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MISSION STATEMENT

To empower children and families to experience God's love and care as revealed in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

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Testimonial



From an alumnus...

"One of the saving graces for me as a young man, it brought me sanctuary in the

very darkest of times. Taught me so many things, brought me into contact with so many great young people, who had battled to overcome things that most could never even imagine. Thank you to all of you who work there and to everyone who helped to **Special Announcement**

Welcome Rev. Ryan Frack



Ryan, Kristen, and Owen Frack

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Ryan Frack as our new Director of Church Relations.

Ryan has been serving at a two-point charge in the North Central District, but many may recognize Ryan as our former associate chaplain. His previous time at the Children's Home provides a depth of knowledge about the unique experiences our children encounter and how this ministry changes lives. We are blessed to have Ryan now serving as your connection between the Children's Home and the Impact my life in such a positive and long lasting manner. You are all loved and missed!"

Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings



Please remember to promote and collect the Fifth Sunday Offering. It is vital to the success of this ministry.

> January 29, 2017 April 30, 2017 July 30, 2017 October 29, 2017 December 31, 2017

Current Needs

Body Lotion Bar Soap Female Deodorant Male Deodorant Hair Brushes Textured Multicultural Hair Products Tooth Paste

Items of Interest

Mark Your Calendar New Horizon Golf Classic



Upcoming Workshops

Join us in workshops across the state in early 2017 as we highlight the ways your church can further engage with the ministry of the Children's Home.

Workshops will provide in-depth discussion about the services the Children's Home provides to meet the variety of needs of youth who come into our care. We will also cover the tools we have to equip you to advocate for our children and discuss creative and engaging ways your congregation can plug into the work of this life-changing ministry.

Often the work within your congregation is done in partnership with leadership and others within your church. We encourage you to invite your pastor, missions team members, or others who would benefit from learning more about the ministry.

Also, this workshop is not just for new LCRs. We appreciate input from seasoned LCRs who bring a wealth of knowledge and creative ideas about engaging congregations. Please plan to attend and share your ideas during our brainstorming and Q&A portion of the workshop.

Based on feedback from LCRs, we are now hosting workshops on a district rotation basis each year. This year's workshops will be hosted in the following districts:

South Central District Saturday, January 28th 10:00am-Noon College Heights UMC Lakeland

Saturday, January 28th 2:00pm-4:00pm Lake Magdalene UMC Tampa

East Central District Saturday, February 4th Time TBD First UMC Oviedo

<u>Gulf Central District</u> Saturday, February 11th 10:00am-Noon First UMC New Port Richey

Saturday, February 11 2:00pm-4:00pm Seminole UMC Seminole





April 31st Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL

New Horizon UMC hosts this annual golf tournament to benefit our foster care program. Get your team together and learn more at

www.facebook.com/benefit4children/

Santa's Workshop



Thank you to the churches, businesses, and friends who helped us host Santa's Workshop. This annual event transforms our gym at Enterprise and our homes at Madison into a Christmas Wonderland as groups host tables where our residents and foster families can create special gifts for their loved ones. Children also get the chance to meet Santa and pose for photos.

Save the Date

DAY ON CAMPUS April 1, 2017



Specially Invited Districts: Gulf Central South Central



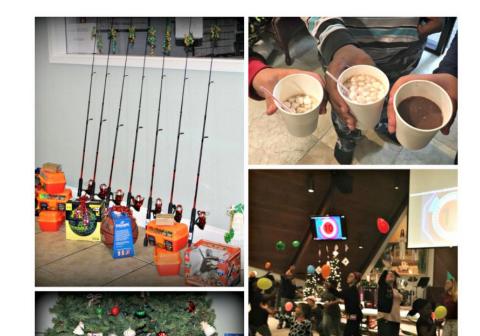
North West District Date and Location TBD

Note: An RSVP is needed to attend. Please call Trista Calvin at 386-668-4774 ext 2296 or email Trista.Calvin@fumch.org with questions or RSVPs.

Thank You!

Churches Making Christmas Special

Thank you to all the churches who came together to help make Christmas a treasured day for our residents. The joy on their faces as they woke up to a tree surrounded by gifts and stockings was a memorable experience. After gifts, the children attended chapel in their pajamas and celebrated with a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party.





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