FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING





"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:16-17 CEB

Christmastime often brings to mind images of presents under the tree, stockings stuffed and waiting to be opened, and houses filled with loved ones. It is a season of joy and gratitude. Here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, we love celebrating the extravagant generosity from our friends for the children. Trees are set up, presents received, and extra events are planned.

After all, the Children's Home is a place that knows the power of a gift. Throughout our history, countless have experienced the joy of healing and hope. Those who have been hurt, forgotten, and left behind have seen cycles of abuse and addiction broken. Families have been reunified, and new bonds have been created. It is at Christmas, especially, that the generosity of others is on display here.

Some of our children (ages 11-16 years old) recently shared about the best gift they have ever received:

- -"My best gift was a guinea pig," said a young lady.
- -"The best gift was an iPhone."
- -"My best gift was an mp3 player."
- -Another youth said, "God's love is the best gift I've received."
- -One young man shared, "Since I'll be getting adopted soon, I can say the best gift I've been given is a family."

Will you consider a special gift to the Children's Home? You can text "SPARK" to 50155 for quick and easy giving. Because of your support, the Children's Home is able provide the gift of healing. The gifts of God regularly become tangible for the children and families we serve. God's love has continued to manifest itself through our many ministries, and we are excited about the many ways this love will be made tangible in the future. The peace of Christ be upon you and yours this Christmas.



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