

LSS is a not-for-profit organization that traces its history back to 1858 in the St. Louis area. We are not affiliated with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in the national sense. However, we are affiliated with 103 local Lutheran churches from both bodies of the denomination who assign delegates to work with LSS and to vote on the individuals who comprise our 15 member Board of Directors.

### HISTORY OF LACLEDE GROVES

- 1920 Lutheran Mission Aid Society purchases Christy Mansion on Taft Avenue in South St. Louis for \$15,000. Lutheran Convalescent Home formally dedicated in October.
- 1967 Lutheran Charities Association (which operates Lutheran Hospital) takes over management of Lutheran Convalescent Home. The Lutheran Mission Aid Society becomes known as the Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary.
- 1972 Lutheran Convalescent Home moves to Laclede Groves, the former Mother House of the Sisters of Mercy. The property was purchased for \$1,800,000.
- 1983 East wing of Laclede Oaks Manor opens with 104 units. Full occupancy is achieved within 16 months.
- 1984 Lutheran Hospital (now called Lutheran Medical Center) sold. Lutheran Charities Association forms two organizations under its umbrella:
- Lutheran Health Care Association, which operates Laclede Groves and
  - Lutheran Charities Foundation, which uses money from the hospital sale to award grants for health and healing care primarily to St. Louis area nonprofit organizations.
- 1988 West wing of Laclede Oaks Manor opens. In 12 months these 102 additional units are fully occupied.

- 1993 Laclede Commons opens in February. Seventy five percent of the 80 apartments are pre-sold.
- Webster Child Care Center opens facility on Laclede Groves campus in January. This center with a capacity of 165 children makes daily multi-generational program experiences available for the benefit of both residents and children.
- 1994 Village of Laclede Oaks opens in the Summer. Fifty-four patio homes with various floor plans are added to the north side of the campus.
- Lutheran Convalescent Home - South Wing opens in the Fall. Included in this addition is a 24 bed Specialized Dementia Care Unit. This brings the total licensed beds at the Convalescent Home to 240.
- 1995 As part of the South Wing addition, a 16 bed Medicare unit is opened.
- In August, ten assisted living apartments are opened on the first floor of the Convalescent Home and called Commons Center. A west wing is added to Laclede Commons with 46 units and opens in October. This brings the total number of apartments to 136 with licensure for 281 residents.
- 1996 On January 1, Lutheran Health Care Association merges with Lutheran Altenheim Society to form Lutheran Senior Services (LSS).
- 1997 48 more Independent Living Apartments are built on the west side of the Laclede Groves campus.
- LSS opens their own Home Health Agency, providing a wide range of services including skilled nursing, home health, physical, occupational and speech therapy and social work. Begins Wellness Program for residents at the Manor.
- Laclede Groves celebrates its 25th anniversary with many special events. A collage covering these first 25 years is compiled and on display in Chapel Hall.
- 1998 A Recreational Center with exercise facilities is completed on the east side of the campus and opens in January.