



FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST
CHILDREN'S HOME

2009 Annual Report



Mike Galloway
President & CEO

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14)

"To empower children and families to experience God's love and care as revealed in the ministry of Jesus Christ." This is the mission statement that drives the ministry of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The love and grace of Jesus Christ is the foundation of all we do at the Children's Home. Each child that comes into our care is surrounded by caring staff that see their work as a calling and vocation. Each child is surrounded by a beautiful campus and first rate facilities that help to provide a healing atmosphere. Each child is surrounded by effective and wide ranging programs and ministries designed to strengthen individual and family life. But most of all each child is surrounded by the love and grace of Jesus Christ made real through the work and support of His church.

We are blessed at the Children's Home with an outstanding staff. You can take pride in and be well assured that the children, youth and families in our care are in the hands of professional men and women who are devoted to the task of helping children from so many difficult and challenging life circumstances. Their work is truly inspiring. I would also like to thank our Board of Trustees for their dedication, commitment and oversight of the Children's Home. We are in excellent hands.

The Board and staff were involved in an intensive strategic planning process to prayerfully discern the role and nature of this ministry for the future. The result of all these efforts is a seven point Strategic Plan that will guide the direction of the Children's Home as it seeks to minister to the children, youth and families that turn to us for help.

A major focus of the Children's Home has been our expansion of foster care services to satellite sites across Florida. On August 12, 2009, a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony was held at Reeves Memorial United Methodist Church in Orlando to mark the opening of the Sibling Group Foster Care Program of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Our primary focus will be to keep sibling groups together when they enter foster care. Likewise, on January 20, 2010, a dedication and ribbon cutting was held at Temple Terrace United Methodist Church in Tampa to celebrate the opening of our foster care office serving Hillsborough County. We are excited about these expansion efforts as we look to serve more children and families in more places. It is our sincere hope to continue to expand where we can be of service.

In 2010, we began a new recognition program to draw attention to those individuals, churches and groups that go above and beyond to support and promote the Children's Home. For their exemplary efforts in 2009 we have awarded the following. "Pastor of the Year" – Reverend Dave Baldridge of Englewood UMC; "Church of the Year" – White Springs UMC; "Local Church Representative of the Year" – Joe & Sharon Kuebler and Keith & Becky Johnson of First UMC, Brandon; and "Mission Work Group of the Year" – First UMC, Spring Hill. It is our distinct pleasure to draw attention to these wonderful people who have made the ministry of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home a priority.

Our Career Development Program continues to expand with the addition of an Automotive Technology component to go along with our Construction Technology section. The Career Development Program seeks to integrate academic learning with practical skills and training that allows our residents the opportunity to explore, refine, and fortify their God-given gifts and interests. Our residents will not only gain a competitive advantage in career fields that are constantly seeking a skilled labor force, but it will also provide them with valuable skills for life after they leave the Children's Home. Other planned components include cosmetology, horticultural, and culinary arts. The opening of our Career Development Program was made possible by a pledge of funding covering a five-year period from Dan and Trish Bell. This gift covered our initial start up costs and provides continuity into the future.

During 2009, the Fifth Sunday giving from local churches and friends of the Children's Home allowed us to minister to children, youth and families. The local church goal for giving in 2010 is \$12.00 per member and will remain the same for 2011. This represents a minimum goal of what is actually needed. We deeply appreciate the local churches and individuals who exceed their commitment to children and thereby meet and exceed this goal, and request that it be continued. Without this assistance, the Children's Home would be experiencing financial strain.

In closing, I would like to express my personal gratitude to all those who give to support the work and ministry of the Children's Home. Each and every gift we receive we treat as a sacred trust. Thank you for believing in this ministry and continuing to reach out in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ to help children, youth and families in need. Your Fifth Sunday offerings, individual gifts, honors and memorials, in-kind gifts, wills and bequests and other planned gifts all work together to change young lives. In spite of difficult economic times, the United Methodists of Florida and the many friends of the Children's Home ensured that 2009 was another successful year. Thank you for making a difference in the life of each child that comes into the loving care of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.





Dr. Mont Duncan
Chair, Board of Trustees

Your Children's Home has been active throughout 2009 reaching over 250 children and their families from almost every district within the conference. Children from single parent families, two parent families, foster children and preschool children have all been served here in the name of Jesus Christ.

Ministry to children includes evaluation, counseling, recreation therapy, medical care, social integration, education, housing, career development, independent living, spiritual growth and enrichment as well as a safe environment in which to grow socially and to mature as children of God.

We're so thrilled that the Children's Home has expanded this year to include three additional offices serving Hillsborough and Orange/Osceola Counties, as well as an office in Port Orange serving the eastern portion of Volusia County. We are proud of its two accreditations –E.A.G.L.E., which is awarded by the United Methodist Association, and C.O.A., which is awarded by the Council of Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc., a national agency. It is also recognized by the Florida Department of Children and Families. The Children's Home is known as one of the premier children and family services ministries within the United Methodist Church.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees for fifteen years, the last six as Chair. While my service is concluding, my prayers, and passion will remain with the Children's Home for years to come.



