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WELLS FARGO AWARDS GRANT TO CHILDREN'S HOME

Enterprise, FL — Wells Fargo awarded the Florida United Methodist Children's Home a \$1,000 grant that will support the Independent Living Program at the Children's Home. The grant was part of Wells Fargo's Community Connection Grant Program. They are proud to support organizations working to strengthen the communities in which they serve. They believe that grant-making decisions are more effective when made locally. Wells Fargo makes contributions in areas that they believe are important to the future of the nation's vitality and success. Their first priority is to support programs and organizations whose chief purpose is to benefit low and moderate income individuals and families.

In 2016, Wells Fargo invested more than \$12 million in charitable contributions to nonprofits and schools in Florida communities. Florida team members also logged nearly 82,000 volunteer hours in their communities.

Wells Fargo and the Wells Fargo Foundation provide monetary support, expertise, and volunteers to national and local nonprofit organizations and causes that align with our business priorities, values, business expertise, and geographies. Wells Fargo focuses their philanthropic activities on creating long-term, strategic relationships with nonprofits and other organizations to create innovative, sustainable solutions to meet local needs.

"The funds that were generously provided by Wells Fargo will be used to provide for the daily needs of the youth in our Independent Living Program. This could include many things like vocational training, counseling or therapy, and other items need on a day to day basis," said Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at the Children's Home. David MacKenzie, Area Vice President of Northeast Florida, and Jenny Wheeler, Branch Manager, were on hand from Wells Fargo to present the check to Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer and Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development for the Children's Home.

Established in 1908, Florida United Methodist Children's Home is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation), EAGLE (a program of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries), and is a member of the Alliance for Children and Families.

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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@funch.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 to children from childhood to adulthood. Our Residential Care Program provides school-aged children who have been victimized by abuse, neglect or family trauma a family-style home, education, counseling, and recreation and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program and Child Care to the public, 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.



Left to Right: David MacKenzie, Area President, Northeast Florida, Wells Fargo; Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer and Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development, Children's Home; Jenny Wheeler, Branch Manager, Deltona Plaza, Wells Fargo.