# 2012 Annual Report



### "For 9 know the plans 9 have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

-Jeremiah 29:11



Let me begin to say how honored and excited I am to serve as the new President and CEO of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Even though I wasn't here in 2012, I know of all of the accomplishments that were made. It was a year of growth, a year of excitement, and a year of many blessings!

Since our founding in 1908, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home has been a refuge of peace and a haven of blessing for children and families facing many difficult and challenging circumstances.

What began as the Florida Methodist Orphanage has become a diverse ministry serving many complex needs of those that turn to us for help. We continue to be a residential home for children and youth that need out of home care. We also offer emergency shelter and therapeutic group care. We provide foster care services in six Central Florida counties with plans to expand foster care to two counties in South Florida. We have a teen/mother baby program, transitional and independent living services including a career development center and a community child care and infant care facility. Through your support we minister to over 300 children each day.

On September 18, 2012 the official groundbreaking ceremony was held in Pinetta at our new Madison Youth Ranch property. The campus is planned to eventually serve 100 children ages 8-17 in the residential program and provide foster care services to Madison, Suwannee, and Taylor counties. The first two staff are in place and preparing the way. We have several work groups from local churches prepared to come and work onsite this summer. For detailed information about the Madison Youth Ranch, visit our website at www.allchildrenfirst.org.

In 2012, we hosted our annual Day On Campus event in March with over 1,300 in attendance. The Foster Care Appreciation Day in May brought several hundred foster parents and foster children to our campus. Other events included our Local Church Representative trainings, Christmas activities, numerous mission work teams, countless tours, hosting various church planning retreats and community groups on our campus and much more.

Each dollar you give represents real help for children facing difficult and challenging life circumstances. You may never know or even see the children you are helping, but you are making a difference. One of our alumnus said, "There are a few times in a person's life when they are completely surrounded by absolutely amazing people. Living at the Home is one of those rare and lucky times. Whether it was my houseparents or other cottages, someone was always there for me to fill the void when I longed for my family."

I would like to convey my heartfelt gratitude to all those who support the work and ministry of the Children's Home. You ensured that 2012 was another successful year. 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.

Finally, I would like to also convey my deep appreciation to our staff for their exceptional dedication. And thank you to our Board of Trustees for their exceptional leadership. We are in excellent hands.

Becky H. Dotson

Becky Dotson President & CEO



### Evans Hubbard CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sadly my nine years of serving on the Children's Home board, the last three as the chairman comes to an end this June. It has been such a pleasure and so rewarding watching our kids grow and become successful. I will continue to support the Children's Home in other ways as board and staff finds things for me to do. Dr. Charles Lever will take over as chairman. He is the Pastor of the Orange Park United Methodist Church in Jacksonville and a wonderful person.

What an exciting year for the Children's Home! Our President for the last seven years, Mike Galloway, retired home to Alabama. We went on a national search and found Becky Dotson serving as President of the Methodist Children's Home of Mississippi. She is just delightful and will provide us with strong leadership for our future.

Construction has started on the Madison Youth Ranch Campus in North Florida. It is on a gorgeous piece of property in Pinetta, graciously contributed to the Children's Home. It will allow us to serve kids in a different way for many years to come. We are also expanding our Foster Care program to Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

During 2012 at any one time we were serving between 300 and 400 children in our four lines of activity, residential care, independent living, day care, and foster care. We do this with an amazing staff that looks at their jobs as a ministry dedicated to raising our children successfully.

None of this can happen without the continued strong support from you, our contributors. Every time we step out to expand our services, it is with a leap of faith that our supporters will step up and continue to invest in our ministry.

When Becky first arrived she felt that special calling and was describing her feeling to another director whose response was, "That is God's Grace you are experiencing." We would encourage visiting our Enterprise Campus and soon our Madison Campus to experience God's Grace for yourself!

#### **2013 SERVICES SUMMARY**

Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral197
Average length of residential waiting list
Number of children served in residential care
Number of children exiting residential care according to plan 84
Number of children served in Shelter Care
Number of children adopted20
Number of children served in Early Child Education433
Number of Volunteers











#### **OPERATING REVENUE**

Contributions	\$11,845,927
Fee for service	\$4,023,023
Childcare Services	\$614,994
Other income	\$91,122
Interest and dividends	\$810,913
Split-interest agreements	\$192,955
Net realized & unrealized	
Gains (losses) on investments	\$2,102,028
TOTAL	\$19,680,967

#### **EXPENSES**

#### Program

Residential Care	
Independent Living & Scholarship	\$824,231
Foster Care	\$1,305,3000
Child Care Center	\$909,362
Program Services Total	\$11,607,273

Fundraising	\$1,975,151
General & Administrative	\$1,114,154
TOTAL	\$14,696,578

79.0%-Program; 13.4%-Fundraising; 7.6% General & Administrative

#### **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
- Licensed by the State of Florida as a Child Placing/Child Caring Agency by the Department of Children and Families

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