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Florida United Methodist Children's Home Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive 2 Million & Change Grant

Enterprise, FL – Florida United Methodist Children's Home has been awarded \$3,500 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., through a program called *2 Million & Change* that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct more than \$2 million in donations each year.

"The funds will be used to enhance the existing STEM program in our on campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy. We are very appreciative of the Staples Foundation for supporting the educational needs of our children," stated Kitwana McTyer, President and CEO of the Children's Home.

Created in 2012, the *2 Million & Change* program is a philanthropic initiative which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations focused on academic education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.

In 2015, Staples awarded more than \$2.5 million in grants to 875 local organizations in support of education and job skills programs, including job readiness for homeless individuals, career exploration for high school students, academic scholarships, mentoring and more.

"For 30 years, Staples associates have been making a difference in their communities around the world," said John Burke, chief culture officer, Staples, Inc., "We're thrilled that the *2 Million & Change* program lets our associate make an even greater impact on the organizations they are passionate about."

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For more information about the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, please contact Mark Cobia, Manager of Marketing and Communications at 386.668.4774 or mark.cobia@fumch.org.

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, and includes 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.

About Staples Community and Giving

Staples contributes to educational and job-related community efforts with a primary focus on disadvantaged youth, from literacy and mentoring to career skills development, through in-kind and monetary donations and grants from Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc. Through its community and giving efforts, Staples has helped thousands of organizations in 26 countries. For more information, visit www.staples.com/community.