

NORTH and WEST TEXAS

Neighborhood House has received a \$6,500 grant from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. The funds will supplement the assistance ministry's food voucher service. Last year, Neighborhood House helped more than 3,400 needy families through the distribution of food vouchers, utility assistance, prescriptions and diapers. In 2008, Neighborhood House provided vouchers for 70 tons of food and personal hygiene products in Lubbock County. For more information or to help those in need, please visit www.LSSS.org and click on *Poor*, or call (806) 741-0459.

Don't miss ¡Celebre La Buena Vida! The annual fund-raiser for The Buena Vida Adult Day Centers is March 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the El Paso Club. The evening includes a light buffet supper, cash bar, live music and live and silent auctions. The auctions feature unique wooden houses painted by premier El Paso artists. For more information and to see many of the painted houses, visit www.LSSS.org and click on *Events*. You may also contact Peter Nicolaou at (915) 598-5403 for information.

Teenagers and youth-group leaders from Calvary Lutheran Church, Richland Hills, performed an "Extreme Dorm Makeover" in the teen boy's wing of the Nelson Children's Center recently. The group met with the boys and got a list of their favorite sports teams, music and colors. The next day, armed with paint, curtains, new bedding and rugs, the volunteers returned to totally transform each room. A group of men from the church built custom toy boxes, painted to match the theme of each room. The boys said the changes are "awesome!" For information on how you can make a difference in the lives of troubled children, call Rebekah Chase at (940) 484-8232 or visit www.LSSS.org and click on *Children*.

LSS has opened a new adoption/foster care office in Fort Worth to better serve the Metroplex. Every day children are removed from abusive, neglectful homes. Loving people are needed to open their hearts and homes to foster or adopt these children. Their biggest wish is to know they are loved, safe and part of a caring family. Join us for the dedication of the office at 3 p.m. on March 5. Call (817) 731-3737 or visit www.LSSS.org and click on *Children*.

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