

# HISTORY

## Lutheran Senior Services



- 1858**  
**Lutheran Charities Association** (LCA) founded **Lutheran Hospital** as the German Lutheran Hospital and Asylum of St. Louis, MO.
- 1906**  
**Lutheran Althenheim Society** (LAS) opened a boarding home for the elderly in South St. Louis.
- 1920**  
The Lutheran Convalescent Home Auxiliary dedicated the **Lutheran Convalescent Home** on Taft Avenue in South St. Louis.
- 1929**  
A new **Lutheran Althenheim** building was constructed on Halls Ferry Road in North St. Louis City.
- 1965**  
Completing a three-phase construction project, the **Lutheran Althenheim** added a 208-bed nursing home to its community.
- 1967**  
**The Lutheran Charities Association** took over management of the Lutheran Convalescent Home.
- 1970s**  
The Lutheran Althenheim Society started several ventures that still continue today, including the United Way-funded **Good Neighbor Program**, which covers St. Louis County. LAS also entered the **Affordable Housing** market with the purchase of **Lutheran Apartments for the Elderly** in South St. Louis, and the management of the **Badenhaus / Badenfest** Apartments in North St. Louis City for the St. Louis Housing Authority.
- 1972**  
The **Lutheran Convalescent Home** moved to its current location on Laclede Station Road in Webster Groves. Over the years, it has grown into **Laclede Groves**, a full continuing care retirement community.
- 1984**  
The first phase of **Laclede Oaks Manor**, Laclede Groves' independent living apartment building, was dedicated.
- 1984**  
The **Lutheran Althenheim** completed the third phase of a 208-bed nursing home addition.
- 1984**  
The Lutheran Charities Association sold **Lutheran Hospital**, then known as Lutheran Medical Center and today known as Southpointe Hospital.
- 1985**  
LCA formed two organizations under its umbrella: **Lutheran Health Care Association** (LHCA), which operated **Laclede Groves**, and **Lutheran Charities Foundation** (LCF), which was organized to award grants for health and healing care using funds from the sale of Lutheran Hospital.
- Late 1985**  
The Lutheran Althenheim Society opened the first phase of **Hidden Lake**, a senior living community in North St. Louis County.
- 1986-1989**  
**Lutheran Convalescent Home** underwent a significant renovation. An additional 104 apartments were added to Laclede Oaks Manor.
- 1992**  
The Lutheran Althenheim Society purchased 25 acres in St. Charles County on which to build another community — **Breeze Park**.
- 1993**  
**Laclede Commons'** assisted living apartments opened at Laclede Groves, completing its continuum of care. That same year, the **Webster Child Care Center** also opened on the Laclede Groves campus.
- 1994**  
Laclede Groves welcomed residents to the Village of Laclede Oaks' patio homes and to a new south wing of Lutheran Convalescent Home.
- 1995**  
The second phase of **Laclede Commons** was completed.
- September 1995**  
The Lutheran Althenheim Society opened **Halls Ferry Manor**, its first HUD Section 202 facility.

**January 1, 1996**

The Lutheran Altenheim Society and the Lutheran Health Care Association merged to form **Lutheran Senior Services** (LSS). The Lutheran Charities Foundation (now Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis) became a fully independent organization. Lutheran Care Center, the 1929 Lutheran Altenheim building, and the cottages surrounding that property were sold.

**1996**

LSS opened **Breeze Park**, a senior living community located in St. Charles. From the outset, Breeze Park offered both independent and licensed assisted living units.

LSS introduced its Christian Mission Statement of "Older Adults Living Life to the Fullest".

**1997**

In order to reach seniors in their own homes, LSS opened its own home health care program. Along with their United Way programs (Outreach Social Services, Volunteer Money Management, and the Good Neighbor Program), **LSS Home Health** became the foundation for **LSS In-Home Services**, which now also offers **Private Duty, Hospice Care, and Home For Life Solutions™**.

**1997**

Construction of the **Village of Laclede Oaks** was completed.

**Spring 1997**

LSS opened **Rose Hill House**, its Kirkwood HUD Section 202 facility.

**1998**

LSS purchased a 51-acre site from AmerenUE overlooking the Meramec River Valley in unincorporated West St. Louis county. This would later become the site for the **Meramec Bluffs** senior living community.

**1998**

The **Recreation Center** opened on the Laclede Groves campus.

**1998**

**Breeze Park** completed Phase II of its initial construction, adding additional independent and licensed assisted living units.

**1999**

LSS was selected to manage two affordable housing complexes, **Euclid Plaza** and **James House** (both located in North St. Louis City) for the St. Louis Housing Authority. Since then, management for these two locations has been assumed by other agencies.

