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Testimonial



From a Resident...

"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

Grateful Appreciation

Children's Home President Departs

We are deeply grateful for the three years of vision and leadership Becky Dotson gave to the Children's Home. We wish her all success as she and her family begin a new chapter in life and ministry. Becky leaves you with the following message:

Dear Florida United Methodist Children's Home family.

I have enjoyed the last three years here at the Home. You have made me feel welcome and become part of my family. However, I have decided that it is time to be faithful and follow God's leading. At this time, God is calling me in a different direction.

I am proud of the accomplishments we have made together. Thanks to your generosity and faithful support, we have been able to complete the Madison Youth Ranch and implement the equine therapy program at that campus. Together, we have been able to implement a new school, Legacy Scholars Academy, at the Enterprise campus to serve the educational and emotional needs of many of our children. Through your faithfulness, we have faced difficult financial times and persevered. God is good!

Thanks to your generous support, our thrift store, Heart and Home Resale Shop, has successfully completed one year and is now profitable. God is good!

Your generosity, faithful support, and perseverance have allowed us to move forward with a Broward County Foster Care office, which will officially open in July. God is good!

I am so proud of the faithful friends this wonderful ministry has built. Thank you for welcoming and supporting me during my tenure. God is good!

I will forever treasure your love and friendship.

Fondly,

Becky Dotson

always there for me to fill the void when I longed for my family."

Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings



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

May 29, 2016

July 31, 2016

October 30, 2016

Christmas Offering

Items of Interest

MAY National Foster Care Month



May is National Foster Care Month. This is an opportunity for us to recognize all of the wonderful foster parents who open their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis. Many foster families adopt the children in their homes when family reunification is not possible, therefore offering permanency and stability for these children. Foster parents

leave their mark on future generations, helping to end cycles of neglect and abuse. The need for loving homes continues to grow.

Becky Dotson

While the Board of Trustees begins the search for a new Children's Home President, our Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Kitwana McTyer, will be acting President.

We Need You!

Fifth Sunday Offering May 29, 2016



Please remember to receive a Fifth Sunday Offering on May 29, 2016.

This Fifth Sunday Offering is so important to us to help us meet the day-to-day needs of the children, youth and families in our care. If you need bulletin inserts, posters or pew envelopes, please contact Stephen Hartsfield at stephen.hartsfield@fumch.org or at (386) 668-4774.

A Great Day

Over 1,200 Enjoy Day On Campus



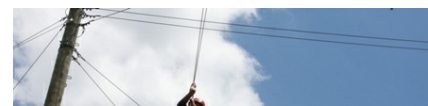
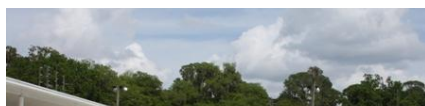
On April 9, 2016, over 1,200 United Methodists and friends of the Children's Home enjoyed a fun and festive day celebrating the ministry of the Home. Most of our guests came from the East Central District and South West District, but churches were represented from all over the Florida Annual Conference. Our annual Day On Campus is our way of saying thank you to the local United Methodist Churches and the many friends of the Children's Home who support us with such generosity. It was a great day that included tours of the campus, a program featuring the residents, a picnic lunch under a big top tent, and the fellowship of other United Methodists from around the Florida Conference. If you have never attended a Day On Campus, please make plans to bring a group from your church. It is a great way to introduce people to the Children's Home. The following is the date and the invited districts for next year.

April 1, 2017

South Central District - Gulf Central District

Can You Help?

It is time for SUMMER FUN



Our foster care offices serving Volusia & Flagler Counties, Hillsborough County and Broward County are reaching out into the community to increase the number of foster families that are desperately needed to take care of children and youth in crisis. The staff at these locations are prepared and willing to come to your church to present a program or talk to any group in your church about foster care. For information call us at (386) 668-4774.



SUMMER FUN is a program that runs every week of the summer for our kids to have fun, stay active and continue to learn. Our residents can't wait for SUMMER FUN to begin! They have an opportunity to learn how to be creative with arts, crafts, pottery, and wood working. Therapeutically, our residents begin to learn to trust others as they master the ropes course and discover how to work together in team sports.

