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to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

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## Summer Fun In Full Swing at the Children's Home

With the completion of any school year comes the much anticipated summer break. Here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, the excitement for summer is even more palpable this year. Our annual Summer Fun festivities are in full swing and run throughout the summer. It is an opportunity for the children to stay active and engaged before school resumes.

The Summer Fun daily schedule consists of morning activities and afternoon swimming. There are also recreation activities in the evenings. Wednesdays consist of classes, including: arts and crafts, sports clinic, service learning in the community, and lifeguarding. In fact, sixteen children are currently participating in the lifeguard class and are on track to be certified as lifeguards upon completion. Additionally, children have theater and music in the Chapel on Wednesdays. Our youth who are fifteen years old or older participate in afternoon pool time. Their mornings are spent at work, attending Independent Living classes, or volunteering in the community.

According to Marie Mazzula, Campus Life Administrator, Summer Fun is a highlight for the children and staff at the Children's Home. "This is a part of the normalcy we try to provide here at the Children's Home," she said. "Kids need to be active and engaged, and Summer Fun is a special way we get to do that. In the afternoons, they're able to keep up with any visits and therapy sessions, but the program allows them plenty of opportunities to stay active, especially as we're coming out of the pandemic." Summer Fun runs until August 13<sup>th</sup>.

## It's Not Too Late to Send In School Supplies

As summer winds down, we are excited for the new opportunities that accompany the upcoming school year. Many churches, individuals, and groups have collected school supplies for the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for the 2021-2022 school year. For everyone who has supported our children, thank you so much! We truly couldn't do the work we do without you. If you haven't yet sent those supplies in, we ask that you please send them in as soon as possible so that they can be sorted and distributed across our ministries in a timely fashion. We would like to receive these items by July 30. For any questions, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy at [lynn.bellomy@fumch.org](mailto:lynn.bellomy@fumch.org) or 386-668-4774 ext. 2321. Thank you again for your commitment to serving children!

## Children's Home Educational Sessions Series: Planned Giving 101 & Beyond

*Planned Giving 101 & Beyond*, the second in a series of educational sessions put on by the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, will be taking place on August 24<sup>th</sup> at noon. This interactive virtual session will explore various scenarios that will help you determine the best opportunities of giving to your favorite charities as well as providing for family. We invite you to join Elisabeth Gadd, our Chief Development Officer, as she shares a range of planned giving options. To RSVP for this session, please contact Mark Cobia at 386.668.4774 extension 2359, or [mark.cobia@fumch.org](mailto:mark.cobia@fumch.org).

(More on back...)

### Join Us For the Mims Mullet Festival Golf Tournament

The Mims Mullet Festival Golf Tournament has attracted golfers from around the state to support our ministry to children and families in need. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Tournament will take place on October 2nd, 2021 at the Indian River Preserve Golf Club. Registration begins at 7:00am, followed by a shotgun start at 8:30am. We will have more information in the coming months, and we hope you will plan to join us for a fun day of golf while supporting the vital work of those who serve children in need. For more information, please e-mail Sid Champaigne, Tournament Director, at [mulletgolf@rocketmail.com](mailto:mulletgolf@rocketmail.com).

### Current Resident Needs

- Wash cloths
- Bath towels
- Cantu brand hair products
- Toothpaste
- Male deodorant
- Male conditioner
- Male body wash
- Men's boxer shorts, sizes S and M
- Batteries (AA and AAA)
- Swim trunks, sizes boys XL, adult S & M
- Clock radios

### Testimonial From an Alumnus

I can remember the feelings I had pulling up to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for the first time. I was terrified as I was being dropped off to live with strangers. I cried for hours and days until I could not cry anymore. I never experienced a mother and father's love like my first houseparents gave. I made friends quickly. I got to attend public school and make more friends than I ever imagined. The coolest part of living at the Children's Home was having almost 100 sisters and brothers at home! Cottage outings, recreation, vespers, church, choir, magic games, theme parks, and of course getting picked up in the big yellow bus AT SCHOOL by staff. I could keep going. The Way program (former Independent Living work program) gave me life-long skills that I use daily. I graduated from high school at the Children's Home and purchased my own car with no help from anyone. Needless to say, I would not be the productive citizen, wife, and mother I am without the Children's Home!!! As scary as being dropped off was, it was the first day of the BEST days of my life!!!

### Everyone Needs a Plan: Create Lifetime Payments For You And Your Loved Ones.

**DEFERRED CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY** You may not be ready yet for retirement, but if you are thinking about the future, a deferred charitable gift annuity is one way for you to make a gift now for income in the future. When you make a gift to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home today of your cash or an appreciated asset (like stock), we will promise to begin paying you income at a future date. This income will be fixed, meaning that it will never change and will be paid to you at a rate based on your age and the payout date you select. Check with us about flexible options if you haven't set a date for your future retirement.

**RETIREMENT UNITRUST** A retirement unitrust is another way for you to make a charitable gift today and plan for the future. This is a type of charitable remainder trust. You can make a gift of cash or property to fund the trust and receive a charitable deduction this year. When you are ready to retire, you can notify the trustee to begin making payments to you from the trust assets. The payments will be based on a percentage of the current trust value and can increase over time with growth in the trust. If you own stock or other appreciated property that you wish to sell without paying high capital gains tax, the retirement unitrust will sell your assets tax free. If you have assets that are generating little or no income, the retirement unitrust will convert these assets into an income stream for your future.

**MAY WE ASSIST YOU?** We are here to help! Please contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer at (386) 753-2066 or at [plannedgiving@fumch.org](mailto:plannedgiving@fumch.org) to learn how you can provide for the people and the causes you care the most about. You can also visit <https://www.fumch.org/making-a-difference/planned-giving/> learn more about planned giving options.