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Florida United Methodist Children's Home Breaks Ground For New Early Education Center

Enterprise, FL – The Florida United Methodist Children's Home broke ground on the Lamar Louise Curry Early Childhood Education Development Center. The new building, expected to be completed late next year, will be nearly 20,000 square feet. The current early education building on the Enterprise Campus has been serving children in the community since 1980 and has a capacity of 72 children. The new building will have a capacity of approximately 250 and include the addition of a kindergarten.

The new building will provide the space necessary to expand current services as well as offer new ones. In addition to the kindergarten, the expansion will allow for the elimination of the current year-to-year waiting list. As part of the after school program, older children will be offered homework assistance and computer-assisted instruction. Tutoring will be available to foster children as well as at-risk children from the community.

Expansion of the Early Childhood Education Development program through this new building will also benefit many of our residents. The program will partner with our Independent Living program by offering apprenticeship opportunities in education, food service, and early childhood education.

The new building will be located on the north side of the Enterprise campus, adjacent to Jacob Brock Avenue, and will match the historical architecture of other buildings on the campus.

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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.



(Left to right) Kitwana McTyer, President & CEO, Florida United Methodist Children's Home; Pastor Thom Shafer, Cypress Lake United Methodist Church; Audrey Ross; Scott Davidson, Board of Trustees; Rev. Bob Bushong, District Superintendent – East Central District, Board of Trustees; Dr. Charles Lever, Chair, Board of Trustees.