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**Volunteers continue to enhance the ministry of Nelson Children's Center in Denton.** More than 35 volunteers, including seven from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Denton, painted the little boys' rooms. The little girls' rooms were painted by 20 Baylor University fraternity students. Susan Cornman, a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Coppell, has volunteered to teach gardening at the LSS children's center. If you would like to volunteer at the Nelson Children's Center, please contact Kristy McKinney at (940) 484-8232 or email [NelsonVolunteer@lsss.org](mailto:NelsonVolunteer@lsss.org).

**Lutheran Social Services has teamed up with the Dave Thomas Foundation to find adoptive homes for more foster children in the Metroplex.** The effort, part of the foundation's Wendy's Wonderful Kids Initiative, is headed up by Kimberly Byrd, who works out of the LSS Mesquite office. Kimberly is available to speak to church and civic groups about this very worthwhile adoption program. For more information, call (972) 682-0967 or email [kbyrd@lsss.org](mailto:kbyrd@lsss.org).

**In February, Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry in Lubbock distributed nearly \$31,000 in utility assistance to low-income families.** ATMOS Energy will provide Neighborhood House with \$20,000 this year through voluntary contributions it receives from customers each month. The LSS **Health for Friends Clinic** in Lubbock has been serving an average of 800 low-income people with chronic health problems each month at its downtown location and 13 outreach locations. For more information call (806) 741-0459 or [click here](#).

**Don't miss the second annual Celebrate La Buena Vida from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, at the El Paso Club.** This gala event includes hors d'oeuvres, music, live and silent auctions and a cash bar. **Celebrate La Buena Vida** benefits the LSS Buena Vida adult day centers ministries in El Paso. Dress is business casual. Call Peter Nicolau at (915) 598-5304 or email [peter@lsss.org](mailto:peter@lsss.org) for more information.