



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

All is Well

November National Adoption Month



November is National Adoption Month. Please make your church aware of this important and life changing outreach. For more information about adoption, please call our Director of Foster Care Services, Cedric Davis at (386) 668-4774.

Opportunity

Christmas is Fast Approaching Help Bring Christmas Joy





From an alumnus...

"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."

Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings



For the past three years, we have changed how we celebrate with our children by requesting gift cards in lieu of gifts from our churches and friends in the community. Many churches and groups have found this to be a convenient way to support our children at Christmas. Therefore, we ask that you purchase gift cards again this year.

This year however, the residents will not just receive gift cards on Christmas morning. Because our houseparents and therapists know our residents well, they will go shopping for gifts using a portion of the gift cards. These gifts will be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas morning along with receiving a few gift cards that will allow them to go shopping. Our goal is to be able to give each child \$150 in gifts and gift cards.

We would be most grateful for the purchase of purchase gift cards in increments of \$10, \$20 or \$25. Especially useful and flexible for our children are VISA, Master Card or American Express gift cards. Other ideas are Target, Walmart and Best Buy (or any other major chain store). We also strive to make Christmas morning special by giving each child a stocking made by friends of the Children's Home.

In order to prepare our campus for Christmas, we ask that your gift cards arrive before **December 9, 2016**, if possible. Of course, we are happy to receive donations after that date.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our development office at (386) 668-5088. Again, we thank you for your love and prayers for our children and this wonderful ministry.

Please note:

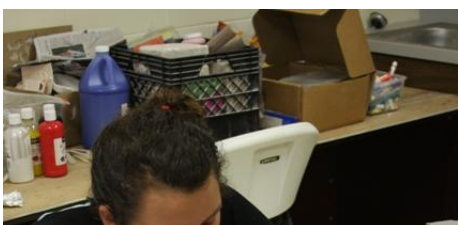
Click on the link below and you will find a new form we are introducing for this Christmas season. If your church chooses to participate in the gift card drive this year, we ask that you please fill out this form to include when gift cards are delivered to the Children's Home. Also, if any cards donated do not have an amount already printed on them, please write the amount on these blank cards.

[Gift Card Donation Form](#)

Information

Christmas Appeal Letter

The 2016 Christmas Appeal Letter will be mailed out during the week of Thanksgiving. If you would like additional copies of the appeal, please contact our Development Office at (386) 668-5088. The Christmas Appeal Letter has proven to be a meaningful and successful way to give to loved ones and help to make Christmas brighter and more joyous for



our boys and girls in care.

New LCR Information

This is the time of year when local church officers are elected for 2016. If a change in the LCR has been made, please send us the updated information. We make every effort to keep our records up-to-date and accurate. If the contact information has been changed for the current LCR, we need that information as well. Thank you for the vital work our LCRs do on behalf of the Children's Home.

Campus Tours are Available



We love giving tours of the Children's Home. We have a beautiful campus 30 minutes north of Orlando, on the shore of Lake Monroe. You can tour as an individual, couple, or arrange for a group from your church to come and learn more about our ministry. It really does make a difference to see the campus first hand and experience the work being done at the Children's Home. All you need to do is call the Children's Home (386) 668-5088 and let us know the date, time and number of people coming (no Sunday tours). You can also request a tour by going to our website at www.fumch.org.

Come Celebrate With Us

Path of Hope



We would like to take this opportunity to promote our Path of Hope gift brick program. For several years now we have been giving individuals,

groups and organizations the opportunity to make a gift to the Children's Home and at the same time leave a lasting legacy of their generosity.

The walkway up to and around our Roland Memorial Chapel is slowly being enveloped with the names of people and groups that are special to the Children's Home. Every time our young people walk into our chapel they are reminded of the many friends of the Children's Home who are giving to provide for them a home and a healing ministry.



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

Christmas Offering
January 29, 2017
April 30, 2017
July 30, 2017
October 29, 2017
December 31, 2017

Current Needs

- Bath Towels
- Bar Soap
- Hair Conditioner
- Men's Deodorant
- Hair Brushes
- Dish Cloths

Items of Interest

We are Proud of Those Who Serve





We are proud of former resident, Angelina. She recently won "Airman of the Quarter" and is working towards her Sergeant status.

Sharing Our Campus



Students from Celebration High School's Pre IB (International Business) Program took some time to visit the awesome ropes course here at the Children's Home. They learned all about team work while also getting a major dose of self esteem.

We Love Volunteers



Volunteers from the United Methodist Church of Sun City Center came to the Children's

All funds raised through the Path of Hope are placed in the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Children's Home. Each gift will continue to give and help to provide a home for our children in perpetuity. A gift brick can also be an enduring and attractive witness of the donor's generosity. A gift brick can be an honor or memorial for a loved one, recognize an anniversary, special occasion or acknowledge a church Sunday School class or other group. Gift bricks come in three sizes. Each size holds a different number of characters. 4" x 8" bricks are \$100. 8" x 8" bricks are \$500. 16" x 16" bricks are \$1,000.

Path of Hope bricks can also be purchased for our Madison Youth Ranch. A walkway will be created in the near future.

Path of Hope brochures with ordering information can be obtained by calling our Development Office at (386) 668-5088. Please request a supply of brochures to promote this popular program in your local church.

Helpful Information

Endowing Our Future

The purpose of our endowment is to financially sustain the mission and work of our organization. You can make a significant contribution to endow our future...and it's easier than you might think.

Here are a number of charitable gift and estate planning strategies that can benefit you and build our endowment.

- CHARITABLE BEQUESTS**
- BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS**
- CHARITABLE LIFE ESTATE**
- CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY**

To learn more about how you can make a significant gift to endow our future, please visit www.fumchlegacy.org or email plannedgiving@FUMCH.org or contact Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at 386-668-4774 ext. 2234.

Home to donate their time and expertise in painting. They spent a couple of days giving our Kaebnick Cottage (Independent Living) a new coat of paint on the inside. We really appreciate you sharing your talents with us. The residents are grateful as well!

Save the Date

DAY ON CAMPUS

April 1, 2017



Specially Invited Districts:

Gulf Central

South Central



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