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## Join Us for Winter LCR Workshops!

Our winter and spring Local Church Representative (LCR) Workshops are well underway! LCRs are invited to attend these workshops, whether or not they are held in your particular district. The identical workshops will include an overview of the ministry of the Children's Home, as well as an overview of the role of the LCR. There will be an opportunity to learn about the various resources we have available to support our Representatives. We will cover the 2022 Day on Campus festivities, which are tentatively scheduled to be in-person, as well as the opportunities for connection that the event brings. \*Workshops are tentative and dependent upon current COVID case numbers and safety protocols. All in-person attendees will need to adhere to the respective site's COVID/mask policies, which are indicated below. Additionally, attendees should not come if they are not feeling well or are displaying any COVID symptoms. **Host churches reserve the right to adjust their COVID policies in the event of any change in pandemic status or official guidance.**\* In addition to the in-person LCR Workshops, we will also be leading three (3) identical virtual LCR Workshops as a part of the Conference-Wide virtual training event in March. The sessions are: March 8, 2:00pm-3:00pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm, and March 12, 9:00am-10:00am. There will be a separate Conference RSVP required, in addition to our RSVP.

RSVPs are vital in allowing us to accommodate for parking and refreshments.

**Please call Elisabeth Gadd with any questions and RSVPs at  
386.753.2066 or email at [elisabeth.gadd@fumch.org](mailto:elisabeth.gadd@fumch.org).**

### North West District

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**\*RSVP by 2/18/2022**

Madison Youth Ranch, 10am-noon  
Pinetta

Masks/on-site questionnaire required

Killearn UMC, 3pm-5pm

Tallahassee

Masks encouraged

### **Current Resident Needs**

- Wash cloths
- Bath towels
- Cantu brand hair products
- Toothpaste
- Female liquid body wash
- AAA batteries
- New/gently used Christmas trees (6 or 8 ft)

### **Church Remittance Form**

As we begin a new year, we at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home remain incredibly grateful for all of the support we receive from local churches around the Conference. We have asked local churches to please submit a church remittance form with each donation the church sends in to us. We once again ask them to do that. You can help by sharing the enclosed form with the finance department at your church. This will ensure timely communication with church donors and all who support this important ministry. Thank you for all that you do to promote the Children's Home!

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### **Enterprise Celebrates Day of Service**

To begin the Advent season, the drama ministry at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home put on their adaptation of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Children and staff had been working on the production for over a month, and this year's offering was much anticipated after the cancellation of the 2020 production due to COVID-19. The 2021 performance featured a grumpy Grinch, his sidekick Max, Cindy Lou Who, three wonderful narrators, and a whole cast of characters!

The drama ministry has been led by Betty Cesar, Program Coordinator with the Spiritual Life team here at the Children's Home. While contemplating what production to put on for this year's performance, the Spiritual Life team came across "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." Cesar said that the story of the Grinch, "speaks of how one person's heart can change and grow, and we thought it would be a powerful story for the children to put on display." Additionally, most of the children were very familiar with the story, so they were quite excited to put on this performance.

There were two showings of the performance: one for the Board of Trustees at their quarterly meeting, and then one for the whole campus. Cesar said that it was great for the youth to perform for their peers, many of whom hadn't seen them act before. The young lady cast in the role of Cindy Lou Who, for example, had never sung publicly. During the rehearsal phase of the show, she almost quit due to the solo her character was expected to sing. Cesar said that, despite the fact that this child was very timid, her peers were very encouraging. During the performances, she sang the solo, and was very proud of herself for showing the courage to do something she hadn't done before. Both the Board of Trustees and all of the campus who attended were impressed with the work that the children put in, and the story of the Grinch's transformation was a beautiful image of the work of God. We thank you for supporting a ministry that embodies transformation, and we pray that your 2022 is filled with hope!

### **Testimonial From an Alumnus**

I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to go to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and start my life off. While at the Children's Home, I experienced many new things. I learned how to deal with problems/situations. I made new friends and did new things.

My houseparents and counselors were always there to show me good choices, as well as how to cope with something. I learned new ways of dealing with depression. I have changed. I'm not back to my old self or a worse person, but to a more grown up person. I have also had many new experiences. I worked at an on-campus job, which I enjoyed very much. I learned the stress of managing a job, going to school, chores, and anything else that might have come up. I'd also never been away from home that long. I am very grateful for my opportunity to change and experience something new."

### **Enjoy the Ultimate Giving Experience**

Similar to finding your perfect coffee blend, there is a way to blend your personal philanthropy that is right for you. All of us have different situations and needs, so why should we settle on the idea that we all should give just the same way? Giving to the causes you care about, like the Children's Home, can be as special and unique as you. The idea is that you make a starting gift with a current gift of cash, securities or real estate. Then you find the planned gift method that works best for your situation, maybe a bequest or a charitable trust. With a planned gift, you set it up now and enjoy the benefits and security during your lifetime, and you get the satisfaction of knowing your planned gift will make a big difference by adding to the gift you already started. To learn about the different ways you can create a custom gift, contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer, at 386.753.2066, or at [plannedgiving@fumch.org](mailto:plannedgiving@fumch.org). You can also visit [www.fumchlegacy.org](http://www.fumchlegacy.org)