



# **LIFE Lutheran Services, Inc.**

## **A Ministry of Lutheran Social Services**

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### **LIFE Lutheran Services Participants Enhance Skills Through Tactile Stimulation**

LIFE Lutheran Services, with the generous support of the Auxiliary to Lutheran Social Services, Chambersburg Chapter, has completed construction of a tactile wall for its participants. This creative new experience offers a variety of functional and interactive therapeutic activities displayed on the wall. The wall hosts an array of sensory stimuli that includes olfactory, tactile, fine motor, motion and sound experiences. Included as part of the individual's plan of care, time spent working the wall arouses the often ignored loss of touch sensation, improves fine motor coordination and also provides valuable stimulation for those with a visual impairment.

LIFE (Living Independence for the Elderly) Lutheran Services, a ministry of Lutheran Social Services, is a creative program that serves seniors with chronic care needs, providing access to the full continuum of preventative, primary, acute and long-term care services. LIFE includes many elements of the traditional health care system, coordinated by an interdisciplinary team, provided in the LIFE Center, at 840 Fifth Avenue, Chambersburg, and supplemented through referral services according to participants' needs. This model of all-inclusive care has been shown to improve participants' health status because they are so closely monitored.

LIFE Lutheran Services serves seniors in Franklin County who are age 55 or older, need a nursing home level of care, reside in the LIFE service area, want to stay in the community and can do so without jeopardy to health and safety, and agree to have all

services coordinated and approved through the LIFE interdisciplinary team. The staff includes trained health care providers and other supportive service personnel.

Established in 1951, Lutheran Social Services of South Central Pennsylvania provides residential and assisted living, nursing and rehabilitation services in six continuing care retirement communities, community health services, and a range of community outreach services. LSS, working in partnership with local organizations, congregations, volunteers, donors, education providers and the business community, provides services in York, Adams, Franklin and Fulton counties in Pennsylvania, as well as Shippensburg and State College, PA and Carroll, Washington and Frederick counties in northern Maryland. For more information about LIFE Lutheran Services, please call 717-264-5433.

