

## March 2008

**The Joel Engle benefit concert for the Nelson Children's Center raised nearly \$25,000 dollars on Feb. 8!** During the concert, Engle shared with the audience the challenges he faced as a child and how he found help from caring people. Engle said he was moved during a visit to the Nelson Center, with how the program is helping troubled children. Kudos to Engle and his band, and to Dr. Peter Kahle, a long-time supporter of the Nelson Children's center, for his efforts in making this event a success! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided \$5,000 in matching funds. For more information, visit [www.NelsonChildrensCenter.org](http://www.NelsonChildrensCenter.org) or call (940) 484-8232.

**The LSS Unaccompanied Minors Program in Dallas/Forth Worth serves refugee minors who have escaped from strife-torn countries such as Burma, Sudan, Cuba and Rwanda.** Some of the children served by this foster care program have been victims of sexual exploitation and forced labor. **A similar program in El Paso provides transitional foster care to children from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.** More foster parents are needed for these programs. Find out more by calling the LSS **Dallas** office at **(972) 919-1019** or the **El Paso** office at **(915) 771-0281**. Online, visit [www.LSSS.org/children.htm](http://www.LSSS.org/children.htm).

**Don't miss Celebre La Buena Vida, the annual fund-raiser for the LSS La Buena Vida Day Centers on March 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Held at the El Paso Club, the event includes a light buffet supper, cash bar, live music and live and silent auctions. The silent auction features miniature wooden houses painted by well-known local artists. The day centers provide El Paso's elderly and disabled a safe and caring place to spend the day among peers. Services include meals, health monitoring, exercise, social activities and field trips. For more information, please contact Peter Nicolau at (915) 598-5403, or visit [www.LSSS.org](http://www.LSSS.org) and click on Seniors.

**Private residences are available at Wedgewood South Assisted Living in Lubbock.** Basic services include three meals a day, all utilities and cable TV, housekeeping and laundry services and scheduled transportation to and from doctors' appointments. Amenities include a chapel and a wide-screen movie theatre. For more information about this LSS assisted living community, please call Christina Stevens at (806) 798-1011 or visit [www.LSSS.org](http://www.LSSS.org) and click on Seniors.