Our kids are blessed through the generosity of wonderful friends who help us to provide great summer fun. Please consider supporting SUMMER FUN to be a part of making this the best summer ever for our children! Contact our Development Office at (386) 668-5088 for more information.

Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers are always needed at the Resale Shop. If you would like to send a group of volunteers to help with various tasks, or would like more information about volunteering, please contact Lynn Bellomy, Volunteer Relations Supervisor, at (386) 668-5088 or lynn.bellomy@fumch.org

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Day On Campus

DAY ON CAMPUS
April 1, 2017



Please Note...

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is proud to lift up and celebrate those individuals and churches that have gone above and beyond to support the work and ministry of the Children's Home. At our 2016 Day On Campus event, we presented awards for Church of the Year, Pastor of the Year, Local Church Representative of the Year and Mission Work Group of the Year. We also have installed in Hardin Hall perpetual plaques that we display the names of the recipients as they are awarded each year. For 2015 we recognized the following:

Church of the Year Steinhatchee United Methodist Church

Steinhatchee United Methodist Church of Steinhatchee, Florida has consistently been a top giving church to the Children's Home for many years. In 2015, the church gave \$140.38 per member to the Children's Home. This far exceeded the goal of \$12.00 per member asked of each church. They are a testament that even small membership churches can do great things to support the Children's Home. Joyce Gatlin, the Local Church Representative, is a tireless and enthusiastic supporter of the Children's Home. The pastor of the church is Reverend James Howes. Thank you Steinhatchee United Methodist Church for making the Children's Home a priority in your church and for your many years of steadfast support.

Pastor of the Year Rev. William Buell Coleman United Methodist Church

Reverend Bill Buell, pastor of Coleman United Methodist Church of Coleman, Florida, is a vocal and enthusiastic supporter of the Children's Home. Reverend Buell has been the pastor of the church for 15 years and each and every year the church goes far beyond what is asked of them to support the Children's Home. In 2015, the church gave \$66.67 per member to the Children's Home. Thank you Bill Buell for your sustaining and vital support of the Children's Home.

Local Church Representative of the Year



Specially Invited Districts:

**Gulf Central
South Central**



Mrs. Ashley Hughes

First United Methodist Church, Clermont, Florida

Ashley Hughes has been a very effective Local Church Representative. Her church, First United Methodist Church of Clermont, Florida, consistently meets and exceeds their goal of giving to the Children's Home. In 2015, First UMC, Clermont gave \$49,838.72 to the Children's Home. In addition to the regular Fifth Sunday Offering support, Ashley organizes a school supply drive each fall. She also promotes a Christmas gift card drive, which in 2015 raised over \$6,000 in gift cards. Our heartfelt gratitude is extended to Ashley Hughes. The pastor of First UMC, Clermont is Reverend Doug Kokx.

Mission Work Group of the Year

Southside United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida

Southside United Methodist Church of Jacksonville, Florida has sent a work team to the Madison Youth Ranch for the past four years. Each year the group has grown. The administrator of the Youth Ranch said "they are true servants and a joy to the host on campus". Southside United Methodist Church is also a strong and consistent supporter of the Children's Home. In 2015, the church gave \$47,056.19 to the Children's Home. We are proud to give this award to Southside United Methodist Church of Jacksonville. Reverend Bruce Jones serves as pastor.

Please Note...

What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between you and the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

1. You transfer cash or property to us.
2. In exchange, we sign an annuity contract and promise to pay fixed payments to you for life. The payment can be quite high depending on your age, and a portion of each payment may even be tax free.
3. You will receive a charitable income tax deduction for the gift portion of the annuity.
4. You also receive satisfaction knowing you will be helping further our mission.

If you are age 65 or older and would like to invest a minimum of \$10,000, you may reach us via www.fumchlegacy.org, email plannedgiving@FUMCH.org, or contact Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at 386-668-4774 ext. 2234.

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