunteer guardian
- Provide meals
- Serve meals at the Men's Shelter
- Computer lab assistance
- Legal assistance
- Art project and poetry therapy groups
- Listening program
- Life skills group

Holiday Wish List

Donations can be dropped off at the Richard Sering Center, 4515 Superior Avenue, unless otherwise indicated. Holiday donation drive items will be accepted gift wrapped and labeled with contents and specific age range or gender. Thank you!

YOUTH SERVICES

Next Step Shelter Care & Independent Living (216.941.0062): individually wrapped gifts for the holidays appropriate for teens, labeled with gender and contents. Desired gifts include: teenage-appropriate board games, video games, video game consoles, radios, CD players, DVD players, CDs, DVD's, journals, books, craft items and gift certificates to department stores, athletic shoe stores and salons.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Employment Services (216.658.8421): men's employment interview attire and day-to-day attire (suggestions: khakis, button down shirts, polo shirts, undershirts), dress shoes, gift cards to Target, Men's Warehouse, JC Penney, Macy's, etc.

Women's Resource Center (216.658.8421): shoes and hygiene products, new bras, underwear and socks.

HOUSING & SHELTER

Men's Shelter at 2100 Lakeside (216.566.0047): new or gently used coats, pants, shoes, boots, socks, gloves, hats, new underwear/long underwear, towels, wash cloths, twin size bedding, dishes, utensils, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, small hand lotion, men's razors & razor blades, and regular size deodorant. Drop off at front desk of shelter at 2100 Lakeside. Also, bus tickets for shelter residents getting to essential appointments. Drop off bus tickets attention to Ron Register, Program Director of shelter. Hours: 24/7.

Haven Family Overflow Shelter (216.403.1702): baby formula, wipes, socks, underwear, rolling suitcases. Please drop off at Haven behind St. Elizabeth Baptist Church, 6114 Francis Avenue, Cleveland 44127, Tues-Thurs 10am-3pm.

HEALTH & WELLNESS SERVICES (216.281.2500)

Gift cards for Target, Walmart, Family Dollar and Dave's grocery store, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner and feminine hygiene products, new underwear sizes 7-10, bras in sizes 34 - 40 B, C & D, new or gently used adult hats, gloves, scarves, socks, winter cold weather boots sizes 7-10, plates, dishes, pots, pans, cutlery, laundry and dish soap, toilet paper and umbrellas.

After School Prevention Resources (216.281.2500): ages 12-18 need gift cards (i-Tunes, restaurants, Walmart, Target, etc.), wallets, basketball shorts, basketballs, hats, gloves, CD players, iPods, Cavs gear, watches, alarm clocks, jewelry for girls, sunglasses, umbrellas, backpacks, DVD movies, purses, mini radios and headphones. Please deliver donations on or before December 13 to St. Paul's Community Church, 4100 Franklin Blvd., Cleveland 44113, Mon-Fri 9:30am-2pm.

GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES (216.696.1132): blankets/throws, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, toiletries and personal care items, slippers (one size fits all), cans of soda, shampoo, body wash, and fast food restaurant gift cards

Friend to Friend (216.861.1838): \$20.00 Walmart gift cards, which will be given to the children of people in prison. Friend to Friend is also in need of first class postage stamps.



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The 50th Anniversary Celebration at League Park was not an event to miss! Enjoy a recap of the event with fun memorable photos, a 50th anniversary video and clips from the fireworks grand finale. Visit LUTHERANMETRO.ORG to view all the event details or make a donation in honor of the special anniversary celebration.

