

**April 2007**

**Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response** continues its post-hurricane mission in Louisiana and Mississippi and Texas. We have housed, fed and coordinated the work of more than 20,000 volunteers who provided about one million hours of work! More than 1,300 homes have been repaired or rebuilt.

LSS has provided long-term recovery to 857 households and are currently working with more than 1,860 households, assessing their immediate- and long-term needs, and helping them access resources and services. Our spiritual care staff have been visiting congregations, and praying with and providing spiritual counseling to individuals who ask for their help. Other assistance includes helping survivors with financial aid.

This year we are launching The MICAH Project. A resource for children, ages 5 to 18, this program helps children become involved with disaster response and helps them with their own healing process. MICAH stands for Ministry in Communities and Homes. To learn how you or your congregation can help children recover, and for other disaster response information, [click here](#).

In several countries around the world, violent civil unrest has left thousands of children homeless. Through the LSS Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Program in Dallas/Fort Worth, there is hope for many of those children, but only if people like you are willing to become involved as a foster parent. Call [Malcolm Johnson](#) at (972) 919-1019 or [click here](#).

**Plan to attend the gala benefit for LSS adult day centers in El Paso**, set for March 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the El Paso Club. Tickets are \$25 and will be available at the door. The evening includes live music, a light buffet supper, cocktails and live and silent auctions featuring houses painted by local artists. For more information, call Peter Nicolau at (915) 598-5403, or visit [www.LSSS.org/seniors.htm](http://www.LSSS.org/seniors.htm) and click on Adult Day Care.

**LSS has senior retirement centers** at four locations in Texas, with a fourth under construction in Houston. Visit our [Senior Services](#) page.