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LSS has been named State Child Placing Agency of the Year by the National Foster Parent Association for a third time. No other child placing agency in the country has won the award more than once. Find out more about LSS Children's Services at www.LSSS.org/children.htm.

Residents of the Nelson Children's Center in Denton are learning the ancient Korean sport, Taekwondo. The equipment and cost of the training is being funded by GE Aviation Materials, Dallas. A group of GE employees registered the children and took measurements for uniforms at a hot dog roast and T-shirt painting event they hosted for the children. The classes are being taught by certified instructors from Highland Village Taekwondo. "Taekwondo promotes self esteem and builds confidence," said Jeana Quintana, president and CEO of GE Aviation Materials. "There is no contact between the students." For information about volunteering, call Kristy McKinney at (940) 484-8232 or visit the Nelson Center online at www.LSSS.org/children.htm.

Spring Fling, the annual fund-raiser for LSS ministries in Lubbock, was a big success. More than 300 attended the June 1 event at the Cap*Rock Winery. The event raised more than \$68,000 for Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry, Health for Friends Clinic and Wedgewood South Assisted Living. Neighborhood House, which provides emergency assistance to more than 5,700 households each year, is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided \$15,000 in matching funds through a Care in Regions Grant. "Our sincere thanks to the hard working event committee, area Lutheran churches, Thrivent and to the record number of sponsor," said Mark Minick, LSS vice president for agency advancement. For information on these and other LSS ministries, please visit www.LSSS.org.

The United Way of El Paso County has awarded a grant to the Buena Vida Adult Day Centers for \$45,000 in their 2007-2008 funding cycle. At the same time, United Way granted the program matching funds of \$15,450 to be used as part of a grant with the Texas Department of Transportation toward the purchase of a new bus. The centers transport participants to the centers and back, on field trips and to doctors' appointments. The LSS adult day centers serve about 225 El Paso seniors and disabled adults each year. For more information, call Peter Nicolau at (915) 598-5403 or visit online at www.LSSS.org/seniors.htm.