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While most of us have been blessed to have loving mothers, the majority of the 2,500 children served each year by LSS have never known that love because of past abuse, neglect or abandonment. Through participation in the "*Children of Promise*" *Mother's Day Tea*, we can all provide help, healing and hope to these children. Find out more by calling the LSS Community/Church Relations Office at (800) 938-5777. Information is also available online at www.lsss.org. Click on the *Mother's Day Tea* icon.

Have you considered becoming a foster parent? Have you thought of adopting a child? More than 105 couples in the greater Metroplex are part of the LSS foster care/adoption ministry. They care for more than 200 children. Through a foster-to-adopt program, prospective parents can foster a child before committing to adoption. To learn more, call the Metroplex toll-free number: (800) 622-6697 or visit online at www.lsss.org and click *Children*.

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