

# LSS REPORT TO CONGREGATIONS

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**The 14th annual Spring Fling was a huge success! Nearly \$40,000 was raised for LSS ministries on the South Plains including Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry, Health for Friends Clinic and Wedgewood South Assisted Living.** About 300 people attended the June 3rd event at Cap\*Rock Winery in Lubbock. Kudos to the Spring Fling committee which did an outstanding job of organizing and promoting the event and to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, Branch 30126, for providing \$9,800 in matching funds. Please visit the LSS Web site at [www.lsss.org](http://www.lsss.org) for complete information about Spring Fling.

**Need a break from caring for a loved one?** Wedgewood South in Lubbock has a fully furnished, private respite care residence available. Your loved one will enjoy all of the services offered by Wedgewood South. Stays can be from one-to-60 days. Call Kim Edler for information at (806) 798-1011 or email her at [kedler@lsss.org](mailto:kedler@lsss.org).

**There continues to be a great need for more foster families in the 19-county Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.** More than 100 children have had to be placed outside the area because there are not enough foster families in the area. The award-winning Lutheran Social Services foster care program provides all of the training necessary. Foster parents qualified to care for children with severe medical conditions and terminal illnesses are particularly needed. Please prayerfully consider becoming a foster parent with LSS. Call (800) 622-6697 to learn more.

**In El Paso, the LSS Foster CareAdoption ministry continues to flourish.** Twenty new parents have completed the training necessary to become certified foster parents for Lutheran Social Services! That brings to 34 the number of new homes added to the LSS foster-to-adopt ministry so far this year! The Lord has brought 82 children in need to the LSS children's ministry in El Paso.