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LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA INAUGURATES TWO NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO MARK 100 YEARS OF SERVING BOLDLY

More Than \$13,000 in Educational & Vocational Scholarships Now Available to Youth and Adults Served by LSS/NCA and its Partner Ministries

June 23, 2017 (Washington DC): In celebration of 100 years of SERVING BOLDLY, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area today announced two new scholarship programs for the 2017-2018 school year, totaling \$13,500. The new BOLD JOURNEY and Elizaneth Krieser Weisburger Scholarships will be awarded annually to support post-secondary or vocational education for area youth and adults served by LSS/NCA and its partner ministries throughout the national capital area.

For 100 years, LSS/NCA has served the most vulnerable children in our community, envisioning wholeness and justice for all. In that vision, the new BOLD JOURNEY scholarships are intended to further the dreams and success of youth and adults by awarding up to \$10,000 per year to at least one LSS/NCA program participant to further their education in undergraduate or graduate institutions, or assist individuals in obtaining vocational training. The awardee will be a youth who is aging out of foster care, an unaccompanied refugee minor, a participant in a LSS/NCA's Youth Haven program, or an adult refugee.

The Elizabeth Kreiser Weisburger Scholarship will award \$3,500 to an individual who is recommended by a Lutheran Social Services ministry of the national capital area. The ministries include Community Family Life Services, Fellowship Square Foundation, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area, N Street Village, National Lutheran Communities and Services, Northern Virginia Coalition (NOVACO), Southeast Ministry, and Housing Up.

For additional information about the scholarships, including current year award amounts and application forms, visit LSSNCA.org and click on "Celebrating 100 Years." The application deadline for the 2017/2018 scholarships is July 25, 2017.

About LSS/NCA

Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS/NCA) has devoted a century to SERVING BOLDLY, offering hope and mobilizing communities to serve the most vulnerable among us. LSS/NCA is a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization that serves approximately 2,000 families and children in crisis throughout the Greater Metro-DC region through Children's Services and Refugee & Immigrant Services. LSS/NCA does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, age, race, creed, gender, or sexual orientation.

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