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Testimonial

From an alumnus...

"One of the saving graces for me as a young man, it brought me sanctuary in the very darkest of times. This place taught me so many things and brought me into contact with so many great young people, many of whom had battled to overcome things that most could never even imagine. Thank you to all of you who work there, along with everyone who helped to impact my life in such a positive and long lasting manner. You are all loved and missed!"

Publix Serves Day at the Children's Home

In early April, the Children's Home was visited by over one hundred Publix associates from local stores who participated in Publix Serves Day. They cleaned windows, helped with our garden, worked on some landscaping projects, washed and detailed agency vehicles, and even stocked shelved in our commissary. Publix Serves Day began in 2015 as a way for the organization to give back to local communities and nonprofits. Here on our Enterprise campus, these 118 associates from 10 local stores did more than 380 hours of valuable service on campus, and

Congratulations, Class of 2017!



On Friday, May 19th, we held a high school graduation ceremony for six of our young adults. The event took place at the Community United Methodist Church in Debarry, and was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the achievements of our graduates. Throughout the evening, attendees heard from Children's Home President & CEO, Kitwana McTyer, Volusia County school superintendent Tom Russell, Legacy Scholars Academy principal Stephanie Workman, School Board Chair Melody Johnson, and Children's Home Director of Education Mary Cortez. The over-arching message of the speakers centered around the theme of emotional intelligence. Cortez shared six key aspects of servant leadership, and emphasized how each graduate embodied a specific aspect in his or her life. The young adults were challenged to succeed through living into their purpose and calling in the world.

Our class of 2017 included: Antoine, Collin, Donovan, Garrett, Heather, and Tyrese. Four of these students graduated from our on-campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy. The other two, while having attended

provided crucial support to the ministry of the Children's Home. Thank you, Publix, for your vital support to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home!



Thank You, Community UMC in Fruitland Park



Every month, the Circle of Friends from Community UMC in Fruitland Park collects donations for a different cottage at the Children's Home. This past month, they brought up some fishing poles for a boys' home and a sewing kit. Our children are so blessed by gifts like these, especially now that school is out and the fish are biting! Thank you so much, Circle of Friends!

Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings



Legacy in the past, completed their graduation requirements at University High School and the Eckerd Workforce Development Program in Volusia County. All of these students will be continuing their education as they pursue degrees at various institutions, including Bethune-Cookman University, Sante Fe College, and Daytona State College. Our thanks goes out to: Cindy Sisco, for donating the catered dinner; Margaret Morris, for the desserts and set up; and Vicki Barnes, who also assisted with the set up. Each graduate received a new Dell laptop computer, thanks to a gift from Jim and Susan Higgins in memory of Sterling and Sally Lamp. These laptops will be invaluable as the students head off to college. Additionally, a quilting group from First United Methodist Church of Boca Raton provided each graduate with a hand made quilt. Finally, each graduate received a \$125 check, generously donated by Silver Palm United Methodist Church.

As we continue to grow and serve more children, we're looking forward to the class of 2018 which currently has eight students on track to graduate. This continued success would not be possible without your loving support for these children. You are having a major impact on their lives.



Superintendent Russell Visits Children's Home

Last month, the Children's Home was visited by Tom Russell, superintendent of Volusia County Schools. A local resident won "A Day With Superintendent Russell," which was put on by Volusia County FUTURES Foundation, and Russell chose the Children's Home as the first stop for the day. The tour began with an overview of Legacy Scholars Academy (LSA). A group, led by Mary Cortez and

Stephanie Workman, talked about the teaching model and specific skills LSA staff use. Then, the morning concluded with a tour of the classrooms and a chance for Mr. Russell to meet students and teachers. We are so grateful for the support of Volusia County Schools, and of Superintendent Russell in particular. Thank you for coming to see us!



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. *We also have Fifth Sunday videos available to help with promotion of these special Sundays at your local church.* Click [HERE](#) to visit our YouTube channel and access these videos.

July 30, 2017

October 29, 2017

December 31, 2017

Current Resident Needs

Pillows
Hair conditioner
Electric Alarm Clocks
Male and Female deodorant (non-aerosol)
Hair Brushes
Bar Soap
Suitcases (standard size)
Craft kits for middle and high school age youth
Fishing poles
Legos
MP3 players
Headphones
Board Games
Cards and card games

One Simple Act. Many Great Results.

The next time you are in a line at the post office, bank, or theater, consider this: only one in three people around you has a will. No matter how rich, poor, young or old they may be, the simple fact is that most people in this country do not have a legally binding will or estate plan. While the cost of making a will is low, the price of not having one is high. Don't forget that, when you include a qualified charity in

your will or plan, your estate is reduced by the named amount. This means that much less is subject to estate taxes, and can be strategically used to help your family and loved ones as well as the causes you cherish, instead. For more information, please visit www.fumchlegacy.org, email plannedgiving@fumch.org, or contact Jeanne Griffith, Associate Director of Development at 386.668.4774 extension 2234.

Psst...Start Thinking About Back-to-School Drives

Like most schools across the state, our students and staff are celebrating the recent completion of the school year. They are preparing for summer activities and Summer Fun. Believe it or not, however, it is not too early to start thinking about the next Back-to-School Supply Drive for our students! We are only about a month away from starting our next Drive for the children in our care. This is a time when generous individuals, churches, and groups collect necessary school supplies for our students and staff. In the next month, we will distribute lists of specific items that are needed.

Thank you, in advance, for your wonderful support of our students!

Run 4 Life



On

Saturday, May 20th, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home hosted the 7th Annual Run 4 Life four mile race. The run was organized to help raise funds for suicide awareness and prevention programs. For the past four years, a portion of the proceeds have gone to benefit the Children's Home.

This year was the most well-attended race to date, with over 200 runners participating. Thank you for all who supported this wonderful cause. We hope to see you at next year's Run 4 Life!



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