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A *word* FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Kitwana McTyer
President & CEO
Florida United Methodist Children's Home

I would like to begin by thanking all of you who have supported our children in their efforts to prepare for a new school year. Gifts of school supplies as well as financial support have been coming in over the past several weeks, and the children were ready for the new school year as a result. The children had a very active summer, and we're looking forward to a school year full of successes.

This past school year saw us graduate another class of hard-working young people. All of these bright students are going on to higher education, and we are very proud of their success. Your support has contributed to their success by helping to provide for their daily needs. You can see a photo of the graduating class on the following page.

Along with a few updates on what's happening here at the Children's Home, this issue features our annual report for 2016. During 2016, we provided residential group care and independent living services for 267 children and young adults. That's 52 more than we served in 2015! However, the need is even larger. We received 759 inquiries for information and referrals during 2016, a 40% increase over 2015. We also served 539 children through our foster care services in 2016, 41 more than we served in 2015. This was due in part to the opening of our Broward county office. Because of your partnership and investment in our children, they continue to flourish.

We continue to have the best volunteer base in the State of Florida! The Children's Home volunteers donated nearly 18,000 hours to our ministry, almost 1,000 hours more than the year before. Their time has helped to contribute to the care of the children in more ways than we can count. Those hours are the equivalent of more than eight full time staff members! This is another way that our friends in this ministry have blessed us.

Our Madison Youth Ranch hosted their inaugural Day At The Ranch in September 2016. Nearly 600 friends came out to tour the cottages and the stable, visit with the children, see the progress made at that time on the pool, and enjoyed a delicious bar-b-que lunch.

As James wrote in his epistle, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." We feel truly blessed for God to have sent us supportive friends like you. Thank you for your love for our children and for our ministry. Through your generous gifts, our children can begin to feel safe and loved.

Sincerely,

Kitwana McTyer
President & CEO
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RECOGNIZING OUR HIGH SCHOOL *Graduates*

On Friday, May 19th, we held a high school graduation ceremony for six of our young people. Our class of 2017 included Collin, Antoine, Tyrese, Garrett, Donovan and Heather. Four of those graduated from our on-campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy. The other two, while having attended Legacy in the past, completed their graduation requirements at University High School and the Eckerd Workforce Development Program in Volusia County. All of these students will be continuing their education as they pursue degrees at various institutions, including Bethune-Cookman University, Sante Fe College, and Daytona State College.



DAY ON CAMPUS COMING MARCH 17

We will be hosting our next Day On Campus at our Enterprise location on March 17, 2018. Our special guests for this annual event will be the North West, North Central, and North East Districts. Day On Campus is our way of saying thank you to the local United Methodist Churches and the many friends who support the Children's Home with their generous gifts throughout the year. Stay tuned to our Facebook page, upcoming issues of The Herald, and your local church for more information and announcements about Day On Campus.



ANNUAL REPORT *2016*



SUMMARY OF SERVICES

759	Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral
267	Number of children served in residential and shelter care
539	Number of children served in foster care
31	Number of children served in Independent Living
234	Number of children served in Early Childhood Education



1,344 Number of volunteers



17,981 Number of volunteer hours performed

OPERATING REVENUE

Contributions	\$9,758,244
Fee for service	5,200,393
Childcare services	816,277
Other income	491,520
Interest & dividends	735,216
Split-interest agreements	33,548
Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2,044,467

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE \$19,079,765

EXPENSES

Program service	
Residential Care	\$9,747,527
Independent Living and scholarship	628,993
Foster care	808,414
Child care center	971,674

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES \$12,156,608

Other expenses

Fundraising	\$1,035,292
General & Administrative	1,047,028

TOTAL EXPENSES \$14,238,928

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$4,840,857

Endowment Funds at the Children's Home

An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Endowed assets are invested, and each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the operations at the Children's Home. Any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowed fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity. When an endowed fund is established, a permanent legacy of support is created for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Endowment Investment Summary For the month ending December 31, 2016

