



News Release:

Vision Loss: Finding Powerful Tools for Independence.

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday June 20, 2008

Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center

Kimberly Wisconsin

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Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc.

KIMBERLY –The Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired and Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. are hosting ***Vision Loss: Finding Powerful Tools for Independence*** on Friday June 20, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. This seminar will be held at Liberty Hall Banquet and Conference Center, located at 800 Eisenhower Drive, Kimberly Wisconsin.

Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. with registration and a continental breakfast. There will be displays representing other organizations and businesses that work with blind and visually impaired individuals throughout Wisconsin, plus items for sale from the WCBVI's Sharper Vision Store. Plenty of free parking is available in the Hall's parking lot, including ample handicapped designated spaces.

Discussion topics during the day include the growing crisis in health care, the role of genetics and genealogy in vision loss, and 10 practical ways to thrive with low vision. Many of the presentations will be given by Council members. Representatives of both organizations will be available to answer questions.

You are invited to enjoy the day with us, including a wonderful luncheon. Registration is required and the \$10 fee helps defray the costs associated with the meeting and luncheon. Please call Connie Pagel in the Council's Madison office at 800-783-5213 to register by June 13.

The Wisconsin Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired is a private, not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to promote the dignity and independence of people in Wisconsin who are blind and visually impaired by providing services, advocating legislation and educating the general public. It is funded by an annual drive, private grants, gifts and bequests. The Council was founded in 1952 and offers many community awareness and education events around the state.

Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Inc. is the largest non-profit agency of its kind in the two-state area and is able to touch the lives of over 100,000 people each year, through a variety of compassionate social services. Along with its North East Regional office located in Appleton, LSS has regional offices in Eau Claire and Waukesha, an agency-wide office in Milwaukee, and over 250 service sites in 90 communities throughout Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.