**1999**

LSS received a \$4.5 million HUD grant to build **Dunn Road Manor**, a HUD Section 202 apartment complex in unincorporated North St. Louis County.

**February 2000**

**Breeze Park** completed Phase III, which included a 20-bed skilled nursing facility.

**Summer 2000**

LSS began construction of **Hidden Lake's** skilled nursing care center. This facility completed the continuum of care on the Hidden Lake campus when it opened its doors in December 2001.

**February 2001**

LSS bought **Richmond Terrace**, a free-standing, 82-unit, licensed assisted living facility located in Richmond Heights. Richmond Terrace offers both private pay and affordable rate units.

**June 2001**

LSS purchased **Meridian Village**, located in Glen Carbon, IL, from Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois. Plans were set into motion to expand the independent living community into a full continuing care retirement community.

**June 2001**

**Provident Group**, a St. Louis-based organization specializing in developing and managing senior living communities, became a for-profit subsidiary of LSS.

**Fall 2001**

LSS was awarded a grant from HUD to build **Westfield Manor**, a 62-unit Affordable Housing complex in Belleville, IL.

**Early 2002**

LSS became formally affiliated with Heisinger Lutheran Retirement Home (**Heisinger Home**), its first community in Central Missouri. Plans to expand this campus into a continuing care retirement community began with the acquisition of a 5.2 acre adjoining site on the banks of the Missouri River.

**January 2002**

LSS began management of **Concordia Village** in Springfield, IL. Concordia Village is a 33-unit senior living facility. Plans to bring Concordia Village into the LSS family came to fruition during 2003.

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**January 2002**

LSS sold **Lutheran Apartments for the Elderly**.

**February 2002**

The doors opened for **Dunn Road Manor**, an LSS Affordable Housing community located in North St. Louis County.

**June 2002**

**Meramec Bluffs**, the first senior living community to be planned and built entirely by LSS, opened its doors to its first residents. Meramec Bluffs included 177 independent living apartments, 19 patio homes, 58 licensed assisted living apartments and 20 skilled nursing beds.

**August 2002**

Construction began on the 65-bed skilled nursing facility and chapel at **Breeze Park**.

**October 2002**

LSS was awarded another HUD grant for \$6 million for the construction and operation of another Affordable Housing community — **Hilltop Manor** in Eureka, MO.

**Spring 2003**

Construction began on the expansion areas of **Meridian Village**. By December 2004, Meridian Village was able to open 63 independent living apartments and 72 assisted living units.

**Spring 2003**

With the completion of its new memory care unit and additional independent and assisted living apartments, Heisinger Home was rechristened **Heisinger Bluffs**.

**December 2003**

The doors opened at **Westfield Manor**, an Affordable Housing community located in Belleville, Illinois.

**January 2005**

At the invitation of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, LSS began operating **St. Joseph's Home**, an 88-bed intermediate care facility adjacent to Heisinger Bluffs. LSS went on to purchase the home later that year.

**Early 2005**

The Lenoir Senior Living Community in Columbia, MO, originally developed by the National Benevolent Association, became **Lenoir Woods** as it entered the LSS fold in April. Purchased out of bankruptcy, the CCRC consisted of 60 independent living apartments, 130 senior living homes, 55 assisted living apartments, 104 skilled nursing beds, and 17 Alzheimer's beds.

**February 2005**

LSS began management of three affordable housing locations formerly owned by NBA — **Centennial Plaza Apartments, Hylton Point I Apartments, and Hylton Point II Apartments**.

**May 2005**

Expanding their presence in Illinois, LSS began its association with **Lutheran Hillside Village** in Peoria. LHV features 126 independent living apartments, 49 houses, 64 assisted living apartments, and 85 skilled nursing beds.

**December 2005**

**Meridian Village** opened its original skilled nursing area. With the completion of its new care center in 2010, the original area was converted into a unit for short stay rehabilitation.

**2007**

Lutheran Hillside Village formalized its affiliation with LSS.

**2008**

LSS unveiled **LSS Hospice Care**, a faith-based service offering compassionate end-of-life care in the St. Louis area.

**2008**

Meramec Bluffs celebrated the completion of its original master plan with the opening of a new wing of independent living apartments.

**2009**

LSS began a \$6.5 million renovation project at **St. Joseph's Home**. In addition to building a short-term rehabilitation area, the expansion would create a series of self-contained 'household'-style neighborhoods, the first of their kind in Central Missouri. Upon completion in 2010, the community was renamed **St. Joseph's Bluffs**.

**2009**

**Meridian Village** opened LSS' first person-centered household, a memory care assisted living wing dubbed Hummingbird Lane. That same year, LSS broke ground on its new skilled nursing care center, which would add three more households to the community upon its completion in 2010.