General Endowment	\$17,057,239
Education Endowment	2,670,723
Charitable Gift Annuity	1,337,117

Total Donor Restricted Funds 21,065,079

Board Designated Endowment	\$11,838,919
Education Scholarship	954,303

TOTAL ENDOWED FUNDS \$33,858,301



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ANNA CREDITS THE FAMILY TEACHING MODEL FOR

Helping Her

A few months ago, we implemented the Teaching Family Model (TFM) as part of our Residential Care. The TFM is a cognitive behavioral model of care that is based on the belief that much of the behaviors people display are learned. Behavioral issues often stem from a lack of interpersonal relationships and skills. By providing positive, caring relationships and teaching new skills, behavioral issues can be overcome and new behaviors taught. As you can see from Anna's testimony, your support of our ministry is making a positive impact in the lives of our children.

"Ten months ago I never imagined myself being in a children's home. I totally ignored the fact that my consequences could have brought me to the place I am at now. The realization hit me about four months ago that this is what's really going on in my life. I started blaming the people around me. From my point of view, nothing was ever my fault. Then out of nowhere, the Children's Home enters my life, hitting me right in the face like a bag of bricks.

I realized how much the Children's Home has given to me in the short period I have been here. All these aspects and lessons I have learned will, and already have, affected my "day-to-

day" sights on life. I now have this new found understanding of embracing growth and change. The relationship building skills I have learned (thanks to the Family Teaching Model) have especially helped me grow. I now speak my mind and give people my honest, yet respectful opinion.

Prior to my arrival at the Children's Home, I was in an abusive household. Because of the situation I was in, I developed certain characteristics that weren't so pleasant for a teenager to obtain. Although I went through these troubling times, it has helped me get to the place I'm at today, and has taught me so many valuable lessons to now live a life I want to live with God

and escape the hands of the Devil. I now know how to communicate with peers and adults in a respectful and appropriate way. The unacceptable thoughts prior to my life at the Children's Home are now irrelevant. I now live with integrity and positive intent. I'm a positive role model for my brother and sister due to the positive Family Teaching Model. I'm extremely grateful for this and cannot adequately express my gratitude.

Thanks to the Children's Home as well as the Family Teaching Model, I now live my life in a simple and serene fashion."

If you want to continue helping children like Anna by supporting their counseling, education, and other daily needs, just use the envelope included in this issue to send your gift. It really will make a difference.

The Future IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

Do you ever wonder what the future holds?

While it's impossible to know or control what happens in the future, you can have security about achieving your ultimate goals by making a plan.

Planning is one way to create a secure future for you and your love ones. With a good plan, you can rest easy knowing that your family will be well cared for and your property will pass to your intended beneficiaries.

Why Do I Need A Plan?

Failure to plan may result in accidental disinheritance. Accidental disinheritance occurs when you do not have a will or your will doesn't function properly. Because failure to plan means you risk harming those you love and subjecting your estate to needless tax, most people will need to make a plan for the future.

What Are Some Options For Planning My Future?

One option would be a will. That is a written document that permits you to state how you want your property or estate distributed, name an Executor (also called a personal representative) to distribute your property, pay debts and taxes, and handle other business affairs to settle your estate.

A second option is a living trust. This may be a good option if you own property. A living trust may be set up during life and directs where your assets go. Unlike a will, a trust will not subject your estate to probate, which is often a lengthy and costly process that requires a court to settle your estate.

We can provide you with a FREE copy of Planning Your Legacy – A Guide To Planning Your Will And Trust. You can use this guide to organize your assets and clearly state who you intend to benefit. Once your guide is completed, we encourage you to visit with your advisor to finalize your plan.



To receive your FREE copy of *Planning Your Legacy – A Guide To Planning Your Will And Trust*, contact Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at 386.668.4774, extension 2234, or at plannedgiving@fumch.org. You can also visit www.fumchlegacy.org for videos and more information about planning your legacy.



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