

North Texas

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Finding “forever” families for adoptable children in the Metroplex is the focus of LSS caseworker Kimberly Byrd’s job. Byrd is working to find homes for foster children that are legally available for adoption. This effort to recruit loving, committed parents and families for children is supported by a \$70,000 grant from the Dave Thomas Foundation as part of the Wendy’s Wonderful Kids Initiative. For more information, please call Byrd at the LSS Mesquite office: (972) 682-0967.

More than 2,000 volunteers from around the country have responded to the Lutheran Disaster Response cleanup and rebuilding effort in south and southwest Louisiana and in southeast Texas. As the agent for LDR in Louisiana and Texas, LSS is coordinating the work of volunteers. Hundreds of more volunteers will be needed over the next 24 or more months. To volunteer, go online at www.ldr.org. If you wish to make a donation, [click here](#) or send your donation by check or money order to LSS Disaster Response, P.O. Box 140767, Austin, TX 78714.

The recently completed Brandes Chapel/Theater at Wedgewood South, the LSS assisted living community, will be dedicated at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 20. The residents and staff of Wedgewood South cordially invite you to attend. Wedgewood South is located at 9812 Vinton in Lubbock. Refreshments will be served and tours of the community will be offered. Call 798-1011 for more information, or [click here](#).

Most of us have been blessed with loving mothers, but the majority of the 3,500 children served each year by LSS have never known that love because of past abuse, neglect or abandonment. We invite you join us this Mother’s Day by hosting a real or ‘make-believe’ tea party in honor of your mother. Helping children who can’t be with their mothers is a wonderful way to honor your own mother. For more information, call the LSS Community/Church Relations office at (800) 938-5777.