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**2009**

LSS In-Home Services added three new services. **Senior LIFEsteps™** provides in-home needs assessments for seniors. **Living Safe Technologies** (originally Home For Life Solutions™) offers a personal urgent response system. **LSS At Work** was introduced offering a corporate elder care resource program designed to help busy professionals balance work life with caring for an aging loved one.

**April 2009**

LSS dedicated its new **Home Office** in the Hanley Industrial Court in Brentwood, Missouri.

**August 2009**

**Concordia Village** in Springfield, Illinois, opened the doors to the first phase of its expansion into a full continuing care retirement community, bringing assisted living, patio homes, and additional independent living apartments to the site. A household-based skilled nursing care center was added in 2011.

**2010**

LSS unveiled its **REACH** program, which combines short stay rehabilitation, a comprehensive wellness and therapy program, and home health services to create a complete path to recovery for residents and clients following a hospitalization.

**October 2010**

Work began on **The Village at Mackenzie Place**, LSS' first mixed income community. Opened to the public in late 2011, this renovated Affton High School building offers market rate apartments as well as rent-controlled and rent-subsidized HUD 202 housing.

**2011**

The **LSS Living Foundation** was organized to help promote the expansion of LSS Benevolent Care and, on a broader scale, to help seniors make the most of everything with which they have been blessed.

**April 2011**

The St. Louis Business Journal named **Lutheran Senior Services** one of the best places to work in the region for the second time in three years.

**2012**

Work began at **Laclede Groves** on a new \$50 million repositioning project. Designed to bring LSS' first senior living community more in line with the tastes of tomorrow's seniors, the expansion will bring additional independent living apartments, person-centered households for skilled nursing and REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation, and a wide range of new amenities through a new Town Center housed in the historic Lutheran Convalescent Home building.

**September 2012**

**Lenoir Woods** dedicated its new assisted living apartments, LSS' first such building constructed in a household model. Dubbed Bradford Manor, the 40-apartment addition constituted the first phase of a \$50 million reposition project for Lenoir Woods.

**January 2012**

The first phase of **The Village at Mackenzie Place** was opened featuring 34 LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credits) apartments and 30 HTC (Historic Tax Credits) market-rate apartments.

**July 2012**

The second phase of **The Village at Mackenzie Place** was opened featuring 36 HUD PRAC Affordable Housing apartments.

**July 2013**

The third and final phase of **The Village at Mackenzie Place** was opened featuring 31 HUD PRAC Affordable Housing apartments. This brought the total mixed-income apartments featured at Mackenzie Place to 121.

**November 2013**

Dedication was held for the \$50 million **Laclede Groves** repositioning project that featured 80 new independent living apartments with underground parking, a renovated Town Center, and person-centered households for REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation.

**2014** - Lutheran Senior Services purchased property in Lake St. Louis to meet a growing need. Lake Pointe Senior Living Community will be a future LSS location built entirely from the ground up.

**May 2014**

New households for REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation were opened at **Meramec Bluffs** expanding its ability to serve 40 additional residents. The same project also featured renovations to the Town Center and its library, market, and game room.

**August 2014**

**Lenoir Woods** dedicated Slater Place with its two households for 20 residents each serving older adults with Alzheimer's disease and other related memory impairments. The first residents moved in on September 2, 2014.

**January 2015**

**Breeze Park** held a grand opening for its newly constructed care center expansion featuring a 20-bed household for REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation.

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**July 2015**

Ground breaking occurred at **Lutheran Hillside Village** for new Assisted Living and REACH Short Stay as well as campus wide renovations.

**August 2015**

LSS purchased Mercy Skilled Care Center. Renamed **REACH West County**, LSS positions itself within the post-acute care market.

**November 2015**

LSS partnered with **Masterpiece Living**, a leader in offering research-based programs and initiatives for healthy living.

**February 2016**

The Cedars of Town & Country is purchased and renamed **Mason Pointe**. REACH West County merges with Mason Pointe, offering REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation and Long Term Care.

**June 2016**

Ground breaking occurred at **Lenoir Woods** for 79 new Independent Living apartments.

**September 2016**

LSS received the **Signature Healthcare Foundation's Senator Paul Simon Award** for quality care and cost efficiency in REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation.

**September 2016**

**Lutheran Hillside Village** celebrated the grand opening of its new REACH Short Stay Rehabilitation building featuring 24 private rooms and a state-of-the-art therapy gym. Twenty-four additional Assisted Living Apartments are also unveiled.

**October 2016**

**Dunn Road Manor** expanded its Affordable Housing community with a groundbreaking for 36 additional apartments to serve low-income seniors.

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