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-MEDIA ALERT-

LFCS President/CEO Rev. Alan Erdman Announces Retirement

St. Louis, Missouri – Lutheran Family and Children’s Services of Missouri announces the retirement of President/CEO Rev. Alan Erdman, effective July 1, 2016.

Rev. Erdman has directed significant contributions and outstanding service throughout his notable 24-year career at LFCS. He led the organization through unprecedented challenges, navigating the financial recession, reacting to funding challenges, and successfully expanding vital services. His passion for the team and relentless focus on serving children and families in need have made LFCS a leading service provider throughout the state of Missouri.

“For me, this has been an incredible career,” said Rev. Erdman. “I will hold the agency in my heart always. I take great pride in the growth of the agency during my tenure and am grateful to have had the privilege of working with many fine professionals. As we move ahead, please know that the LFCS staff is and will continue to be deeply committed to the mission of the agency - to helping people as Jesus did and to growing hope for those who need it most!”

Chairman of the Board, Mark Bossi said, “Alan's decision to retire was made with thoughtful consideration and we are grateful to him for his many years spent dedicated to the mission of LFCS. We are sad to see him go, but support his choice to focus on God's plan for his future. Alan can walk away knowing that he made a difference and led great change for the agency.”

The Board of Directors plans to immediately begin an active search for Rev. Erdman’s replacement. In the meantime, the agency will continue to provide high quality of service under the existing leadership team. Paulette Foerster, current Vice President of Program Services, will serve as interim Executive Director of the agency. The Board is confident in the future of LFCS, continuing upon the 148 years of service that it has provided to the many thousands of lives that have been touched.

ABOUT LFCS:

St. Louis is the headquarters of five regional Lutheran Family and Children's Services (LFCS) offices and numerous satellite counseling sites state-wide. LFCS serves Missouri families, children and individuals from all walks of life in their greatest times of need. Services are open to anyone regardless of race, faith, national origin, gender, or age. As a nonprofit social services organization, its goal is to open doors for people who are challenged by poverty, unexpected pregnancy, violence, divorce, unemployment, illness, homelessness, loneliness and more. LFCS provides four key areas of support to tackle these challenges—Child Welfare, Mental Health Services, Child and Teen Development, and Disaster Services. The programs offered through each of these areas empower individuals and families and seek to develop healthy, supportive foundations for a lifetime. The staff delivers professionalism and personal care in equal measure to every situation and each client who visits one of the five offices around the state of Missouri. Everything that LFCS does integrates with the community to enrich and heal the lives of people with the expectation that troubled individuals find hope and realize that tomorrow can be different than today.

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