

## May 2007

May is Foster Care Month, and to celebrate, LSS foster care offices around the state are sponsoring special events. For example, our offices in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex will host a splash day and picnic at an area water park for its foster families. The Metroplex serves 127 children. In Mineral Wells, where we serve 72 children, a swim party is planned. El Paso now serves 73 children; Amarillo, 59; Waco 47; Tyler 56 and Mount Pleasant, our newest location, already has three children. There is a great need for foster parents, especially for children with special medical needs. Please include our foster children, foster parents and staff in your prayers during May. For information about becoming a foster parent, please visit our [Foster Care](#) page.

In El Paso, Celebre La Buena Vida, the fund-raiser for LSS adult day centers, raised more than \$20,000! Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided \$6,000 in matching dollars through a Care in Regions grant. A record 225 guests attended the March 29 event at the El Paso Club. To learn more about the LSS adult day center program, call [Peter Nicolou](#) at (915) 598-5403, or [click here](#).

[Deaconess Ruth Drum](#), director of spiritual care at the [Nelson Children's Center](#) in Denton, is asking that members of Lutheran congregations in the Metroplex consider becoming a prayer pal for one or more of the center's residents. Each participating prayer pal will receive a card with the name and age of a Nelson Center resident. "There are so many hurting and hungry souls here at the Nelson Center," said Drum. For information about becoming a prayer pal and tours of the Nelson Center, please call (940) 484-8232.

A generous grant from Lutheran Women's Missionary League will provide more than 1,500 age-appropriate Bibles to children served by LSS. Spiritual care is an essential part of our mission to provide help, healing and hope to all those in need. Visit our [Spiritual Care](#) page.

Looking for a worthwhile mission trip for your organization? Consider lending a hand as a volunteer with Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response. For more about volunteering, [click here](#).