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"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

This has been a very trying year for us all, specifically the last few months. COVID-19 has wreaked absolute havoc not only on our communities, but also on our state, our nation, and our world. We witnessed the vast effects that this virus has had on various aspects of our society, let alone those of us who walked directly through a battle with the disease. Many continue to struggle with it. The Matthew 11 Scripture speaks of the promise of rest from our heavy burdens, and this is an assurance that seems desperately needed right now. Here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, we walked through the same fear, anxiety, and worry that others have experienced – and it continues. In addition to the stress and uncertainty caused by this current pandemic, the children in our care have experienced other forms of trauma that affects them and their families. Their need for healing continues.

Vince has been with the Children's Home for about a year, after being removed from his home because of abuse. He was angry at the situation in which he found himself – not only at those who harmed him, but also at the fact that he couldn't live at home – and his experiences of hurt had a profound impact on him. He even began to grapple with issues of self-worth, as he wondered what he could have done to deserve the abuse.

The Children's Home seeks to provide an environment of healing and hope for children like Vince. Our program gives them opportunities to become a part of a family environment, many of the children experiencing healthy adult engagement for the first time. These young people are valued, loved, and created in the image of God, and we treat them as such. By experiencing a combination of trauma-informed care and human dignity and compassion, many of our children are free to encounter something their peers often take for granted: true rest and rejuvenation.

Your support of the Children's Home ministry goes a long way toward providing a space where our children don't have to carry their burdens alone. They experience, first-hand, the tangible presence of Christ. Will you consider a special gift to the Children's Home? You can text **"SPARK" to 50155** for quick and easy giving. You can also go to www.fumch.org and follow the "DONATE" button to support us that way. Thank you for making a difference!



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