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There is a great need for people who are willing and qualified to care for children with special medical needs. Without such families, many of those children, some terminally ill, must receive care in nursing homes -- not the best environment for any child. Please consider becoming a foster parent for a primary medical needs child. LSS provides all the necessary training and support. Pray that God will call more individuals and couples to provide these precious children with the love and care they need. Please call the LSS office nearest you: Amarillo, (806) 351-0168; Dallas/Fort Worth, (800) 622-6697; El Paso (915) 598-5410; Mesquite (972) 682-0967; Mineral Wells (940) 325-3275; Tyler (903) 939-3400; and Waco (254) 714-2159.

The young residents of the Nelson Children's Center were blessed to have so many people help them celebrate Christmas. The Nelson Center staff would like to extend a special "thanks" to all those who made sure the children experienced the joy of this most special time, including 22 area congregations and more than 10 businesses, community and university organizations! To volunteer at the Nelson Children's Center, please email Kristy McKinney at NelsonVolunteer@lsss.org or call her at (940) 484-8232.

Colder temperatures and higher prices for natural gas resulted in a record number of requests for utility assistance from Neighborhood House in Lubbock. As a result, utility assistance funds for the elderly, disabled and poor have run out. Please consider a donation to help those in need. You can make your gift [online](#) or mail it to Neighborhood House, 1318 Broadway, Lubbock, TX 79401. Please note that your gift is for utility assistance.

In recent months, LSS has been blessed by your support as we respond to the tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. LSS is committed to long-term recovery and rebuilding and, with your help, will provide help, healing and hope to those affected by the disasters for many years to come. For information on LSS disaster response efforts and how you can help, call (800) 938-5777 or click [here](#).