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## Testimonial

#### From a child...

"In the short time I have been here, my grades have greatly improved. I have also learned to trust adults. I am very thankful for the Children's Home."

# **SPARK's Got Talent**

Not only do our children have great personalities and gifts, but they are also quite talented! Last month, SPARK held a talent show for all to enjoy. For those not familiar with SPARK, it is the name of the Chapel service held on our Enterprise campus. The youth came up with the name themselves, and it stands for: Spiritually Powerful And Righteous Kids. Their talent show featured a wide range of

performances. There was singing - both solos and duets - and included covers as well as original material. Musical numbers ranged from country to rap and pop. There were dance groups (including a group doing the whip & nae nae), a comedic monologue, a magic act, and even a pottery demonstration. We're so very proud of our young people!

#### The Children's Home Goes to Camp!

This July, both residential campuses of the Children's Home sent a total of 28 children to the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp. These elementary, middle, and high school students spent a week learning about God's love in real and tangible ways. They met in small groups, played both large and small group games, swam, participated in skills and activities, and met many other children from around the state. Andre, one of our youth, had the opportunity to go as a high school camper. His favorite activity was archery, although he never did hit a bulls eye. He said that he really enjoyed small group, as he was in a group with people similar to him. "The big thing I learned at camp," said Andre, "was that God works in ways we don't fully understand."

Immediately following their week at camp, the Enterprise campus was visited by the entire Leadership Team from the Warren Willis Camp! This group is comprised of over 100 young adults who have given their summer to serve as camp counselors at this incredible ministry. While on campus, the Team began with an informational session about the history and ministry of the Children's Home. They then gathered in the gym for worship with the children and staff. Afterwards, everyone shared a meal together, and then the children gave the Team members a tour of their cottages. It was a wonderful day of celebration, as we were able to share in the wonderful work of both vital Conference ministries!





# **Current Resident Needs**

Duffle/Overnight bags Suitcases Underwear (men's and women's), sizes S and M Male and Female deodorant (non-aerosol) Comforters and bedding sets Hair Conditioner Hair Brushes Toothpaste Bath soap Shaving Cream

#### **Independence Day**



On the 4th of July, the Enterprise campus was treated to a cookout that was hosted by Community United Methodist Church of Casselberry. These wonderful volunteers, led by LCR Carol Adams, provided grilled hamburgers, hotdogs,

homemade sides, desserts, and watermelon to the children and staff on campus. Before lunch, the volunteers heard a presentation about the history and ministries of the Children's Home.

The cookout has become a beloved annual tradition for the children and staff, and it is something that the volunteers look forward to each year. We are so grateful for all the hard work and dedication of the wonderful folks at Community UMC!

## Make A Gift Without Spending Your Cash

We know that times are tough and you are looking for ways to save rather than spend your hard-earned money. There is a way that you can make a gift to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home without tapping into your savings. By designating our organization as the beneficiary



#### Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings

Please don't forget to promote and collect the Fifth Sunday Offering, as it is a vital resource in providing for the ongoing day-to-day needs of the children and families. <u>We also</u> <u>have Fifth Sunday videos available to help promote these</u> <u>special Sundays at your local church.</u> Click <u>HERE</u> to visit our YouTube channel and access these videos.

# October 29, 2017 December 31, 2017

## Thank You, Epic Youth Group!

Our Heart & Home Resale Shop continues to serve the greater Orange City area with wonderful products at great prices. The Shop wouldn't be able to do this without the countless hours of service that our wonderful volunteers provide. Last month, the EPIC youth group from University Carillon UMC brought two groups to volunteer their time in the Resale Shop. They were extremely helpful to the staff and clients, and were joyous in their service. Thank you so much for your time, and we welcome you back to Heart & Home anytime!

For information on how you or your group can volunteer with the Resale Shop, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Lynn Bellomy, at 386.668.4774 ext. 2321. You may also email her at lynn.bellomy@fumch.org

## Mark Your Calendars: Mims Mullet Festival Golf Tournament

The Mims Mullet Festival Golf Tournament will be taking place on October 7, 2017 at the Indian River Preserve Golf Club. Registration begins at 7:00am, followed by the shotgun start at 8:30am. There will be a luncheon to follow. Costs for the event are: \$65 for an individual golfer, or \$260 for a foursome. The price includes a round of golf, participation in the luncheon, and more! There are also sponsorship opportunities.

The event is in its 6th year, and all proceeds will be given to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and the

Florida Baptist Children's Home. Please spread the word to any golfers you know, as well as anyone who wants to support ministries to children/youth in need.

The Mullet Festival facebook page can be found by clicking <u>HERE</u>. For advance tournament registration or more information, please e-mail mulletgolf@rocketmail.com or call Sid Champaige, tournament director, at 321.863.9558.

#### SPARK leads worship at Annual Conference

Each year, clergy and lay delegates from all across Florida gather for 3 days at Annual Conference. During the Conference, delegates discuss business items, approve the annual budget, hear stories of inspiration, and encourage one another in the mission of the Church. This year, the SPARK worship team from the Children's Home lod worship for the Eriday evening session. Composed of of all or a portion of your IRA funds, you can help us continue our good work and avoid taxing your estate and loved ones.

For more information, contact Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at 386.668.4774 extension 2234, or at <u>plannedgiving@fumch.org</u>. You can also visit <u>www.fumchlegacy.org</u>. five staff (including one houseparent) and six children, the team opened the session with two lively worship songs and a prayer. Mr. Kitwana McTyer, our President & CEO, was officially introduced to the Annual Conference, and he shared some words about the future of our ministry. It was a wonderful reminder of the Holy Spirit's work in the connection between the Children's Home and the Florida Annual Conference.

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