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Duke Energy Foundation Provides Grant For STEAM Program

Enterprise, FL – Duke Energy Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for the Legacy Scholars Academy. The grant will support 6-12 grade students in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM). STEAM's foundations lie in inquiry, critical thinking, and process-based learning and is an approach based around questioning. Studies have shown that connecting STEAM and literacy can positively impact cognitive development, increase literacy and math skills, and help students reflect meaningfully on their work and that of their peers. STEAM is a critical educational component because of the changes in technology impacting the world around us and the growing careers in science, math, engineering, art, and technology. Funding will be used primarily for lab equipment and support materials.

The Legacy Scholars Academy is a partnership with Volusia County Schools and serves the children living on the Enterprise campus of the Children's Home. "This grant will assist our Legacy Scholars Academy students in a wide range of STEAM related studies. It will assist students in understanding the connections between scientific inquiry and engineering design as well as their ability to read, write, and apply math and science skills. Through our STEAM program, students will be exposed to discovery and problem-solving techniques that are needed in the future to be college and career ready," says Trevis Bright, Director of Education for the Children's Home.

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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.