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#### **Testimonial**



#### From an alumnus...

"I just wanted to give a big thank you to everyone at the Children's Home. I was here for a while and this place is truly wonderful. Thank you for the beautiful memories, my friends, and my security while there. You guys are all angels. This place truly is a safe haven."

## Legacy Scholars Academy

Last month, Legacy Scholars Academy hosted an awards ceremony and pizza luncheon to celebrate our students through the second quarter of the year. Students were recognized for their school achievement. We celebrated the



27 Legacy students who earned a 2.5 grade point average (GPA) or higher; 20 of those earned a 3.0 GPA or better. Campus-wide, we had 46 students who have at least a 2.75 grade point average. 33 of which earned a 3.0 grade point average or higher. In addition, we honored those who have displayed self-awareness, selfmanagement, social awareness, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills. It was a wonderful day!

## **Day on Campus**



Believe it or not, Day on Campus 2017 is rapidly approaching! On April 1st, the Children's Home will be hosting this annual event, which will give multitudes of people a picture of the ministries that we offer.

The day will begin at 9am with gates open for campus tours. At 11am, we will gather in the gym for a program. This will include presentations and awards, testimonials, as well as music and dance. The program will give us an opportunity to celebrate some of the amazing things God has done through the Home. Following the program, we will have lunch on the grounds, and then proceed to campus and home tours.

Day on Campus allows us to highlight the Children's Home's blessings to our children and families. It is one of our favorite days of the year, as it offers us a chance to say thank you for the ongoing partnership that the churches and community offer us.

"Day on campus is a celebratory event where we open our doors to

those who support our ministry through their prayers, time, financial generosity, and love. On that day, all have the opportunity to learn more about the different services we provide, tour our beautiful campus, and share experiences with other guests. This is also an opportunity for our ministry friends and supporters to hear ministry successes from families and residential alumni."

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President & CEO

Florida United Methodist Children's Home





## **Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings**



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

April 30, 2017 July 30, 2017 October 29, 2017 December 31, 2017

## **Current Needs**

Male Deodorant
Female Deodorant
Body Lotion
Shampoo
Hair Conditioner
Bath Towels
Bedding Sets (comforter-sheets)

### **Mark Your Calendars**

# New Horizon Golf Classic & Silent Auction Luncheon



On Saturday April 29th, New Horizon UMC will be hosting their annual golf tournament and silent auction luncheon at Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL. The event begins with registration at 7am, with the shotgun start at 8am. The Luncheon will follow at 12:30pm. Proceeds will go to benefit the Foster Care Services of



The Districts specifically invited to this year's Day on Campus are:

# Gulf Central South Central

To help us accommodate all of our guests, we ask that you please RSVP **by March 17th**. You may make reservations by emailing Trista Calvin at: <a href="mailto:trista.calvin@fumch.org">trista.calvin@fumch.org</a> or by phone at 386.668.5088.

We look forward to seeing you there!



# LCR Workshops

Our 2017 Local Church Representative workshops have already begun! These gatherings highlight the ways your church can further

engage with the ministry of the Children's Home.

Workshops provide in-depth discussions about the services the Children's Home provides to meet the variety of needs of youth who come into our care. We will also cover the tools we have to equip you to advocate for our children and discuss creative and engaging ways your congregation can partner with us in this life-changing ministry.

Often the work within your congregation is done in partnership with leadership and others within your church. We encourage you to invite your pastor, missions team members, or others who would benefit from learning more about the ministry. Additionally, we welcome both new and seasoned LCRs! Please plan to attend and share your ideas, wisdom, and experience during our brainstorming and Q&A portion of the workshop.

The remaining workshops are:

Gulf Central District
Saturday, February 11th
10:00am-Noon
First UMC
New Port Richey

Saturday, February 11 2:00pm-4:00pm Seminole UMC Seminole the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

For more on how you can participate in the event, as well as sponsorship information, please contact Carolyn Pannier at New Horizon at 954-434-7400. You can also visit the event page at bidpal.net/nhgolf or on facebook at www.facebook.com/benefit4children/

#### **Don't Forget About 5th Sunday Videos**

Your role as Local Church Representative is vital to the ministry of the Children's Home, and we are so grateful that you are serving in this capacity!

We have videos available to help you promote the Children's Home in your church, including those that can be used on 5th Sundays. You can find these at our YouTube channel, by following the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK5qdLQzrLIESii1rGLkwXQ Additionally, if there is anything we can do to support you and your church, please give us a call. We love our LCRs, and we look forward to continuing to partner with you.

North West District Friday, May 12 10:00am-12:00pm First UMC Madison

\*\*\*Note: An RSVP is needed to attend. Please call Trista Calvin at 386-668-4774 ext 2296 or email Trista.Calvin@fumch.org with questions or RSVPs.\*\*\*

## THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER IS PERMANENT!

With the IRA charitable rollover, you can make a gift from your IRA account to help support the work of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Gifts made from your IRA (up to \$100,000 per year) are not reportable as taxable income. They also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD) which can lower your income and taxes.

For more information, visit www.fumchlegacy.org, email

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