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Christmas is just around the corner and LSS foster children need you to help make their celebration merry. Churches, organizations, businesses and individuals can sponsor LSS foster children by purchasing and wrapping gifts for a specific child or group of children. Locate the LSS foster care/adoption office in your area by visiting www.LSSS.org, then, click on Children, or call (866) 700-0014.

Several participants in the Buena Vida Day Centers in El Paso are teaming up with Warm Up America, a non-profit organization, to provide afghans to needy Americans. So far, they have knitted 100 seven-by-nine-inch rectangles with yarn left over from other adult day center activities. The rectangles will be knitted together into afghans by other volunteers at "joining parties." If you have left over acrylic yarn, consider donating it to this project. Call LSS adult day care at (915) 598-5403 or (915) 858-9487.

Neighborhood House Assistance Ministry is providing 100 Thanksgiving food boxes to needy residents of Lubbock and surrounding towns. Several Lutheran churches in the area take part in raising funds and putting the boxes together for distribution each year. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans contributed \$800 in matching funds for the project. Recipients will get a turkey and all the trimmings for the holiday. Learn how you can take part in this ministry by calling Joy Loper at (806) 741-0459 or visit our Web site at www.LSSS.org.

Art students from North Texas University and volunteers from Circle K International joined forces to paint several murals in the boys' wings at the Nelson Children's Center in Denton. Supplies were purchased with funds from the Kiwanis International Fund. The murals on the older boys' wing include sports jerseys of football and basketball greats, while on the younger boys' side, the murals are of comic book heroes like Superman and Spiderman. There are many volunteer opportunities at the Nelson Center. Contact Kristy McKinney at (940) 484-8232 or NelsonVolunteer@LSSS.org.