



***Generous Donation Makes Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village Possible for St. Luke's LifeWorks Youth***

STAMFORD, CT (October 3, 2011) – As a result of an incredibly generous donation from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, St. Luke's LifeWorks will be taking a group of 15 children and 5 adults on a field trip to Old Sturbridge Village on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The donation will cover the cost to charter a bus to travel to and from Old Sturbridge Village, located in Sturbridge, MA, and the cost of admission for the entire group.

The trip to Old Sturbridge Village, whose purpose is to “provide modern Americans with a deepened understanding of their own times through a personal encounter with New England's past,” (<http://www.osv.org/museum/index.html>) is a great educational opportunity for the children and youth in our Family Housing Program. “This is a wonderful opportunity for the children. Sturbridge brings history to life- some of our children have a difficult time with concepts and historical events- being able to touch, see, taste, and feel a part of history will do a world of wonder for the children. This trip will remain with our children for many years to come! Most of our children have never been outside the state of CT” says Mirlande Pressat, SLLW's Youth Services Manager.

St. Luke's LifeWorks would like to thank the generous support we receive from donors who make experiences, such as the upcoming trip to Old Sturbridge Village, possible for children and families who are struggling to overcome homelessness.

**About St. Luke's LifeWorks**

*St. Luke's LifeWorks is one of the largest providers of services to the homeless in the state of Connecticut and the largest in lower Fairfield County. It provides emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to approximately 240 people each night. Additionally, it provides education & employment services, youth services and access to a vast array of other services such as medical and dental care, in-patient substance abuse treatment, psychiatric care etc. through a network of formal, strategic partnerships.*

<http://stlukeslifeworks.org/>

**About Old Sturbridge Village**

*“Old Sturbridge Village is a “must-see” destination to experience early New England life from 1790-1840. One of the country's largest living history museums, OSV has historians in costume, antique buildings, water-powered mills and a working farm. Visitors can ride the stagecoach, view antiques, tour heirloom gardens, meet heritage breed animals, and enjoy hands-on crafts.”*

<http://www.osv.org/>