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Lutheran Social Services of Illinois to Host Elisabeth von Trapp Concert

On Saturday, October 14, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) will host a concert featuring Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*. She will be performing at St. John's Lutheran Church Parish Life Center, located at 2477 West Washington Street in Springfield, at 7 p.m.

Elisabeth von Trapp's earliest memories are the sounds of music. Born and raised in Vermont, she has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned *Trapp Family Singers*. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has performed all over the world, enchanting audiences in a variety of venues from European cathedrals to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Building on her family's legacy, Elisabeth has created her own musical style, at once ethereal and earthy, delicate and powerful. Listeners have likened her to Judy Collins and Loreena McKennitt. Critics have called her voice "hauntingly clear," "joyfully expressive" and "simply beautiful."

Proceeds from the event will benefit LSSI's Storybook Project, a statewide program that enables children to remain connected to their incarcerated parents. Volunteers bring children's books, tapes and tape recorders into the prison or jail, and assist inmates with recording stories to send to their children. The event will also benefit Washington Place, a group home in Beardstown for adults with Prader-Willi Syndrome, which is a complex genetic disorder that causes a chronic feeling of hunger. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased by calling Alexa Schwartz at 309/671-0101, ext. 411.

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 with approximately 89 program locations.

For more information about the Elisabeth von Trapp Concert, call Alexa Schwartz at 309/671-0101, or visit www.LSSI.org.

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