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to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

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Support the Children's Home Through Your Church's Vacation Bible School

As Vacation Bible School (VBS) is beginning for churches around the Conference, we want to lift up to you an opportunity. If you have not named a mission for your VBS, we ask that your church consider lifting up the Florida United Methodist Children's Home as its Vacation Bible School (VBS) mission this year. Funds and donated items play a huge role in the ministry we offer to children and families, and we are so grateful for all of your efforts in helping to support our work with those in need.

If you have selected the Children's Home as your VBS mission, we have recorded a video for you to share during the week. It can be accessed by going to: <https://youtu.be/RH5RHVlyM6c> This video explains the services we provide at the Children's Home in child-friendly vernacular and how their gifts support our ministry. We ask that you play this video, whether you are meeting in-person or virtually, to demonstrate the impact of their gifts. We have also included a needs list if you are interested in seeking in-kind donations. Thank you for continuing to prioritize the needs of children and families!

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

We recently shared that the Florida United Methodist Children's Home will be holding a series of three educational sessions spread out over a series of months. The goal of these sessions is to share some of our experience and practices with you based on previous in-person trainings we've conducted during Day on Campus. Last month, we held our first of those virtual sessions on Foster Care. We are excited to share that we'll be holding our second of these educational sessions in late August, and want to invite you to mark your calendars.

Here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, we are the beneficiary of support from countless individuals, groups, and churches across the state. Our ministry really is a team effort! One of the important ways you can lift up the Children's Home is by making a planned gift to the ministry. The topic of the August session will be: *Planned Giving 101 and Beyond*. We invite you to join Elisabeth Gadd, our Chief Development Officer, as she shares a range of planned giving options. This will be an interactive session to explore various scenarios that will help you determine the best opportunities of giving to your favorite charities as well as providing for family.

To RSVP for this session, please contact Mark Cobia at 386.668.4774 extension 2359, or mark.cobia@fumch.org.

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Back To School Supply Drive Well Underway

Summer may just be starting, but we are already preparing for the 2021-2022 school year here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Education remains a vital need for the children in all our programs, from residential to community-based foster care. Our goal is to ensure every child has all the necessary supplies to enable them to achieve academic success. Last month, we shared about how our annual school supplies drive is a pivotal way by which we are able to help meet the educational needs of our children. Below, you will find a list of our school needs for the 2021-2022 school year, and we ask that you and your church collect donations for this drive. Once you receive these items, we ask that you send them to the Children's Home as soon as possible so that they can be sorted and distributed across our ministries.

Whether you are meeting in-person, online, or somewhere in the middle, we remain incredibly grateful for all of the support you continue to provide to our children. For any questions, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy at lynn.bellomy@fumch.org or 386-668-4774 ext. 2321.

Current Resident Needs

- Wash cloths
- Bath towels
- Toothpaste
- Male deodorant
- Male conditioner
- Male body wash
- Men's boxer shorts, sizes S and M
- Batteries (AA and AAA)
- Clock radios

Poem From an Alumnus

What is a middle schooler?

I was asked one day.

I know what he was,

But what should I say?

He is noise and confusion.

He is silence that is deep.

He is the sunshine and laughter,

Or a cloud that will weep.

He is swift as a sparrow.

He is a waste of time.

He wants to be rich,

But cannot save a dime.

He is rude and nasty.

He is polite as can be.

He wants personal guidance,

But fights to be free.

He is aggressive and bossy.

He is timid and shy.

He knows all the answers,

But still asks why.

He is awkward and clumsy.

He is graceful and poised.

He is ever changing,

But do not be annoyed.

What is a middle schooler?

I was asked one day.

He is the future unfolding

Do not get in the way.

Resident – Age 12

GIVING RETIREMENT ASSETS

Americans own several trillions of dollars of wealth in the form of qualified pension plans, profit sharing plans, 401 (k)s, 403(b) tax sheltered annuities, SEP, Keoghs, IRAs and stock option plans. Congress never meant for these plans to be passed on to heirs. These assets are considered **“income in respect of decedent or IRD.”**

Someone has to pay the tax on these assets. By leaving them to someone other than your spouse, you can subject your heirs to significant taxes on their inheritance. Even if you do not have a taxable estate, the tax rate on these assets could well exceed fifty percent.

We are here to help! Please contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer at (386) 753-2066 or at plannedgiving@fumch.org to learn how you can provide for the people and the causes you care the most about while avoiding unnecessary tax on your IRD assets. You can also visit <https://www.fumch.org/making-a-difference/planned-giving/> learn more about planned giving options.