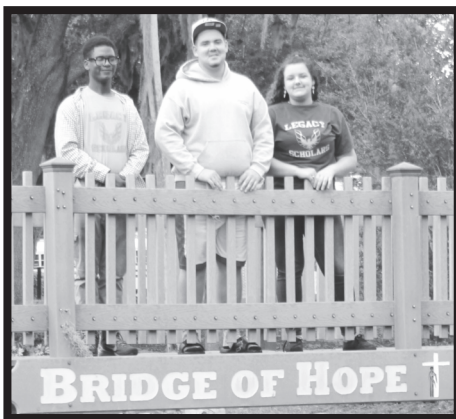


FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING



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Spring time hums with activity. The chirping birds, the temperate weather, and the lush greenery all reveal evidence of new life all around us. This is a time to celebrate the rich potential for growth and life at work in our midst. Isaiah 43:19 proclaims the new thing that God is doing, “now it sprouts up; don’t you recognize it?”

Yet, for many of the children who have experienced great trauma, winter seems like the only season they know. These are children like Jae, who was in the care of the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home for two years. In the course of her time with us, she saw three potential adoptions fail, and thus became very angry and discouraged. She struggled with issues of substance abuse, defiance, and running away. Children often come to us with similar feelings of anger, sadness, isolation, and despair. The traumatic nature of their experiences have left them wondering when their lives will ever take a turn for the better. Hope and promise are often hard to find.

Toward the end of her time with us, Jae learned of another potential adoptive home. She was apprehensive at first, but saw the presence of Jesus in a loving family, and was adopted before her 18th birthday. While Jae found her forever home, there are still many more children under our care who are waiting for their stories to unfold.

Here at the Children’s Home, we are privileged to see the fullness of Spring on display. Not only do we experience the beauty of each new day, but we also get to witness the new life and hope that God continually brings about in the lives of the children we serve. Day after day, children like Jae are shown care in a safe, compassionate, and loving environment.

Whether through the Residential, Independent Living, Foster Care, or Early Childhood Development programs at the Children’s Home, children and families in our care are reminded of the promise of new things that God constantly provides. Please consider supporting the Children’s Home through The Fifth Sunday Offering, as your support ensures that more children like Jae are shown God’s love. Thank you for your partnership.



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