



MISSION STATEMENT

To empower children and families to experience God's love and care as revealed in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

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Testimonial



From an alumnus...

"I am very thankful that my childhood was at FUMCH. I got to

experience more things in the Children's Home than I would have anywhere else. I miss all of my FUMCH friends and I think we all

Special Announcement

New President Named Mr. Kitwana McTyer



"After an extensive six month search, considering candidates from across the country, the Board of Trustees has named Kitwana McTyer as the President and CEO of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. We are truly blessed to have such a highly qualified individual

FUMCH friends and I think we all need to have an alumni lunch together one of these days, months or years. I love all of you and God bless everyone."

Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings



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

Christmas Offering
January 29, 2017
April 30, 2017
July 30, 2017
October 29, 2017
December 31, 2017

Current Needs

Twin Comforters
Bar Soap
Pillows
Male Deodorant
Body Lotion
Bath Towels

Items of Interest

Thank You Quilters



Home. We are truly blessed to have such a highly qualified individual and proven leader to step into the role of President and CEO." - Rev. Charles Lever, Chair of the Board

Please Take Note

Help Us Finish Strong



The foundation of all we do is the children, youth and families we serve in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. It can seem at times that we focus too much on money and offerings and supporting the Children's Home financially. Unfortunately, we live in a world where it takes money and resources to care for those who turn to us for help. Your gifts, both individually and as a church, provide all the ingredients that make this ministry possible. Your gifts provide loving houseparents, caring therapists, chapel and music ministry, comprehensive education program, recreation therapy and a beautiful campus to call home, both in Enterprise and Madison. We deeply appreciate all you do as Local Church Representatives to help support us. We could not do it without you. As the year winds to a close, please consider the following:

Christmas Offering

Please remember to receive a Christmas Offering this year. Your Christmas and year end support is essential for us to finish on a strong foundation. Your prayerful support helps to ensure that the daily needs of the children and families in our care are fulfilled. If you need bulletin inserts, posters or pew envelopes, please contact Trista Calvin at trista.calvin@fumch.org.

Year End Giving

We know that many of you are working hard to have your church reach its goal of giving for 2016. Please remember that your gift needs to be postmarked by December 31, 2016 in order to be counted towards your 2016 goal of giving of \$12.00 per member. Our financial books will remain open until the Florida Annual Conference closes their books. Therefore, if you should send your giving through the conference office, instead of directly to the Children's Home, it will still be counted toward your goal.

Thank You Retiring LCRs - Welcome New LCRs

For some of you, December 31, 2016 will mark the end of your tenure as a Local Church Representative (LCR). We deeply thank you for all your

hard work and effort put forth on behalf of the Children's Home. For others, you will begin your journey with the Children's Home on January 1, 2017 as a new LCRs. We welcome you and hope you find fulfillment and meaning lifting up the Home in your local church. LCRs are a vital component to our ministry and development efforts. With some 700 congregations in the Florida Annual Conference, it would be near impossible for us to have a meaningful connection in all those local



This wonderful quilting group from **Plantation United Methodist Church** made some beautiful quilts for our residents. Thank you for your dedicated service of love for our children!

Education Success



Did you know that 92% of our students had a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Several students had a perfect 4.0! We are so proud of the hard work our students have put into this first semester and happy to see they are starting the school year off strong.

Civic Lesson



churches without the LCRs serving as goodwill ambassadors. Thank you for all you do!

Thank You!

Christmas is Almost Here



We have received many gift cards, Christmas gifts and holiday items. **THANK YOU!** We could not give our residents a Merry Christmas without the hard work and dedication of our Local Church Representatives as well as the generosity of your congregations.

Even though our deadline is December 9, 2016, we will continue to receive gift cards and other gifts after that date. Staff and volunteers are here to help. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our development office at (386) 668-5088. Again, we thank you for your love and prayers for our children and this wonderful ministry.

Information

Ways of Giving

We deeply appreciate the many ways that you and all the friends of the Children's Home support and sustain this vital ministry. Every gift you make provides care and hope to a child in need. You are the healing hands and voice of Jesus to these young people.

There are many ways that you can give to help this ministry fulfill its mission. Please consider the following:

Fifth Sunday and Christmas Offerings

The historic Fifth Sunday Offering is a vital resource for the Children's Home to meet its day-to-day operating needs. First and foremost, please allow your congregation the opportunity to give on the Fifth Sunday and at Christmas. We can provide bulletin inserts and pew envelopes at your request.

General Contributions

Individual giving that is received throughout the year is important and provides for the ongoing work of caring for the children and youth who come into our ministry. All individual gifts are credited to a local church's goal of giving total, if the donor identifies a church.

In-Kind Donations

Many people, groups and organizations provide material donations to us. These are also greatly appreciated and needed. These include such items as school supplies, bed linens and towels, clothing and other such items. For a "Needs List" please contact Trista Calvin at trista.calvin@fumch.org

Endowments

Endowments are another important way to give to the Home. They are

permanent monetary gifts. The earnings from these gifts provide care for children now as well as generations to come.

Honor Gifts

This gift will mark any special occasion - a birth, anniversary, retirement, birthday, or simply a way to recognize a special person in your life. An appropriate message indicating your contribution is sent to the person being honored.

Memorial Gifts

There is no better way to provide a memorial to a relative or friend than through a gift to the Home, whose care touches the lives of many hurting children. Families of the person designated by donor are notified of the memorial.

Bequests and Trusts

Bequests or trusts may be arranged in accordance with the donor's own estate plan and/or wishes for the gift's use. Many forms of bequests or charitable trusts, restricted or unrestricted are available.

For questions or information about any of the items listed above, please contact our Development Office for assistance at (386) 668-5088.

Neither the author, nor this organization is engaged in rendering legal or tax advice. For advice and assistance in specific cases, the services of an attorney or qualified financial advisor should be obtained.



Our on campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy, hosted a mock election in the gym with students and staff participating. It went along with their study of the election process and issues at the local, state, and federal level.

Life Skills are Fun



One of the favorite life skills classes on campus is our Let's Get Cooking Class. Our life skills classes exist to give our youth the tools they need to grow into successful, self-sufficient adults. Thank you to our Independent Living case managers and our houseparents for mentoring our youth through this journey.

Save the Date

**DAY ON CAMPUS
April 1, 2017**



**Specially Invited Districts:
Gulf Central
South Central**





Helpful Information

You are Not Too Young to Need a Will or Trust!

You may think that you are too young to plan for the future, but if you have children or own real estate, it's important to have a plan. If it's time for you to create or update your will or trust, we can provide you with a free Wills Planning Guide to help you get started. To request your free guide, please give us a call or visit our website today.

For more information visit www.fumchlegacy.org or email plannedgiving@FUMCH.org or contact Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at 386-668-4774 ext. 2234.

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