

# GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

*Because Everyone Deserves A Home*



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Jesse was near the end of his rope. After two years in rehabilitation recovering from a serious illness, he had no family support, a mountain of unpaid bills, and a bug-infested house.

The person he had trusted with his finances had not paid any of his bills. His physical condition limited his ability to walk, so he lived primarily out of two rooms in the house. With a bank threatening foreclosure, he was worried sick over his financial difficulties and his indebtedness. He was feeling increasingly depressed and hopeless.

Enter the Lutheran Interfaith Network of Caring Services.

Lutheran Home at Toledo  
Lutheran Home at Napoleon  
Lutheran Village at Wolf Creek  
Lutheran Memorial Home  
at Sandusky  
LHS Community Services  
LHS Family and Youth Services  
Lutheran Housing Services  
*Bucyrus - Kettle Run*  
*Fremont - Bethany Place*  
*Gibsonburg - Luther Meadow*  
*Lima - Luther Pines*  
*New London - Windy Acres*

We call it LINCS.

A licensed LINCS social worker helped Jesse put his life back together. She went through literally hundreds of bills and documents to help him unscramble his finances. She helped get legal advice, and soon Jesse moved to a senior apartment complex where he could count on three meals a day being prepared for him.

When his apartment complex was sold, the LINCS social worker again stepped in. This time she found Jesse an assisted living apartment at Lutheran Home at Toledo. Today, LINCS continues to monitor Jesse in his new apartment.

*Norwalk - Luther Oaks*  
*Oak Harbor - Covenant Harbor*  
*Oregon - Luther Hills*  
*Toledo - Luther Crest*  
*Toledo - Luther Grove*  
*Toledo - Luther Woods*  
*Temperance, MI -*  
*Luther Haus*

Jesse is just one of the over 2,300 area children and adults served today by the various ministries of Lutheran Homes Society. It's been nearly 150 years since Pastor Johannes Doerfler first planted the seed known only as the Orphans' Home on the East Side in Toledo. Today that seed has blossomed into Lutheran Homes Society with ministries serving people in much of Northwestern Ohio and Southeastern Michigan.

Still our mission today is essentially unchanged. We still believe, as Pastor Doerfler believed, "Everyone Deserves A Home."

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