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Women's Network of LSSI Hosts 26th Annual Forget-Me-Not Brunch and Fashion Show to Benefit Head Start Literacy Program

The Women's Network of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host its 26th Annual Forget-Me-Not Brunch and Fashion Show, on Saturday, May 1, at The Meadows Club, located at 2950 W. Golf Road in Rolling Meadows. The Women's Network is a group of volunteers that promotes and supports LSSI programs.

For the sixth year, proceeds from the fashion show will benefit Bonding with Books, a literacy program at LSSI's five Chicago Head Start sites in Humboldt Park, North Austin, Rogers Park, Uptown and West Englewood. From October to May, the program provides one book a month free for approximately 285 preschool children, and during that month, classroom activities and field trips relate to the theme of the book, such as a trip to a fire station when the book is about fire fighters. The program encourages families to read together, and the books build a foundation for a home library.

Marlynn Anderson (Northbrook), chair of this year's event, says she's involved "because there's a great need, and this is one way to help. I enjoy [this event], because I was a teacher, and building literacy in early childhood is dear to my heart."

The fashion show will feature clothing from local designers, department stores and specialty shops. Attendees at the event will also have an opportunity to shop at special gift boutiques that feature designer and handcrafted accessories and jewelry. There will also be a raffle for three exciting prizes, including a \$500 cash prize. Proceeds from the boutiques and raffle will also benefit Bonding with Books.

Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show cost \$75 for adults and \$40 for children aged 6 to 12, and are available by advance reservation only. To order tickets, or to obtain more information about the Women's Network, contact Ed Newton at 847/635-4656 or at Edward.Newton@LSSI.org.

Founded in October 1867, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois is a statewide, not-for-profit social service agency of the three Illinois synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. For more information about the agency, visit www.LSSI.org and LSSI's Facebook page.

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