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Testimonial



From an alumnus...

"I grew up at the Children's Home. If it wasn't for the Home, as well as the houseparents and staff, I wouldn't be who I am today. The Children's Home will always have a piece of my heart."

Resale Shop

Have you been to visit our own Heart and Home Resale Shop? Just five miles north of our Enterprise campus, the shop provides an extension of our ministry to Orange City and the surrounding area, and proceeds go directly back to the ministry of the Children's Home. It is a great way for us to connect with the greater community. Plus, we are always looking for volunteers to help in the shop. This is a great volunteer opportunity for individuals and groups.



Day on Campus



Day on Campus 2017 is taking place on April 1st, which is now less than a month away. Here at the Home, we couldn't be more excited for the opportunity to highlight the ministry to children and families and to say thank you for the ongoing partnership that the churches and community offer us. We hope you will plan to join us for this very special day. We also invite you to bring your friends and neighbors! The schedule is as follows:

- 9:00am - Gates open for campus tours (minus homes)
- 11:00am - Program in gym (overflow sites also available)
- 12:00pm - Picnic lunch on the grounds
- 12:30pm - Campus tours resume (including the homes)

To help us accommodate all of our guests, we ask that you please RSVP by **March 17th**. You may make reservations by emailing Trista Calvin at: trista.calvin@fumch.org or by phone at 386.668.5088.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Located in the Big Lots shopping center at the corner of Enterprise Road and State Road 17/92, the shop is also a convenient shopping destination for both locals and out-of-town guests! We have a wonderful selection of items that you may be looking for, and the inventory is constantly being updated. For any questions about the shop, or to find out how you can get involved, please contact Jennifer Lichtenwald at (386).668.4774 extension 2301. You can also visit our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Heart-Home-Resale-Shop-915393745160362/>.

Upcoming Fifth Sunday Offerings



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

April 30, 2017

July 30, 2017

October 29, 2017

December 31, 2017

**Special Easter Needs
(Due by April 7)**

- Axe brand body products
- Scented body lotions and body sprays
- Nail polish and remover
- Hair accessories (headbands, ponytail holders, bobby pins, etc.)
- Brushes and combs
- Jewelry and watches
- Legos
- Word find activity books
- Coloring books
- MP3 players **without** cameras
- Wallets
- Ear bud headphones
- Headphones
- Decks of playing cards
- Magic the Gathering or Pokemon card booster packs
- Candy (individually wrapped)
- Hot cocoa
- Beef jerky

Mark Your Calendars

New Horizon Golf Classic & Silent Auction Luncheon



A vital ministry of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is its Foster Care Services program. We are contracted to license foster families in four counties across the state: Volusia, Flagler, Hillsborough, and Broward. Earlier this month, our Foster Care Services dedicated its new office in Broward County. We hosted an open house to show off the new office and to thank all of those who have worked so hard to make the new office a reality. Located in the New Horizon United Methodist Church in Southwest Ranches, we already have two licensed foster families and expect to have at least ten by June. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent in Broward County, or just want to support the children and families we serve, contact Keshia Coffie at 954.514.7000, or at keshia.coffie@fumch.org.

In As Much Art Show

One of the best kept secrets at the Children's Home is our licensed and accredited Early Childhood Education and Development Center

(ECED), In As Much. The Center serves children from birth to six years of age in a Montessori based program. In As Much also serves children ages six to twelve in an afterschool and summer camp program. The area surrounding the Children's Home is 40% below poverty, making this an extension of our ministry to the local community. We are able to provide exceptional education to families who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

This month, the three to six year olds demonstrated their artistic skills with an art show in our gym. The children have been learning about the Masters in art and music, and they created their own works based on their studies.





On Saturday April 29th, New Horizon UMC will be hosting their annual golf tournament and silent auction luncheon at Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL. The event begins with registration at 7am, with the shotgun start at 8am. The Luncheon will follow at 12:30pm. Proceeds will benefit the Foster Care Services of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

"I love the work of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and especially their new work here in Broward County. This golf tournament & silent auction is a fun day for a worthy cause," said Rev. Rafe Vigil, pastor of New Horizon UMC. "The golf course is beautiful and a delicious lunch is included. There is also an opportunity to participate in a silent auction for many wonderful items. The children and families in difficult situations will be blessed by your support. Please join us in healing children and families in Broward County."

For more on how you can participate in the event, as well as sponsorship information, please contact Carolyn Pannier at New Horizon at 954.434.7400. You can also visit the event page at bidpal.net/nhgolf or on facebook at www.facebook.com/benefit4children/

Northwest District LCR Workshop

Don't forget about our Northwest District Local Church Representative workshop happening on May 12th in Madison. This is a great time to hear more about what is happening at both campuses of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, as well as how we can continue partnering with you and your church in this important ministry. Additionally, we welcome both new and seasoned LCRs! Please plan to attend and share your ideas, wisdom, and experience during our brainstorming and Q&A portion of the workshop. The details of the event are:

Friday, May 12
10:00am-12:00pm
First UMC, Madison

***Note: An RSVP is needed to attend. Please call Trista Calvin at 386.668.4774 extension 2296 or email Trista.Calvin@fumch.org with questions or RSVPs

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The work done by the children featured a variety of mediums, including: pencil, charcoal, water color, tempera paint, textile work, weaving, clay and wood sculpture, and more.

Some of the collections included the childrens' interpretation of Monet's Waterlily Pond, Jackson Pollack splatter art, Matisse inspired cut paper art, and magazine face art that is reminiscent of Picasso's work. The show offered a beautiful display of talent, and was quite inspirational!

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