

Empowering children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through wholistic care.





Diahann Suchan, LMFT Vice President of Residential Clinical Services Florida United Methodist Children's Home

As we embrace summer time, our children are excited to be out of school and get to sleep late like all other youth. Our Summer Fun Program, now in its 40th year, offers our youth the opportunity to participate in classes that keep them active while motivating and expanding interests in diversified areas. For example, we have arts, rope course, yoga, team sports and other fun activities. The youth ages 15 and over participate in the Independent Living program which prepares them for adulthood. They learn to write resumes, look for jobs, volunteer in the community, learn to cook and garden, take driving lessons and other skills which all youth need to know before launching into the world as an adult.

Here in Residential, we are always busy helping our youth become better prepared for the world as they transition from here. We serve youth ages 6-17, both male and females in a cottage, home-like setting. One of the programs we use is the Teaching Family Model (TFM). We will be accredited in the model in September of 2019 and are very excited since it represents the culmination of a three year process! In this model, we teach basic life skills such as; accepting no for an answer, following instructions and accepting feedback in a manner that is consistent across campus and our 11 cottages. This way our youth hear the same messaging and have the same expectations no matter where they are on campus. TFM is an evidenced based program that has been in existence since the 1960's and has been used in a variety of settings. Implementation of this program has resulted in an overall reduction in the incidences of acting out and higher level destructive behaviors. We are finding that our youth are responding well to the program and are able to translate their skills from the Children's Home to the community and this has helped them in school and with getting jobs off campus.

We have already certified four of our staff in the TFM. This means they have mastered the skills we teach to the youth and are able to teach to the fullest extent following the model. We continue to work with all of our staff to ensure they can all become certified teaching parents.

Sincerely,

Diahann Suchan, LMFT

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ON THE COVER:

Olivia conducting a science experiment at our on-campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy.

A NEED FOR CARE

Many recognize that there is a need to care for abused, abandoned and neglected children. Very few realize just how great the need is, and what actually happens to a child who enters the child welfare system. In addition to referrals from various state agencies, the Children's Home received 1,427 calls last year for information or referral for a child in need. That is just a small part of the statewide need.

Last year, the Florida Abuse Hotline received over 300,000 calls from concerned individuals and organizations about children who had possibly been abused, abandoned or neglected. Of these, about 62% were deemed substantive and accepted for further investigation.

Once a call to the Florida Abuse Hotline is accepted for investigation, it is referred to either Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) or the appropriate Sheriff's office for a Child Protective Investigator (CPI) to conduct a thorough investigation. If the child is determined to be unsafe, the Court may first grant an emergency shelter to place the child in out-of-home care. This is where our emergency shelter comes into play.

Part of our continuum of care at the Children's Home includes Emergency Shelter intake services for children who may be in immediate danger. Our Shelter is staffed by specially trained Youth Care Specialists who are ready for admissions any time of any day.

After the CPI completes their investigation and the child in that case has been determined to be in an unsafe home environment, it may be determined that out-of-home care is required. They may be placed in care with relatives or a non-relative home option. This is another time when the Children's Home may be called upon to care for a child. The child could be placed in a residential group home setting at our Enterprise campus or our Madison Youth Ranch. If foster care is considered an option at this time, the child may be placed with one of our many licensed foster parents.

The ultimate goal of the Children's Home, and the child welfare system in general, is to provide permanency for the child. About 48% of children removed are ultimately reunited with their family. Adoption is the final step for 22% of the abused children who enter the system while another 22% are entrusted to a permanent guardian or caregiver. This guardian may be a relative, and has permanent rights over the child, although parental rights are not terminated. The remaining 8% may opt to remain in extended foster care until 21 years of age, or choose a program such as Independent Living at the Children's Home. Our Independent Living program supports youth from 18 to 26 and helps them better transition to adulthood.

Because of your continued support, the Children's Home is able to help children at multiple points in the child welfare system. With the recent addition of Circle Of Friends Services, we are now able to provide outpatient therapy to children and families in need before they even enter the system. If it is necessary for them to enter the child welfare system, our residential and foster care programs provide a loving home until reunification can be realized.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



SUMMARY OF SERVICES

Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral





1,427

Number of children served in foster care



75

279

Number of foster homes added in 2018

Number of children served in Independent Living

Number of children served in Early Childhood Education

Number of volunteers 0 17,461 Number of volunt hours performed



Number of volunteer

OPERATING REVENUE

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE

5,185,696
5,165,070
979,637
420,388
1,065,066
(815,220)
(2,987,878)
(2,907,0

\$11,557,729

EXPENSES

Program service Residential Care Independent Living and scholarship Foster care Child care center	\$9,606,579 713,386 903,359 1,157,647
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	\$12,380,971
Other expenses Fundraising General & Administrative	\$888,409 1,181,144
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$14,450,524
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(2,892,795)

