



Making A *Difference*

Our Chaplains Make a Difference...



A chaplain is a person who brings spiritual care to patients and staff in times of crisis. They are there to help people navigate through stressful changes – including emotional and

spiritual challenges. They help build healing bridges for families within our communities, and are a source of hope in a time of need.

Our residents seek out our chaplains for guidance or reassurance of God's love. Often they provide moments of friendship and kindness when residents are missing family or loved ones. They are professionals who work in a variety of settings, and are able to meet people where they are in their journey of faith and life.

Our ministries provide a place where chaplains serve the needs of older adults, hospice patients and their families. People are moving into new surroundings, dealing with health issues, or trying to cope with loss of a loved one or one's abilities...chaplains go a long way making what may feel like a facility into a real community. They develop intentional, personal relationships to help residents

and staff feel welcome, comfortable and at ease.

As a non-profit organization, our mission is to support all people, of all cultures and backgrounds in their journeys. Our chaplains are extraordinary people that help guide others through some of life's most difficult moments. They are compassionate listeners and encouragers, and they know how to talk and work through issues that other friends or family members often find too difficult.

Lutheran Homes proudly supports the vocation of seven Chaplains across the state who serve in our continuing care and Lutheran Hospice ministry settings. We are blessed by the pastoral care they share with our organization. Donations given to the Foundation help support the programming and spiritual care initiatives a chaplain provides at all of our locations. Join us in celebrating those who serve in ministerial roles. Your gifts of support are essential to the mission at Lutheran Homes, and just like our Chaplains, you truly make a difference in service to those who are in need.

Ernest L. Beck, MAR, CFRE
President & CEO



Focus On *Our Chaplains*

What a gift we have been given!

Lutheran Homes is blessed with seven chaplains who serve in our continuing-care and Lutheran Hospice settings. We celebrate the service of our ordained pastors who help our patients and families transition through new phases of life. They guide us through questions of faith, and provide comfort and solace during difficult moments. Our Chaplains support residents, patients, families and staff members in so many unexpected and profound ways. As an essential part of caring for those in need, we are honored and blessed to share in their gifts they offer each day in service to the ministries of Lutheran Homes.



The Rev. Ashley Twitchell
RoseCrest

The Rev. Ashley R. Twitchell ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

earned her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Chaplain Ashley has served with RoseCrest since January 2022.



The Rev. Todd Oswald
Lutheran Hospice

The Rev. Todd D. Oswald ordained priest of the Episcopal Diocese, earned his Master of Divinity from Duke. Chaplain Todd

has served with Lutheran Hospice of the Lowcountry since 2021, and has nearly a decade of cumulative experience with Lutheran Homes.



The Rev. Sue Johnson
Heritage at Lowman

The Rev. Sue Johnson ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, earned her

Master of Divinity from Luther Seminary. Chaplain Sue has work experience in hospitality, finance, technology and other creative fields that led her to ordained ministry. She began her call to parish ministry in 2016 and is our newest chaplain poised to serve with the Heritage at Lowman in November 2023.



The Rev. Maria Miller-Perez
Lutheran Hospice

The Rev. Maria Miller-Perez ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, earned

her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. Chaplain Maria has served with Lutheran Hospice of the Upstate since March 2004.



The Rev. Harry S. Wright
Franke at Seaside

The Rev. Harry S. Wright ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church earned his Master

of Divinity from Southern Methodist University. Chaplain Harry has over 25 years of chaplaincy and pastoral

experience in diverse ministry settings, and has served with Franke at Seaside as chaplain since September of 2022.



The Rev. Dr. Karen Young
Lutheran Hospice

The Rev. Dr. Karen Young ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

earned her Master of Divinity from Duke and Doctor of Ministry from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Chaplain Karen has served with Lutheran Hospice of the Midlands since 2015.



The Rev. John Woods
Rice Estate

The Rev. John Woods ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, earned his Master of Divinity

from Lutheran Theological Seminary of Gettysburg. Chaplain Woods has served with Rice Estate and Lowman since 2022.

Tax-Free IRA Gifts



In 2012, Congress resurrected a popular tax-law provision known as the “IRA charitable rollover” that had expired at the end of 2011. First enacted in the early 2000’s, the IRA charitable rollover is a great opportunity for charitable taxpayers to reduce their tax liability.

Also known as a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), this rollover allows IRA owners age 70 1/2 or older to direct up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to a charity and have it count towards their required minimum distribution

(RMD). This offers older Americans the opportunity to give to the causes they care about in their communities without suffering adverse tax consequences. The regulation allows many older investors to transfer funds from an individual retirement account directly to a qualified charity so that the full amount of the distribution is transferred with zero taxable income for the individual or charity.

Individuals who own an IRA and wish to make a gift know that there is more to charitable giving than just the financial and tax advantages. Donors who make a gift know the personal satisfaction that comes from supporting our ministries and that they are making a difference for those in need of special care and assistance. You can contact your financial advisor to easily make a distribution to support the charitable interests most important to you.

Foundation Financial Report



This past Fiscal Year 2022-23, there were 1,675 donors that contributed to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation. These gifts along with income on endowments made it possible for the Foundation to provide \$2,010,623 in support to the ministries of Lutheran Homes.

This generosity from our donors helped give peace of mind to the 20 residents, hospice patients and clients that had their care subsidized with grants totaling \$501,317. They were able to receive the services needed even though they could not afford to pay the full cost of their care.

Gifts also made a difference in the quality of life for those served by Lutheran Homes as we spent \$1,219,368 to fund capital purchases, facility upgrades and essential equipment. Additionally, \$289,938 was distributed to supply our ministry sites with program enhancements, operational grants and support for life enrichment, pastoral care and special projects.

Being able to give back is a good thing for the donor. And when you give a gift to the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation, it is good for our residents, hospice patients and clients because your gifts are used to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

Welcome! Allison Macfie, Philanthropy Director

The Foundation is pleased to announce our Foundation representative for the Lowcountry, Allison Macfie. Allison’s tenure with Lutheran Homes began at Franke at Seaside in 2013. In 2023 she was named Philanthropy Director for the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation where she works with residents, families, and community members to support the organization’s mission. She received her undergraduate degree from Auburn University and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Georgia. Allison has been living in Charleston for over 20 years with the opportunity to focus on older adults, non-profits and end-of-life care ministries. When she is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her husband and two boys.



Purpose Statement

Making a Difference is an official publication of the Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation, Inc. designed to make donors and friends of Lutheran Homes aware of Foundation developments. Call Judith Whisman at **800.756.9443** or email **foundation@lhomes.org** if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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Through a simple statement in your will you can make a gift of cash, securities or property, and even designate a specific dollar amount or fixed percentage of your estate. It is also popular to leave a residuary portion of your estate after you have provided for your family or other beneficiaries.

If you would like to help support the long-term strength of our ministries but feel you cannot make a significant gift today, your solution may be to make a

charitable bequest through your will. You may stipulate that your bequest be used for a specific purpose or give our organization the flexibility to use the funds where they are most needed. If you are considering a bequest with specific restrictions, you or your legal advisor should discuss plans with our staff to ensure that we are able to fulfill your intentions. We are always available to assist.

Awarded Highest Rating for 9th Consecutive Year



Congratulations to "Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation ... for demonstrating strong financial

health and commitment to accountability and transparency... This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness." - *Charity Navigator*

Mission Statement

The mission of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina Foundation is to support the ministry of Lutheran Homes of South Carolina by enabling donors, who care about older adults and hospice patients, to achieve their philanthropic goals and by being a faithful steward of their gifts.

