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Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation Awards Grant to Children's Home

Enterprise, FL – The Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation of Winter Park, FL has awarded a \$35,000 grant to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in support of the Neurosequential Model of Treatment. The Foundation was established in 1959 exclusively for the recognition and support of religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, and to promote the welfare of mankind.

The funds will be used to implement a clinical approach known as the Neurosequential Model of Treatment, or NMT. It is a developmentally-informed, biologically-respectful approach to working with at-risk children.

The NMT is not a specific therapeutic technique or intervention. It is a way to organize a child's history of trauma and other experiences with their current level of functioning. This clinical approach helps therapists to better determine the strengths and vulnerabilities of a child and create an individual intervention, enrichment and educational plan that matches his/her unique needs. Through this process, it may be discovered that one child would benefit from play therapy, while another would benefit from the rhythmic sensory stimulation of drum lessons as part of the Spiritual Life program at the Children's Home. "The NMT allows our clinical staff to more quickly and accurately provide the care our children need," said Kitwana McTyler, President and CEO of the Children's Home.

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For more information about the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, please contact Mark Cobia, Director of Marketing and Communications at 386.668.4774 or mark.cobia@fumch.org.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida on the banks of Lake Monroe. The Madison Youth Ranch, a second residential location, was added in 2014 in North Florida. The Children's Home provides services to families and children from childhood to adulthood, and is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation), EAGLE (a program of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries), and is a member of the Alliance for Children and Families. Our Residential Care Program provides care and a family style home for school-aged children who have been victimized by abuse, neglect or family trauma, and provides education, counseling, as well as recreation and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program as well as a Montessori-based early childhood program to the public through In As Much. The Children's Home is supported through the

generosity of churches with the United Methodist Florida Conference, individuals and legacy gifts. For more information, visit www.fumch.org.