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ST. JOHN'S  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



Anticipation grows for summer opening of the WyndStone senior living project located in the Billings Heights and constructed around the Little White Church. WyndStone is a joint venture between St. John's and St. Vincent Healthcare. This project will provide 83 apartments for independent and assisted living. At the beginning of 2016, 63% of independent living apartments have been reserved and selected by Charter Members. If interested in becoming a Charter Member, contact our WyndStone Retirement Counselor at 406-655-7700

## FOUNDING AND MISSION

As a social ministry of 23 Lutheran congregations for over 52 years, St. John's Lutheran Ministries has remained a community of diverse people sharing God's healing presence. Our mission is to provide living opportunities within nurturing environments of hope, dignity, and love.



2015 marked the first full, successful year of Senior Independence of Montana providing skilled home health care to a total of 245 people. Preparation is well underway for licensed Hospice care to be launched in 2016. Senior Independence is a joint venture between St. John's, the Billings Clinic and Big Sky Senior Services.

## PEOPLE SERVED

In 2015, St. John's Lutheran Ministries provided housing for over 1,250 senior adults; daily care for 151 children within the on-campus Center for Generations; internships, classes and learning opportunities to 374 students; plus rehabilitation and pharmacy support to over 150 residents within rural communities.

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## PHILANTHROPY

Generous donors make it possible for St. John's to provide compassionate care to people in need. To ensure the future of St. John's and Lutheran Social Services of Montana, please consider these ministries within your planned giving.

For questions or assistance you may call the Foundation Office at

**406-655-5332**

You may also go on-line at

[www.sjlm.org](http://www.sjlm.org) or

[www.lssmt.org](http://www.lssmt.org) to send your gift of hope, dignity and love.

**THANK YOU!**

Since 2002, Lutheran Social Services has operated under the auspices of St. John's and been united in the same mission. In 2015, staff across Montana assisted 63 individuals dealing with an unplanned pregnancy and facilitated 9 domestic adoption placements. Although the number of parents who choose adoption for their babies is declining nationwide, the number of couples hoping to adopt remains stable, including 8 LSS families ready and waiting to receive a child. In 2015, search and reunion requests were fielded from 27 LSS birthparents and adoptees, and 3 reunions were orchestrated. For the 10th consecutive year, LSS was awarded a Dave Thomas Foundation Grant to help match foster children with forever families. Our Wendy's Wonderful Kids recruiter worked with 34 children and 85 families, which resulted in 7 foster children finding permanent homes. Therapeutic counseling services were provided by LSS to 81 clients in 2015, including services provided to Lutheran pastors across the State.