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NORTH and WEST TEXAS

Foster families willing to take in children with primary medical needs (PMN) and other special needs are in short supply throughout Texas. PMN children are medically fragile children with special health care needs. Other special needs children have emotional and/or behavioral problems, mental retardation, physical disabilities and other developmental delays. Foster parents receive ongoing training and are provided with various levels of medical and financial support, depending on the individual child's needs. Please prayerfully consider foster parenting. Visit www.LSSS.org and click on *Foster Care/Adoption*, or call **(866) 700-0014**.

A new state law requires children up to age 8 use a specially designed booster seat while traveling in a vehicle. Please consider donating a new booster and child car seat. Donated seats can be dropped off at any LSS office and contributions to purchase seats can be made online (www.LSSS.org) or by mail (**LSS, P.O. Box 140767, Austin, TX 78714**). If online, be sure to click on the *Designation* drop-down menu and select *Other* to specify that your gift is for a car or booster seat. If you are sending a check, write car seat or booster seat next to *Memo*. Booster seats cost about \$30 and car seats about \$60.

Mark your calendar for Songs of Hope, Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7611 Park Lane in Dallas. This benefit concert for the Nelson Children's Center will feature gospel and contemporary Christian music. Featured artist include Tim Clifton, Bridgette Hammers, the Point Church Band plus The Nelson Kids Choir! There's no admission charge, but free-will donations will be accepted. All proceeds go to support the Nelson Center. Call **(940) 484-8232** or visit www.NelsonChildrensCenter.org.

For those considering retirement options, LSS has five senior communities in Texas. Services provided at each location vary, but whether you are looking for assisted living, independent living, skilled nursing care or dementia care, LSS has a senior community that can meet your needs. In Lubbock, call (806) 798-1011; in Brenham, call (979) 830-1996; Round Rock, (512) 244-0366; Spring, (281) 569-2999; and in Victoria, (361) 574-8331. You can "visit" each LSS senior community online at www.LSSS.org. Click on *Seniors*.

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