

Gift Reply

Yes! I want to make a difference by sharing God's love with His children in need. I have enclosed a gift in the amount of:

- \$25 \$50 \$15
 \$100 \$_____

My check is enclosed, payable to **LEFSA**.

Please charge my gift of \$_____ to my:



Acct. no. _____

Exp. date ____ / ____

Signature _____

Name _____
(please print)

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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Your gift is tax deductible to the extent of the law. Thank you for your generosity!

LEFSA is a sponsored work of the Sisters of Charity of New York.



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The mission of Life Experience and Faith Sharing Associates is to extend the reign of God by:

1. realizing and responding to our call to live as sisters and brothers as responsible members of a global community;
2. making a discernable commitment to work for liberation with people who are oppressed;
3. standing in solidarity with people striving to create a more just society.

Together with homeless persons, our team members try to look deeper into the causes of homelessness and study how transformation can take place on personal, communal, and societal levels.

What LEFSA Means to Our Community Members

- friendship
- family
- faith
- God
- spirituality
- community
- motivation
- empowerment
- love
- peace
- encouragement
- belonging

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“Whenever I was going through anything, I kept coming back and each time there was food for my soul. My spirit would be lifted, and I would be able to continue through that situation.”

—Lucy

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Welcome

Life Experience and Faith Sharing Associates (LEFSA) is a nonprofit, interdenominational empowerment organization that serves people who are homeless living in city-sponsored shelters and on the streets of New York City.

LEFSA is a ministry made up of people who have been there—many of our team members were formerly homeless and have now devoted their lives to helping others.

LEFSA is a community.

About LEFSA

LEFSA was founded in 1986 by Sr. Dorothy Gallant, SC, and Sr. Teresa Skehan, RSM, in order to create faith communities with people who are homeless. LEFSA fills a critical void for those in the city shelter system and on the street who are offered a cot and perhaps a meal without the spiritual support necessary for climbing out of severe poverty.

The specific purpose of LEFSA is to provide a forum for people who are homeless to:

- meet with one another in order to focus together on their lived experience and its particular problems
- seek directions and solutions
- help one another to believe in themselves
- work at developing ways to move out from under systems that under-develop and oppress them

All of this is done in the light and empowerment that comes from one another and from God's Word.

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LEFSA Gatherings

At the heart of our program are faith-based community gatherings within city-sponsored shelters, as well as our weekly street ministry. The gatherings are interdenominational, voluntary in nature, and based on an empowerment model. Participants help to plan and assist in facilitating the gatherings.

The Base Christian Community model of our gatherings adapts and applies Scripture to the social problems of our time. This brings the reality of people's lives and the Word of God together and looks at what actions we can take as a faith community so that Christian values can be realized in our society.

LEFSA's Programs:

- regular faith-based community gatherings centered around a life topic
- resources and referrals
- housing advocacy
- voter registration
- youth mentorship
- Creativity Group
- monthly Men's Spiritual Development and Women's Empowerment groups
- monthly Leadership Study Day: a spiritual gathering centered around a specific theme with a social justice component

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You can make a difference.

Compassionate people like you make our mission possible. When you support LEFSA, you become an essential part of our ministry, working alongside us to reduce homelessness, extend God's reign, and care for His children in need.

To make a gift, simply detach the attached envelope, fill out the "Gift Reply" section, and return it to us.

With your contribution, you will offer care, compassion, and hope. Your generosity and kindness will prove that those in need are not forgotten. Thank you for your commitment to changing lives and building a better community!

To learn more about the exciting and important work we can accomplish together, please call (212) 987-0959 or visit:

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“LEFSA gave me my life back. When I got well, it wasn't just me that got well. My family got well, my community got a little bit better, and therefore our world got a little bit better.”

—James

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