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Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry in Lubbock hopes to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to at least 100 needy families. A \$20 donation will provide a family of three or four with a traditional holiday meal. Included in the Thanksgiving "basket" is a \$10 gift certificate for a turkey or ham, plus other items such as cans of green beans, sweet potatoes, chicken broth and corn, pumpkin pie mix, cornbread stuffing mix and a large bag of cereal. To provide a Thanksgiving meal for a needy family, please call Neighborhood House at (806) 741-0459. **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans** is providing \$800 for this project.

The Nelson Children's Center in Denton had a busy month! On Oct. 9, members of the Dallas and Fort Worth Symphonies raised a joyful noise - and more than \$2,700 - for the children. The following day, generous sponsors and golfers teed off to support the center at the Tomorrow's Child Golf Benefit, raising more than \$45,000. **State Senator Jane Nelson** was the keynote speaker at the event which was also attended by six Nelson Center residents. **Rayfield Wright, Dallas Cowboy legend** and honorary chair of the benefit, also spoke to the golfers and special guests. Find out how you can become a Nelson Center volunteer by emailing NelsonVolunteer@lss.org or call Kristy McKinney at (940) 484-8232.

Foster families are needed to care for the growing number of children in Texas who need safe and loving homes. Find out more about becoming a foster parent with LSS by calling (866) 700-0014 or by visiting www.lss.org.

Bethlehem Children's Center was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, forcing 45 residents to evacuate to Bokenkamp Children's Center in Corpus Christi. The children will remain at Bokenkamp until Bethlehem is rebuilt. Rebuilding the center that has provided help, healing and hope to abused and neglected children in Louisiana for more than a century will cost at least \$3 million. Thousands of Texas and Louisiana residents lost their homes in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To find out how you can help rebuild Bethlehem or help others affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, [click here](#) or call Dan Zieschang at (800) 938-5777.