



Run2Feed in the 2009 RXR Long Island Marathon

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New York – March 19, 2009 -- Lutheran Social Services of New York is looking for runners and sponsors to join Team LIFE in the 2009 RXR Long Island Marathon, Saturday, May 02 and Sunday, May 03, 2009.

Lutheran Social Services of New York's Run2Feed initiative raises funds to support the Healthy LIFE program which improves access to nutrition for people where they live, learn, work and play. We welcome runners and walkers of all ages to join Team LIFE, a part of Run2Feed, to participate in the 2009 Long Island Marathon and raise money to support the Healthy LIFE program. We welcome runners and walkers of all ages to join our team. To join Team LIFE simply go to our website, www.lssny.org, to register. Once registered, each participant has a personalized page where they can post pictures, track their fundraising goals, and spread the word to friends and family to help with fundraising efforts.

We are also recruiting churches and other organizations to hold pre-marathon Run2Feed Pasta Dinners as fundraisers. To host a dinner, contact Donald O'Neil, Director of LIFE Services at 516-873-8250 or doneil@lssny.org.

Proceeds from all events will support our Healthy LIFE on Long Island and in New York City.

Lutheran Social Services of New York works with congregations and community organizations to prevent hunger and keep families healthy by helping to set up food pantries and soup kitchens where they are needed most. By partnering with organizations at the local level, we are building a safety net that helps families where they live. In the past year we have seen a 21% increase in the number of clients we serve and that is expected to continue. It is more crucial than ever to make sure the shelves remain well stocked. www.lssny.org

DO YOU HAVE ROOM IN YOUR HEART AND HOME FOR A CHILD IN NEED?

Lutheran Social Services of New York has been caring for New York City children for 123 years. Many of the children we serve are in foster care and need temporary, safe, loving homes until they can be reunited with their parents or another, permanent solution can be achieved for them.

We are looking for people who have room in their hearts and homes to provide reassurance, guidance and support for a child at such a traumatic, pivotal time.

If you are interesting in making a difference to a child in need, please call Diana Solomon-Glover at (212) 870-1138, email dsolomon-glover@lssny.org or visit www.lssny.org to find out how you can become a foster parent.

Informational Meetings on International Adoption

Lutheran Social Services of New York's New LIFE Adoption Program will be hosting a series of informational meetings for prospective adoptive parents to learn more about the adoption process.

Lutheran Social Services of New York

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Thursday, April 23 *12:00-1:00pm*

Thursday, May 21 *12:00-1:00pm*

Thursday, June 25 *12:00-1:00pm*

Feel free to bring a lunch.

Building on the tradition of caring for children, Lutheran Social Services of New York received a two-year Temporary Hague Accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA) in 2008. The Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption is an international treaty that provides guidelines for the international adoption process and protection for the children being adopted across borders. In addition, LSSNY has also established a partnership with the Ministry of Children and Families Services of Latvia. Lutheran Social Services of New York's New LIFE Adoption Program can now assist parents in adopting a child from Latvia or from around the world through partnerships with other licensed agencies.

Lutheran Social Services of New York's history is rooted in caring for children, founded in 1886 when 11 Lutheran congregations established the Bethlehem Orphan and Half-Orphan Asylum in response to an influenza epidemic that left many orphans in the German communities of New York. This legacy continues with the agency's work with foster care, preventive and after care, domestic and international adoptions.