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



A *word* FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Kitwana McTyer

President & CEO

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

COVID-19 has impacted our country in a major way including how we interact socially, how we plan events with our families, and even how we worship. And since it is still with us, we continue to do our part to slow the spread of the virus. We continue to restrict access to both of our campuses, and require screenings and temperature scans for those team members who need to be onsite. We're requiring the same type of screening as well for any vendors who need to make deliveries. Unfortunately, we also have had to suspend the use of volunteers on campus. Our children finished their school year online, and we are currently preparing for the next school year.

Other changes to daily life at the Children's Home were also made. We stopped taking the children off campus for field trips and outings, and we began holding worship services outside or in our gymnasium so everyone could be spread out. Protocols for the wearing of masks were put into place, as well as distancing standards and more frequent and thorough disinfecting of areas. The number of children in each cottage was also limited slightly in an attempt to maintain smaller groups – all of these steps were necessary to help minimize the potential spread of the coronavirus.

While everyone has seen a lot of uncertainty over the past few months, one thing does remain certain and that's our mission. It is our job to be the seed-sowers for the children in our care. I've witnessed lives change as we plant the seeds of love and healing. I have seen many children come through our care who are far better off when they leave our care. And that is something that would not be possible without your support.

Some of the children have expressed concern during this time, wondering if anything would happen to them or their home here with us. I told them that the one thing they could always count on is the Children's Home continuing to be a beacon of hope for children and families. And you make that hope possible by your continued support. **I strongly believe that we will be stronger and better when COVID-19 passes.** We just need to remain prayerful and focused. I'm reminded of one of my mother's favorite scriptures from the book of Romans (v. 12) where Paul says, "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

Kitwana McTyer

President & CEO

Florida United Methodist Children's Home

ON THE COVER:

Our Spiritual Life team wearing masks for COVID-19 safety

DOES YOUR PLAN MATCH YOUR PRIORITIES?



PAY MORE TAXES GIVE MORE TO YOUR FAMILY WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?

Considering recent changes to the tax code, now is the perfect time to review your estate plan to ensure it achieves your goals to provide for family and to support your favorite charities. With the proper plan, you can enjoy these benefits:

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help you direct your assets to your loved ones and avoid taxes while also giving to a charitable cause like the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Call or email us for a complimentary no-obligation look at the tools and strategies we have to help you reach your goals.

For information about estate planning contact,

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019



SUMMARY OF SERVICES

1,303

Inquiries for Residential Care information and referral

231

Number of children served in residential and shelter care

256

Number of children served in foster care

27

Number of foster homes added in 2019

77

Number of children served in Independent Living

268

Number of children served in Early Childhood Education

27,600

Number of therapy sessions provided to the community by Circle of Friends Services



2,076

Number
of volunteers



15,947

Number of volunteer
hours performed

OPERATING REVENUE

Contributions	\$8,570,188
Fee for service	6,185,063
Childcare services	1,252,746
Other income	416,596
Interest & dividends	1,117,595
Split-interest agreements	507,316
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	6,470,574

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$24,520,078
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EXPENSES

Program service	
Residential Care	\$9,644,392
Independent Living and scholarship	734,082
Foster care	718,300
Child care center	1,437,244
Outpatient Services	1,887,714

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	\$14,421,732
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Other expenses

Fundraising	\$906,786
General & Administrative	1,340,689

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$16,669,207
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$7,850,871

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, 2019

General Endowment	\$20,226,430
Education Endowment	3,285,138
Charitable Gift Annuity	940,055

Total Donor Restricted Funds	24,451,623
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Board Designated Endowment	\$15,449,153
Education Scholarship	1,236,698

TOTAL ENDOWED FUNDS	\$41,137,474
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EQUINE ASSISTED PSYCHOTHERAPY AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) is a specialized type of therapy for our youth that is offered at both the Enterprise campus and the Madison Youth Ranch. EAP sessions for our Enterprise campus involve taking the children to a nearby location where they can work with the horses. In the case of the Madison Youth Ranch, we have a stable and pasture for our two resident horses, Sugar and Shiloh (more about Shiloh later). Sessions on both campuses are done in the same way.

How does EAP work?

EAP involves the combined use of horses, a licensed therapist and a horse specialist working with the child to address various individual psychotherapy treatment goals. This unique method enables the child to learn about themselves and others by actually participating in activities with the horses, and then processing or discussing their feelings with the therapist. The simple presence of a horse is considered therapeutic in itself since it is a dynamic and powerful living being. There is also a healing bond that can develop between humans and horses. EAP utilizes this relationship with the horse as a tool to mirror the child's experiences and to facilitate change. Positive results can usually be seen as quickly as the first session. No riding experience is required since no riding is involved. The child interacts with and cares for the horse from the ground under the supervision of the horse specialist. Alexis Crothers Brown, Child & Family Therapist, explains how well it has worked at our Madison Youth Ranch. "Equine Assisted Psychotherapy has been an amazing tool to use with the children here. Some have a hard time talking and expressing the challenges they experience daily and the trauma experienced in their pasts. EAP has provided a way for the children to learn therapeutic tools relevant to them based on their interactions with the horses."

