



Lutheran
Services
in America®

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Nomination Form

Nominate your own organization or a peer Lutheran social ministry organization for one or more of our **2026 Leadership Awards**. Winners will be announced at The Summit during our **Annual Membership Meeting on February 3, 2026**, at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club near Jacksonville, Florida.

Complete the form below and submit your nomination(s) to **Kimberly Roque**, Director of Leadership Development & Growth, at kroque@lutheranservices.org. If you would like to submit more than one organization for the awards, please complete a separate form for each nomination.

Leadership Awards:



The Innovator Award. This award recognizes a member organization that is advancing new solutions, technology or business practices to solve complex issues. This member is forward-thinking and extending beyond its own mission to strengthen the Lutheran social ministry network across the country. Their breakthrough solutions are designed to empower all people in America to lead their best lives.



The Micah Award. This award recognizes a member organization that is leading the way in its work in addressing justice, mercy and equity. This member's leadership in race equity, inclusion and diversity is truly inspirational and best exemplifies the spirit of Micah 6:8, "Act justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."



The Paragon Award – The Ken Daly Award for Excellence in Mentorship.

In honor of the late Lutheran Services in America board member Ken Daly, this award recognizes a leader with an exceptional gift for spotting potential in people and organizations. This leader serves as a tireless ambassador and mentor, generously providing guidance, coaching and experience, and lifting up the next group of leaders.

The Servant Leadership Award. This award honors exceptional senior leaders — executives, vice presidents, and other C-suite professionals — who exemplify the spirit of Christ-centered leadership through humility, compassion, and faith in action. They put people first, nurture the gifts of others, and steward their organizations in ways that reflect God's grace and purpose in the world.

The Caring Communities Innovator Award. This award honors an emerging leader who demonstrates bold innovation in service delivery. These leaders reimagine how ministries can meet the evolving needs of their communities with creativity, compassion, and impact, reflecting God's grace in action through their work. Recipients of this award exemplify the faithful stewardship of their gifts and inspire transformation that reflects God's grace in action.

Select the award for which you are nominating:

- ☐ The Innovator Award
- ☐ The Micah Award
- ☐ The Paragon Award
- ☐ The Servant Leadership Award
- ☐ The Caring Communities Innovation Award

Name of the Lutheran social ministry organization or person you want to nominate:

Please describe how your nominee exemplifies the spirit of this award:

Your Contact Information:

Name:

Email:

Organization Name: