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Children's Home Receives \$2,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy

Enterprise, FL – The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded the Florida United Methodist Children's Home a \$2,000 grant to support youth literacy. This grant is part of more than \$3.4 million that Dollar General awarded to 915 recipients on August 28, 2018. Awarded annually at the beginning of the academic school year, youth literacy grants help support teachers, schools and nonprofit organizations throughout the 44 states that Dollar General serves.

"The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to be an ardent supporter of schools, libraries and nonprofit literacy organizations," said Todd Vasos, Dollar General's CEO. "Dollar General's mission is *Serving Others*, and this commitment comes to life through Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants that will impact thousands of students across the country. Since its inception 25 years ago, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has partnered with thousands of organizations focused on advancing the goals of literacy and education."

To date, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$159 million in grants to schools, libraries and literacy organizations as part of its commitment to increase literacy skills for individuals of all ages.

The grant will be used by the Education Department at the Children's Home to purchase books for the children attending Legacy Scholars Academy. The Academy is located on the Enterprise campus of the Children's Home, and is a partnership with Volusia County Schools.

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For more information about the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, please contact Mark Cobia, Director of Marketing and Communications at 386.668.4774 or <u>mark.cobia@fumch.org</u>.

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, and 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. Our Residential Care Program cares for school-aged children who have been victimized by abuse, neglect or family trauma in a family-style home, and provides education, counseling, as well as

recreation and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program as well as a Montessori-based early childhood program to the public through In As Much. The Children's Home is supported through the generosity of churches with the United Methodist Florida Conference, individuals and legacy gifts. For more information, visit www.fumch.org.