CONGRESS: PLEASE SUPPORT OUR COLLECTIVE WORK BY TAKING NEEDED ACTION!

Lutheran Services in America and our network of Lutheran social ministry organizations in 1,400 communities across the country urge Congress to include the following key measures in upcoming relief legislation.

**KEY MEASURES NEEDED**

500+

- **$200 Million** for forgivable loans for health and human services nonprofits with over 500 employees
- **$100 Billion** for grants to nonprofit front line health and human services providers to cover unemployment insurance benefits for nonprofits who self-fund these benefits
- **100%** reimbursement for the cost of protective services for people with disabilities
- **$200 Billion** in increased funding for vulnerable children and youth

1. **Increase funding for The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA)**
   
   Title I by $500 million to ensure state and local child protection systems have the necessary technological and protective resources to prevent the interruption of vital support services to children and families during the pandemic. Title II Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CB-CAP) grants by $1 billion to quickly deploy resources directly to locally driven prevention services and programs.

2. **Increase funding to Title IV-E Chafee funds by $500 million to allow states additional funding to support elder youth in care and transitioning out of care.

Additional Support for People with Disabilities

- 10% increase in funding for home- and community-based services
- Classification of Direct Support Professionals as essential workers eligible for increased wages through the “Heroes Fund”
- Additional funding for the Public Health & Social Services Emergency Fund to ensure appropriate relief for disability providers

Lutheran Services in America is the national network of Lutheran social ministry organizations – connecting over 300 nonprofit health and human service providers located throughout the country. Recognized by The Chronicle of Philanthropy and Forbes as one of the nation’s largest nonprofits, the Lutheran Services in America network operates with more than $22 billion in annual revenue and over 250,000 member employees. Together, the network lifts up the nation’s most vulnerable people from children to seniors – making a difference in the lives of one in 50 Americans every year.

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