

WHAT IS BETHESDA?

Founded in 1904 in Watertown, Wis., Bethesda Lutheran Communities has always strived to fulfill our ongoing MISSION:

To enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ.



Because of you:

A place for people to learn and grow

Bethesda serves the needs of almost 2,000 people with developmental disabilities in 13 states each day, to help them turn their goals into reality. We change lives and connect people to both their church and their community through our:

- Community-based (group) homes
- Day programs and respite care
- Supported Living Services
- Vocational training, workshops & employment programs

We empower people to make their own choices about the things that matter to them by providing physical, emotional, vocational and spiritual supports.

To help us continue our ministry, you can donate at:
<https://bethesdalutherancommunities-3427.wedid.it/>

If you have questions, or if you want to receive our Messenger publication, printed materials or other downloadable resources, please contact us by:

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- Mail: 600 Hoffmann Drive, Watertown, WI 53094
- Email: reuben.schmitz@mailblc.org
- Website: BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org

With your help:

A place for people to praise the Lord

For over a century, Bethesda has always included a special focus on the spiritual needs of people we serve, connecting them to their Lord and Savior.

Today, our ministry consultants continue to carry out this mission by:

- Helping to connect the people we serve to local, welcoming congregations
- Creating devotional and religious instruction materials for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities
- Helping congregations start programs of spiritual nurture and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities

Counting on you:

A place to get involved

Go to www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org to learn how you can:

- ✓ Donate to support Bethesda's ministry
- ✓ Request disability awareness and inclusion materials
- ✓ Have a Bethesda Sunday or host a Bethesda project at your school or church group
- ✓ Use Bethesda's religious life materials
- ✓ Join the Auxiliary
- ✓ Visit or volunteer at one of our 19 thrift shops
- ✓ Become an advocate for people with disabilities

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