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Children's Home Welcomes New Trustees

Enterprise, FL – The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is guided by a dedicated Board of Trustees who are involved in all aspects of the ministry to ensure that as many children as possible are served. The Children's Home recently installed the following new members to the Board for three year terms.



Michelle Caudell, CLCS is a Commercial Insurance Advisor with Foundation Risk Partners and specializes in not-for-profit businesses. Her love for charitable organizations comes from a lifetime spent in foster care, and she spent her teenage years at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home as a resident. She is an active Board Member of Women's United, The Beacon Center, Volusia Young Professionals and Leadership Daytona. Michelle earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Central Florida.



Rev. Debbie Daley-Salinger is the lead pastor at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church in Ft. Meyers as well as an ordained Elder and a member of The Order of Elders in the United Methodist Church. She has earned a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science as well as a Masters in Computer Information Systems from Brooklyn College. After 20 years of corporate management experience, she pursued a different calling and earned a Masters in Divinity and in Pastoral Counseling from Asbury Theological Seminary. She is currently a candidate for a Doctorate in Ministry at Portland Seminary and has 10 years of ministry experience.



Xiomara "Sam" Lever is currently the Florida Regional Director of Oncology for Astellas Pharma US, a top 20 global pharmaceutical research company. Originally from Puerto Rico, she graduated from Mercer University and began her professional career with Johnson & Johnson Healthcare and has worked in the pharmaceutical industry for more than 25 years. She is active with children and youth programs at Orange Park United Methodist Church in Orange Park and serves as a counselor for the various mission trips and activities taken each year by her church.



Rev. Benjamin Stilwell-Hernandez is the Senior Pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Seminole. He began as a youth minister in Milan, TN and later entered the mission field as a volunteer in Puerto Rico. He received his first pastoral appointment in 2002 as a member of the staff of the first Methodist congregation formed in Puerto Rico (Holy Trinity Methodist Church). Prior to his appointment at Aldersgate UMC he served as Senior Pastor to Homestead First United Methodist Church. He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Religion and a Master of Divinity and is currently working toward his Doctor of Ministry.

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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.