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Churches throughout the state shared the joy and love of Christmas with more than 1,500 needy children. Congregations and individuals purchased and wrapped gifts for the children being cared for by LSS foster families. This year's response to the call to sponsor LSS foster children was the biggest ever! On behalf of the children, foster parents and LSS staff, "Thank you!" To contact the nearest LSS adoption/foster care office, [click here](#), or call (866) 700-0014. There are hundreds of children who need a loving foster or adoptive home.

Ruth Drum has been installed as Deaconess and spiritual care coordinator at the Nelson Children's Center in Denton. This LSS spiritual care initiative recently received a \$30,000 grant from LCSM World Relief/Human Care. The grant is being used to help seed deaconess intern positions at LSS children's centers to enhance the level of spiritual care available to the children. The deaconesses are a valuable part of the therapeutic team which includes therapists, counselors, social workers and teachers. Contact Deaconess Drum at rdrum@LSSS.org or call (940) 484-8232.

In 2006, Neighborhood House, the LSS assistance ministry in Lubbock, processed more than 1,100 unduplicated utility applications and distributed nearly \$500,000 in utility grants! Neighborhood House was one of six local charities chosen by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal's Christmas program, Goodfellows. Donations from readers through Christmas day are passed along to the charitable organizations which serve the needy in the area. To help those in need in Lubbock, contact Neighborhood House at (806) 741-0459, or [click here](#).

The LSS foster care ministry in El Paso is looking for more foster parents. LSS Area Director Jose Alamillo says there is a great need for foster homes that qualify to care for children with primary medical needs. Those are children who were injured as a result of shaken baby syndrome, born with cerebral palsy or to a drug-addicted mother. LSS provides the required training, which takes about three months to complete. For more information, call the LSS El Paso office at (915) 598-5410 or [click here](#).