Endowment Funds at the Children's Home

An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Endowed assets are invested, and each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the operations of the Children's Home. Any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowed fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity. When an endowed fund is established, a permanent legacy of support is created for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Endowment Investment Summary For the month ending December 31, 2018

General Endowment	\$17,379,698
Education Endowment	2,694,968
Charitable Gift Annuity	897,687
Total Donor Restricted Funds	20,972,353
Board Designated Endowment	\$12,229,688
Education Scholarship	1,051,463
TOTAL ENDOWED FUNDS	\$34,253,504

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WHAT PARENTS NEED TO TELL ADULT CHILDREN ABOUT MONEY

> Maybe you still remember their diaper days . . . but, at some point, it is really a good idea to tell your adult children about your personal finances. No matter how independent and self-determining you are today, there may come a day when "the kids" need to step in to help. It isn't just reaching an older age that should drive the conversation. Accidents happen all the time. While you don't have to share all the details, it is a good idea to provide an overview of what you have and where it can be found. Here are some great discussion topics:

INCOME SOURCES – Do you receive Social Security, pensions, rentals, distributions from IRAs or employer-based retirement plans? Where does the money go?

ACCOUNTS – Where do you bank? Do you have checking and savings accounts, CDs, credit cards, or any loans? Where do you hold your investments, and where can those statements be found? Where do you keep original stock or bond certificates? Do you have retirement accounts still maintained with prior employers? Who is your financial planner or broker?

TAXES & INSURANCE – Where do you keep your past tax returns? Do you prepare the return yourself? Who is your tax accountant? Where do you keep your policies for health, life, long-term care, disability, annuities, and Medicare supplements? Are the beneficiaries you've named up-to-date?

ESTATE PLANNING – Where do you keep all your legal documents? To whom have you given your power of attorney? Who have you designated as your health

care surrogate? Who will be your executor (personal representative)? Are there any amendments or changes that need to be made to these documents?

HOUSEHOLD – Where do you keep your checkbook? How do you pay your bills? Are there passwords for online banking and for credit cards? Do you have a mortgage? If you own your home, where is the deed? If you rent, where's the lease agreement? Do you have a safety deposit box? Where's the key? Do you have money or other valuables hidden in your home? Where? How about the combination or keys to a safe and codes to an alarm system?

It's a lot to go over, isn't it? Take some time to get organized. Talking to your family about these matters will save everyone a tremendous amount of work and stress later. Thankfully, my parents have briefed my brother and me on all these items. (I guess they've forgotten about the diapers. Have you?)

David Holland

Board of Trustees Florida United Methodist Children's Home

For information about estate planning, contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer 386.753.2066 plannedgiving@fumch.org www.fumchlegacy.org

A CONVERSATION WITH **DEJOHNLYLES**

When DeJohn was seven years old, he was one of eight children living with their grandmother. When she became ill and could no longer care for the children, DeJohn and four of his siblings came to the Children's Home. DeJohn would spend the next 11 years with us before going on to college where he earned a degree in Criminal Justice. From there, he joined the United States Coast Guard and was recently promoted to Petty Officer and has become a Maritime Law Enforcement Specialist. We recently spoke to DeJohn about the impact the Children's Home had on his life.

How did life at the Children's Home impact you at a young age? I learned how to become responsible for myself. Initially, my house parents would pick up the slack for me. But I soon learned to keep my own room clean and to help out by doing my own chores. Later, they taught me about money management, how to save and how to avoid debt. These are lessons that I'm passing along now to my own children.

What effect did your time at the Children's Home have on you as a husband and father? Growing up, I didn't have a father, only my grandmother. Much of what I learned about being a parent came from my house parents at the Children's Home. Seeing people who would love you through your mistakes as well as successes gave me something to model. I also saw the house parents working through difficulties together, not just enjoying the good times. This has helped me to become a good husband as well as a good father to my three girls.

Was your understanding of God impacted by your time at the Children's Home? It definitely was impacted. I knew about God when I came to the Children's Home, but I didn't know him. Between going to church each week and the guidance of my house parents, I came to know about Jesus's love for me. That changed not only how I viewed myself, but how I viewed others. It really made me who I am today. In those early years after coming to the Children's Home, did you think you would be where you are today? I couldn't possibly have imagined it. For one thing, I didn't know how to swim when I got there. Not only did I not know how to swim, I was afraid of the water. But the Recreation Director, Marie Mazzula, changed that. So there was no way I could see myself in the Coast Guard when I couldn't even swim.

So where do you go from here? For now, I'll stay with the Coast Guard and focus on raising my girls. But I think I would like to try to become a U.S. Marshall. My wife and I have also talked about either fostering or adopting a child, so we can give them a second chance like I got from the Children's Home.



DeJohn at 7, and today as Coast Guard Petty Officer.

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