Who benefits?

EAP can benefit people of all ages, not just children. Some specific challenges that our children face that EAP can address include: behavioral issues, anger

management, conflict resolution, depression, anxiety, stress, victims of abuse, and those lacking in self-esteem. One of our children told his therapist, "Equine therapy is challenging and helpful. At first I thought of quitting when I did it, but after a few sessions I realized that it was helping me learn about myself."

Why horses?

Horses offer several advantages. Obviously, their size offers a perfect opportunity for someone to overcome fear and develop confidence. Plus, just like people, horses experience a large variety of emotion, are intuitive and social animals with distinct personalities, attitudes and moods. They have defined roles within their herds comparable to human dynamics. Because of these similarities, horses can demonstrate and teach self-awareness, honest communication, trust, healthy boundaries, leadership, patience, assertiveness, play, affection, nurturance and more. Perhaps the most important reason is that horses have the ability to mirror exactly what a child's body language is telling them and provide the child with a look at themselves which helps to facilitate change.

Madison Youth Ranch welcomes Shiloh!

We recently added a new horse to the Stickney Stable at our Madison Youth Ranch. Shiloh has joined Sugar as the resident equines there to help the children. Shiloh was added after the passing of Pinkie earlier this year. Shiloh went through a transition period for a few weeks to make sure he was a good fit for Sugar and the children, and passed with flying colors. The children are thrilled to have Shiloh, who also seems quite happy to be there.

*Madison Youth Ranch welcomes
their latest addition – Shiloh*



Children take some time to meet Shiloh

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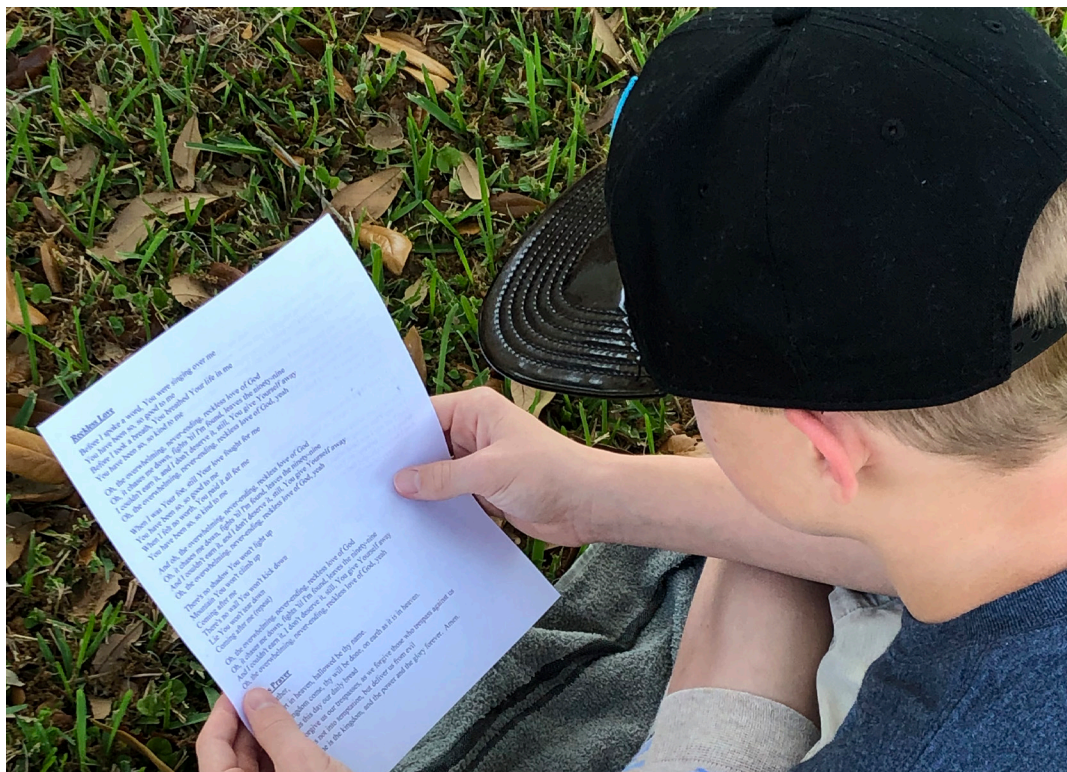
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