Governor to Honor Nebraska’s Fathers
Proclamation for Fatherhood Signed Monday

June 1, 2023 (Omaha) -- Studies show that involved fathers can make all the difference in a child’s opportunities for success. Children of engaged fathers are twice as likely to go to college, 80% less like to spend time in jail, and 75% less likely to experience teen pregnancy. That’s why Nebraska’s Fatherhood Initiative is so significant.

The Fatherhood Initiative is a statewide program of Lutheran Family Services (LFS), in partnership with Legal Aid of Nebraska, RISE, and in collaboration with Sarpy County. It exists to serve non-custodial fathers wanting to better connect or re-engage with their children and learn how to be better parents. The Fatherhood Initiative staff of case managers, supervisors, trainers and employment specialists assist fathers in their efforts to overcome struggles and improve their lives for the overall betterment of the family. The program served 244 fathers in 2022 and is growing rapidly.

This coming Monday, June 5 at 3:00 PM, Governor Jim Pillen will sign a proclamation celebrating Fatherhood, the program and its many success stories. The Governor, along with spokespersons from LFS and its partner agencies will speak.

"We see how this program is changing lives, every day," says Kevin Flores, LFS Fatherhood Director. "It is so worth it when we can give fathers the tools they need to be a good and involved parent."

About Lutheran Family Services
Founded as an orphanage in 1892, Lutheran Family Services is now the largest human care organization in Nebraska and Western Iowa. Every year, its employees deliver exceptional service to thousands of children, individuals, and families through 47 programs. A broad spectrum of services range from foster care and children’s behavioral health to helping human trafficking victims and newly resettled refugees. You can find a full list of programs here. LFS is a 2023 recipient of the Better Business Bureau’s Torch Award for Ethics.