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to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

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Support the New Horizon Golf Classic “FORE” the Children Silent Auction

As we begin the month of August, we are excited to share the opportunity to participate in the New Horizon Golf Classic Silent Auction. While the annual tournament will not take place this year as it normally has, we are incredibly grateful to Rev. Rafe Vigil and the entire team at New Horizon UMC for their diligent work to ensure that people still have the chance to support the work of the Children's Home through this effort. This year's event will be limited to a virtual silent auction, which has become a very popular part of previous tournaments. The silent auction will be conducted through the event's Bidpal page, with items being accessible starting on August 10th. Individuals can start bidding on August 22nd, and the virtual auction will conclude on August 23rd. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Foster Care Services of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Our Foster Care serves Broward and Palm Beach counties, as well as other counties across the state.

Please contact New Horizon at 954.434.7400 for more information on the silent auction. You can also visit the event page at <https://one.bidpal.net/nhgolf/welcome>. We hope you can participate!

August Fifth Sunday: Coda Tells of Life at the Children's Home and a Bright Future

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is proud of the transformational ministry we are able to provide to the children and families we serve. While children are typically in our care for a relatively short time, we know that God continues to change lives through the work done here.

Coda came to stay at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home after experiencing both abuse and neglect. He has been through several placements, and has been with us for less than a year. As is unfortunately the case with many of our children, he initially struggled to adjust to life in one environment for an extended period of time. However, since being in our care, Coda has shown tremendous growth and is doing a great job of setting an example for the other children. He is hoping to be adopted, and looks forward to starting a new life with a forever home! You can go to our Youtube page at <https://youtu.be/SAYN71WBUEo> and watch as he shares about his time here at the Children's Home as well as his hopes for the future. We invite you and your congregation to view the video as a part of your worship service, whether in person or via virtual means.

August has a fifth Sunday, which means we will be celebrating the Fifth Sunday Offering on August 30th. This Offering is one of the best ways to ensure the Children's Home can continue to provide the vital support to those we serve. We know that there are some who are unable to support the Children's Home at this time due to the financial effects of the pandemic. However, for those who are able to give to this offering, please do so by going to our website at www.fumch.org and clicking the “DONATE” button. You can also text “spark” to 50155. The Fifth Sunday supplies are also available electronically by clicking the link below.

As is usually the case, we send out printed supplies to those who have indicated they wish to receive it. We know that worship looks different for each congregation in these times, and we want to respond accordingly. If you would like to change the number of items your church receives, please reach out to us at the Children's Home to let us know how many of each item would suit your church context. Of course, we also have electronic Fifth Sunday resources available on our website, and we encourage you to share that information with the appropriate contact at your church. We are so grateful for your continued partnership in the ministry of the Children's Home!

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The Children Begin a New School Year

This summer provided a much needed break for the children and youth at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. After a wonderful Summer Fun experience, our children are excited to begin the 2020-2021 school year. The pandemic has changed the ways in which we interact with the world around us, and school is certainly no exception to that. We know that students, teachers, parents, and administrators around the country have made extra preparations to start the new school year safely. At the Children's Home, our staff has been working diligently with district and state leaders to ensure that we provide the best and safest opportunities for our students to commence with their education. Later this month, our children and youth will begin the school year, which will start by utilizing virtual means. We ask that you pray for our children and staff as they start this year, as we remember you and your communities as well. Blessings to you all!

Current Resident Needs

- Toothpaste
- Male deodorant
- Sunscreen/sunblock spf 50
- Towels
- Washcloths
- Hair conditioner
- Cantu products (shampoo, leave-in conditioner)
- Body lotion
- 3-in-1 male body wash/shampoo/conditioner
- Sensitive skin lotion
- Nair

Testimonial From an Alumnus

"I am writing this letter to thank each and every one of you at the Children's Home for all the loving care you have given my daughter. The last six months have completely changed our daughter and our family. You have been able to accomplish things that her father and I have been trying to accomplish for the last 10 years. I know that God led us to you because the very first day I walked on your campus, I knew that God was there and that she belonged there also. We still have miles to travel with her, but the road is so much smoother now."

Does Your Estate Plan Match Your Priorities?

Considering the changes to the tax code, now is the perfect time to review your plan to ensure it achieves your goals to provide for family and support your favorite charities like the Children's Home.

With tools such as the charitable remainder unitrust, charitable gift annuity, and life insurance, we can help you direct your assets to your loved ones and avoid taxes while also giving to a charitable cause.

If you would like more information about how making the Children's Home a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer, at 386.753.2066, or at plannedgiving@fumch.org.