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Sen. Jason Brodeur Visits Children's Home

Enterprise, FL – Florida State Senator Jason T. Brodeur visited the Florida United Methodist Children's Home to learn about the care provided there for abused, abandoned, and neglected children as well as the growing need across the state. Based on State submissions to National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), there were 12,235 reported cases of child abuse in 2021. Sen. Brodeur toured the Enterprise campus of the Children's Home and met with Kitwana McTyler, CEO, Dr. Kevin Egan, COO, and Elisabeth Gadd, CDO.

Sen. Brodeur stated, "I was honored to visit the United Methodist Children's Home and meet so many passionate staff members who work tirelessly to promote the success and well-being of Florida's children. This organization provides an array of advanced and balanced programs that aid the development of the children who live there as well as other families across the state and in the community. As someone who was in the adoption system as a child and advocates for displaced children in the Florida legislature, it makes me proud to have such an exceptional facility, which should be modeled throughout the state, in our community."

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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 mark.cobia@fumch.org.

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.