



## LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NEW YORK

### PRESIDENT'S AWARDS DINNER 2010

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#### **PRESIDENT'S AWARDS TO BE CONFERRED** **Former President of Latvia Among Honorees To Be Recognized**

Her Excellency **Vaira Vike-Friberg**, former president of Latvia, will deliver the keynote address on March 4, 2010 at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual President's Awards Dinner hosted by Lutheran Social Services of New York. She and other distinguished honorees will be recognized for their outstanding efforts to strengthen individuals, families, and communities, locally, nationally, and internationally. Terrace on the Park, Queens will again provide a fitting venue to affirm the personal and professional achievements of each and the support they provide. Attendees will enjoy fine dining and entertainment in addition to meeting the honored guests at this premier event spotlighting and advancing the life-changing work of this agency as well as other faith-based and non-profit organizations.

The theme of this year's dinner, *Your Gift is LIFE*, was chosen to reflect the many **LIFE** (Lutheran Initiatives for Enrichment) services provided by Lutheran Social Services of New York and the vital role each individual and supporting organization plays in growing this ministry that touches, on average, 25,000 lives annually. The other prestigious award recipients include; **The Reverend Mark Hanson, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Emma Graeber Porter, philanthropist and owner of Graeber Consulting, Randi Dresner, President and CEO of Island Harvest, Bruce Nicholson, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The on-going partnership and support of Bethlehem Fund and its Board will also be recognized.**

Established in 1886, Lutheran Social Services of New York has a long tradition of providing high-quality services for children, families, and individuals, especially those who are most vulnerable and in need of assistance. Additionally, the resources of the agency's **LIFE** services are utilized by churches and other agencies to promote volunteerism, leadership development, and community partnerships.

The President & CEO of Lutheran Social Services of New York, Ronald S. Drews provides the comprehensive oversight for the development of the agency's mission and its operations. On behalf the agency, he is reciprocally honored to bestow recognition on its ministry partners as a visible sign of appreciation and shared vision.

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