2009 Services Summary

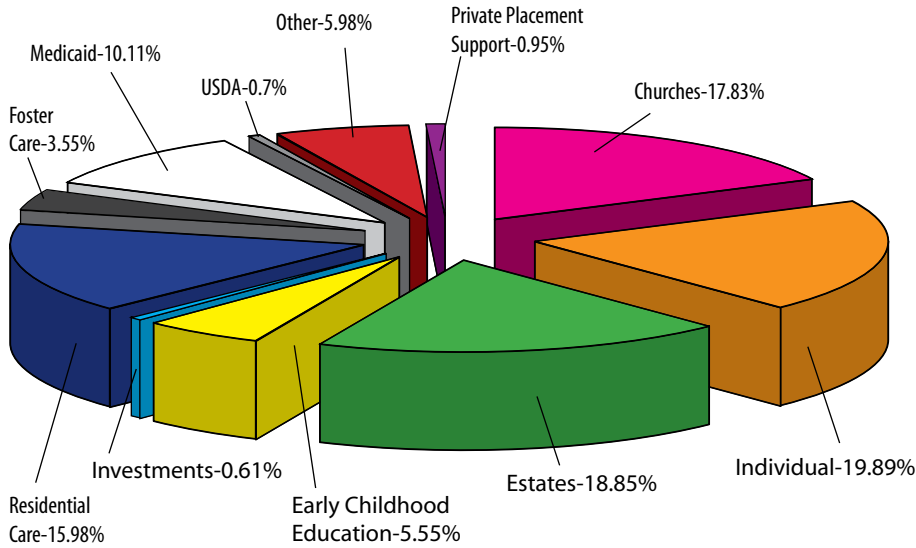
Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral	276
Average length of residential waiting list.....	45 Days
Number of children served in Residential Care.....	159
Number of children exiting Residential Care according to plan	72
Average length of stay for children exiting Residential Care	< 8 months
Number of children served in Shelter Care.....	140
Number of children served in Foster Care.....	162
Number of children adopted	13
Number of children served in Early Child Care.....	170
Number of infants served in Early Child Care	32
Number of parent / caregivers enrolled in parenting classes.....	19

Affiliations

- A ministry related to the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- A member of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries.
- A member of the Florida Coalition for Children.
- A member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.
- Licensed by the State of Florida as a Child Placing/ Child Caring Agency by the Department of Children and Families.
- A member of the South Eastern Childcare Association.



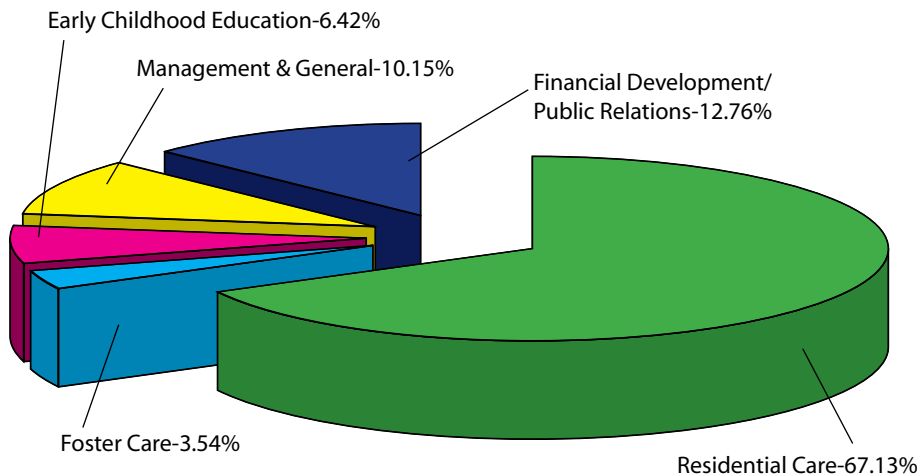
2009 Operating Revenue – \$10,383,835



INCOME FROM OPERATIONS

Churches	\$1,851,515
Individual	\$2,065,278
Estates	\$1,957,287
Early Childhood Education	\$576,416
Investments	\$63,267
Residential Care	\$1,659,580
Foster Care	\$368,966
Medicaid	\$1,049,885
USDA	\$72,443
Other	\$620,751
Private Placement Support	\$98,447
Total	\$10,383,835

2009 Functional Expenses – \$11,164,256



EXPENSES

Residential Care	\$7,494,132
Foster Care	\$395,590
Early Childhood Education	\$717,046
Management & General	\$1,132,931
Financial Development/ Public Relations	\$1,424,557
Total	\$11,164,256

NOTE: Difference between Income and Expenses funded from reserves.

Equal Rights Statement

The services of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home are available to all children regardless of sex, age, race, creed, or national origin that can be addressed and cared for within the scope of program services with the financial resources of the agency.

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