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Florida United Methodist Children's Home Receives EAGLE Reaccreditation

Enterprise, FL – The Florida United Methodist Children's Home has been recognized as a premier member of the list of faith-based, EAGLE accredited organizations, and has been reaccredited through the year 2020.

Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence (EAGLE) is the only faith-based accrediting body in the world, and focuses on ministries with older adults and children. Their goal is to recognize organizations that voluntarily go beyond the minimum requirements of licensure to improve operational processes and outcomes.

EAGLE accreditation has three major components.

- 1. Self Study: An internal analysis was conducted by the Children's Home using the EAGLE manual.
- 2. **Peer Review Site Visit:** Next, a two-step peer review was conducted by a select team of trained reviewers, who are experienced executives and representatives from human service organizations and denominational sponsors.
- 3. **Commission Decision:** After the peer review was successfully completed, we received the final report with a listing of commendations and opportunities to improve.

According to Kitwana McTyer, President and CEO of the Children's Home, "Becoming EAGLE accredited has helped us to improve processes and outcomes in key areas of care, as well as making us better stewards of the gifts we receive. In the end, it all translates into better care for our children."

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The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida on the banks of Lake Monroe. The Children's Home provides services to families and children from childhood to adulthood. Our Residential Care Program provides school-aged children who have been victimized by

abuse, abandonment, or neglect with a family-style home environment cared for by loving houseparents, education, counseling, recreation, and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program and early childhood education to the community, and is supported primarily through the generosity of churches with the United Methodist Florida Conference, individuals, and legacy gifts. For more information, visit www.fumch.org.