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Join Us for Virtual Day on Campus: March 27th!

Each year, one of the most special days in the life of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is Day on Campus. This eagerly anticipated event provides us with the opportunity to both thank our faithful churches and ministry partners and highlight all of the wonderful things God is doing through the ministry here. Normally, we open our gates and welcome guests to celebrate the ministry they have helped to make possible. However, we know that these are not normal times. As a result, churches and ministries have adapted their work in a way that continues to prioritize health and safety. We have also had to adapt, and we are very excited that we will be holding Day on Campus as a virtual event this year! This will allow us to continue the annual tradition of lifting up the Children's Home ministry, while also ensuring people can engage from the safety of their communities. We encourage people to tune in, whether individually or as a part of a watch party!

Day on Campus will be held virtually on Saturday, March 27. It will premiere at 10:00 AM on our Facebook page, and will also be accessible on both our YouTube channel and website following the event. Similar to the standard program, the virtual event will feature updates from our President & CEO, board chair, and key staff. It will also highlight testimonials from individuals, 2020 award winners, music from our children and staff, and a virtual tour. Our mission has continued to guide the ministry, even in the midst of a pandemic, and we are excited for you to celebrate the ways in which God continues to do great things through the many ministries of the Children's Home.

For more information on how to view the event, as well as ideas on how to engage, please visit our Facebook page and stay tuned to our email communications. Any questions can also be sent to ryan.frack@fumch.org. Thank you for your continued partnership in serving children!

New Horizon Golf Classic & Silent Auction: May 1st

New Horizon UMC will be hosting their 35th Annual Golf Classic & Virtual Silent Auction once again this year, which provide a wonderful opportunity to have fun while also supporting children and families. Due to COVID-19, there have been some changes. First, the two events will be split this year, with the Virtual Silent Auction running from May 1st-16th. The Silent Auction will have its own URL: www.bidpal.net/nhauction, and the URL will be live on May 1st. The Golf Classic will take place at Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL on Saturday, May 1st. As of now, the event is planned to begin with registration at 7:00 AM, and a shotgun start at 8am. In lieu of an awards luncheon, a boxed lunch will be provided and a virtual awards ceremony is planned for May 2nd. Proceeds will benefit the Foster Care Services of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, serving Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

For more on how you can support the event, please New Horizon at 954.434.7400. You can also visit the golf event page at www.bidpal.net/nhgolf or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/benefit4children/

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Children's Home Holds Day of Service

On February 15th, children from the Enterprise campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home ventured out into the community to roll up their sleeves and serve. As a part of Day of Service, our children worked in various locations in Volusia and Seminole Counties to help make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. This has become an annual event, in which our children take time to give back to the community. Even with the pandemic-related safety restrictions, we knew there were opportunities to provide needed service and were happy to do so. Our children and their cottage staff split up amongst three churches and a local food bank: relining a church parking lot, painting and organizing, landscaping, and folding/sorting linens at a local food bank. "Faith isn't only an inward and personal experience, but it is also an outward engagement with the world around us," said Rev. Madeline Luzinski, Director of Pastoral Care. "We want our children to have that experience." The event is part of our Spiritual Life department's overarching efforts to teach missions and outreach, and we are excited to see the ways we will continue to do that in the future!

A Gift of Life Insurance

If you own a life insurance policy that is no longer needed for its intended purpose, a gift of life insurance to the Children's Home can provide immediate benefits to you. You can do this in a few different ways:

- Gift of Existing Policy
- Annual Gifts to Cover the Cost of the Premium
- Naming the Children's Home as a Beneficiary
- Creating a New Policy

For more information, contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer, at (386) 753-2066, or at plannedgiving@fumch.org. You can also visit www.fumchlegacy.org for more tax savings ideas.

Testimonial From a Child

"When I was younger, I was very embarrassed that my mother put my brother and me in the Children's Home. When asked about where we lived, I would always find ways to skirt the question. I was embarrassed and ashamed that I lived in a children's home. To be honest, it wasn't until about 12 years ago that I realized that my time at the Home was probably the best time of my life. It was the only time in my life that I could truly be a kid and not have the responsibility of taking care of my younger brother. It was a time when I felt safe, secure, and loved. Of course, I know why it embarrassed me – because I thought people would think I wasn't worth loving, or that I must have been a really bad kid for my own mother to put us in a Children's Home. However, her putting us there was probably the best thing she could have done for my brother and me. We were surrounded by people who truly cared for us, and it was a time I'll never forget. On multiple occasions, I wish I could go back to."

Current Resident Needs

- Cantu brand shampoo and conditioner
- Cantu brand leave-in conditioner
- Regular toothpaste
- Male deodorant
- Boxer shorts (male sizes S and M)
- Bar soap
- Dish cloths
- Hair picks (male comb)
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Alarm clocks (no radio)

Run 4 Life: May 15th

The Run 4 Life 4 Miler road race will be happening in-person on May 15th! The event starts at 7:00 AM, and begins and ends on the campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in historic Enterprise. There is also a virtual run/walk for anyone who would prefer to participate virtually. The top 10 men and women finishers, along with the top masters male and female runners, will receive signature Run 4 Life awards. All registered participants who complete the event will receive a custom finisher medal. To learn more, please visit www.runsignup.com/Race/FL/Enterprise/Run4Life4Miler. Additionally, any members of the Florida Annual Conference wishing to participate are encouraged to join the Conference team, "**The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church**". Information on the team can be found by searching teams in the registration.