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LSI Receives \$25,000 Donation from Iowa Total Care to Address Food Insecurity

Des Moines, Iowa — Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI) Refugee and Immigrant Services was recently donated \$25,000 from Iowa Total Care. The funds and partnership will focus on addressing food insecurities in Iowa through LSI existing programs, including healthy eating education, food box support for refugee elders, community garden support, the Global Greens Farmers Market, and the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

“Iowa Total Care is honored to partner and provide financial support for LSI’s Global Greens community garden and additional LSI statewide programs that address food insecurity and promote healthy eating,” said Mitch Wasden, Plan President & CEO, Iowa Total Care. “LSI’s outreach aligns with Iowa Total Care’s Be Well. Eat Well initiative, which promotes healthy living through healthy eating for Iowans.”

For 70 years, LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services have created resources to empower former refugees and immigrants to pursue a quality of life they deserve in Iowa. LSI has served more than 1,500 refugees and immigrants from around the world and worked to make Iowa a place of welcome. We are proud to partner with organizations like Iowa Total Care, who share our vision of welcoming enough to invest financially and offer volunteer resources to continue our support of refugee and immigrant communities.

“The generous gift from Iowa Total Care will support LSI’s efforts to welcome and empower new Iowans through our Refugee and Immigrant Services,” said Nick Wuertz, Director of LSI Refugee and Immigrant Services. “Their support recognizes the strengths and skills of new Iowans in growing food that addresses community food insecurity through LSI’s Global Greens farms, market, and food boxes. We are grateful to have them as a partner in building a welcoming community for those new to the U.S. and Iowa.”

LSI is one of Iowa’s largest human services agencies and impacts tens of thousands of Iowans annually through child abuse prevention, services for families and youth in crisis, services for people with disabilities, and refugee services. LSI is nationally accredited and proudly serves people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. To learn more, visit LSIowa.org. Join us on Facebook at Facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

About Iowa Total Care

Iowa Total Care is a managed care plan that provides health insurance in Iowa. Established in 2019, Iowa Total Care exists to improve the health of its members through focused, compassionate and coordinated care. Iowa Total Care is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a diversified, multi-national healthcare enterprise. For more information, visit www.iowatotalcare.com. For more information about Iowa Total Care’s Be Well. Eat Well initiative, visit iowatotalcare.com/bewelleatwell.