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Neva Baltzell Becomes Director of Madison Youth Ranch

Enterprise, FL – The Children's Home congratulates Neva Baltzell on her promotion to Director of the Madison Youth Ranch. Baltzell began her career at the Children's Home in 2019 as a Residential Manager at the Youth Ranch. Prior to coming to the Children's Home, she was a Resident Director and then Senior Director of University of Florida's 4-H Camp Cherry Lake. As the Director of the Youth Ranch, Baltzell will be responsible for the operations, planning, development and implementation of programs for the Youth Ranch. Additionally, she will coordinate and oversee all Youth Ranch clinical processes to ensure continual compliance with all licensing and regulatory bodies.

In addition to her career experience, Baltzell earned her Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science degrees from Florida State University. "I am excited for this new role and the opportunity to work with an amazing group of supporters of the Madison Youth Ranch," says Baltzell. "I am blessed to work with an incredible team of staff to help serve the needs of the young people in our care. Knowing that I play a small part in changing the life of a child is the best reward I could ever receive."

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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 <u>mark.cobia@fumch.org</u>.

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 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.