

North & West Texas
April 2008

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and LSS is taking part in the effort to educate the public on signs of child abuse or how to prevent it. In **El Paso**, the LSS Adoption/Foster Care program is taking part in a family fair to promote awareness and prevention of child abuse. The **April 13** event begins at 10 a.m. at Azcarate Park. For more information, call (915) 598-5410. In **Denton**, clinical therapists from the Nelson Children's Center will present a free informational seminar on preventing child abuse at the Presbyterian Hospital of Denton on **April 17** from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To learn more about child abuse prevention, please visit www.LSSS.org and look for the Child Abuse Prevention link.

Nearly 400 employees of CWS Apartment Homes, LLC, volunteered for three hours or more at the Nelson Children's Center on Feb. 28. The volunteers came from five states where CWS manages apartments. They not only donated their time, but also an estimated \$8,000 in supplies. The volunteers painted children's rooms, stained the playground's play structures and perimeter fence, and added plants and flowers to the landscaping. During a snow cone party with residents of the Nelson Center, the volunteers announced that they had also raised the money to provide the center with the latest Wii electronic games console. Learn more about the Nelson Children's Center at www.LSSS.org/children.htm, or by calling Kristy McKinney at (940) 484-8232.

Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry has received a state grant for \$143,982 for its energy assistance program. The grant provides \$127,000 to help the elderly and disabled and \$16,982 to help low-income families and individuals pay soaring utility bills. Last year, Neighborhood House distributed more than 61 tons of food and personal hygiene products and nearly \$250,000 in utility vouchers. For information about this LSS ministry, call (806) 741-0459 or go online to www.LSSS.org/poor.htm.

Consider being a host for a Mother's Day Tea! LSS has a way for you to honor the most important woman in your life and help children in need at the same time. Host a real or 'virtual' Mother's Day Tea in your area, with proceeds benefiting foster children and residents of our children's centers. LSS provides a hostess packet and invitations; you provide the fun! Go to www.LSSS.org and click on the teacup!

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