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A *word* FROM RESIDENTIAL CARE

Elisabeth Gadd
Chief Development Officer
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Just like you plan for your future, we plan for our short and long term goals and dreams here at the Children's Home. These goals and dreams are often able to come to fruition through thoughtful legacy or estate planning. Sometimes, people choose to specify their intention of giving through estate plans to a particular purpose, such as capital improvement or additions, or to support a specific program like residential care, therapy program (training for cutting edge practices), equine therapy, education, or spiritual life (including musical instruments and technology offerings). They may choose to support our independent living program that ensures our young adults have all the tools for a successful transition. If early childhood education is their passion, they may choose to support In As Much with its cutting edge Montessori curriculum for the children while also providing supportive programming for the parents.

Many individuals are health and fitness conscious. Our recreation program runs 365 days a year, taking a toll on the equipment and facilities. This makes regular replacements a necessity, which provides additional giving opportunities. For wellness enthusiasts, there are opportunities to help sustain or bolster current programs.

The wide range of programs for the youth provides a wide range of opportunities to support them. Individuals may choose to support one of our programs mentioned above as a one-time gift or in perpetuity through an endowment. Perhaps you are contemplating your legacy and planned gift options. I would be glad to discuss how to best accomplish the goals and dreams for your legacy.

We currently are planning to renovate several cottages on the Enterprise campus in the near future, some of which are more than 60 years old. And while our staff does a great job maintaining them, all homeowners know there are times when updates and necessary changes are more substantive.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Gadd
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**ON THE
COVER:**

Enjoying a game of basketball in the newly renovated gym.



GIVING BACK THROUGH SERVICE

During a recent student holiday, our youth was busy giving back to the community as opposed to sleeping late. Our Spiritual Life and Recreation teams organized a Day Of Service, where staff and youth went to various places in the community to help including several local churches. They performed tasks that ranged from cleaning and painting, to general yard work. Participants included youth of all ages as well as Kitwana McTyer, our President and CEO, and Scott Davidson, the Board of Trustees Chair. Through service projects like this, our youth learn that they can make an impact helping others, which is important for their self-worth.



CALI IS TRANSFORMED

At the Children's Home, spiritual life undergirds everything we do, and our worship gatherings provide the children with opportunities to grow deeper in their faith. Recently, one of our youth was baptized during a Sunday morning service. After her public profession of faith and baptism, she assisted in serving communion. The service was made even more special as Cali's soon-to-be adoptive mother traveled from out of state to attend the service and show her support of Cali. "Now that I've been baptized, I have committed to not live the same way as I had," she said. "I know that I want to follow God."





THE IMPACT OF OPIOID CRISIS ON CHILDREN

While opioid addiction has been widely recognized as a national epidemic, resulting in 44 deaths per day, there is one aspect of the crisis that has received little attention. That would be the short and long-term effects that opioid addiction has on children and adolescents whose parents are addicted. A substance use disorder (SUD) has a detrimental impact beyond the individual, affecting the family as well as the community. Children affected by a familial SUD are at an increased risk of similar problems themselves. Kinship caregivers who step in to care for these children often require assistance with increased physical and mental health needs.

The crisis is far reaching with 8 million children under the age of 18 in the U.S. living in a household with at least one parent suffering from a SUD. The majority of these children are under the age of five. Children living with a parent who has a SUD may live in a chaotic environment with little or no stability due to their parent's drug addiction. They are impacted by their parents drug use on many levels and may experience emotional, behavioral, or substance abuse themselves.

Parents with SUD are three times more likely to physically or sexually abuse their children, resulting in additional strain to the already traumatized child. The children who are living with an addicted parent are often subjected to a caregiver whose mood may be altered, preoccupied with drug use, or may need significant amounts of time to recover from their drug use. This may result in a child with missed opportunities to foster a healthy attachment with their parent. Older children may experience role reversal as they take on the role of caregiver for younger siblings. Without healthy attachment to a caregiver, a child is much more vulnerable to trauma and stress and may have problems with depression, anxiety or other mental health disorders.

When parents are unable to care for a child as a result of a SUD, the first recourse is often seeking a safe place for the child

through the child welfare system. This usually takes the form of kinship or foster care. After several years of overall declining numbers, foster care entries began to rise again in 2012. Fueled in part by the opioid crises, these numbers continue to rise nationally. Since 2012, there has been a 10% increase in foster care placements.

But the impact is even further reaching than the foster care numbers would indicate. For every child that is formally placed in foster care, another 19 go to live with a family member, usually a grandparent. It is estimated that 2.7 million, or 4%, of all children in the U.S. are in one of these informal kinship relationships, impacting 2.6 million grandparents.

Whether these children are placed with a relative such as a grandparent, in a foster home, or a Residential Care program, they will benefit from talking with a professional therapist. "Change can be difficult and it can produce apprehension and uncertainty in a child, especially when the child has to move unexpectedly away from their parent. Children will naturally worry about what is happening with their parents and what will ultimately happen to themselves," says Anita Tulloch, Director of Clinical Services at the Children's Home. While there are different therapeutic methods that our therapists may use to help the children who are in our programs, our therapists will work with assisting the children on learning how to manage their emotional construct when unexpected change occurs.

Your support of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home provides assistance to children in this situation. Through our Residential Care programs on our Enterprise campus and Madison Youth Ranch, children from around the state can receive a loving home with the therapeutic support they need. Our Foster Care services can also provide a home for children impacted by opioid abuse, as well as the therapy that will help the children and families through this difficult time.



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A family lead trust will pay fixed income to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for a period of time. After that, what is left will go to your family at a substantial tax savings. While you or your estate may pay some tax up front, the value transferred to family could be two, three or even four times that cost. You may select the appropriate term of years for the trust, enabling you to schedule when the principal will pass to your family.

The benefit of this plan is that it provides you with a charitable gift tax deduction when the trust is funded that will reduce or even eliminate the cost of making the future gift to your family. If the property has grown since the time of the gift, your family will enjoy the benefits of that growth. You have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped the Children's Home, and made a significant gift to your family.

Testamentary Lead Trust

A testamentary lead trust is a family lead trust that is funded when you pass away. The trust pays income to the Children's Home for a period of time, after which the trust assets go to your family. The benefit of the testamentary lead trust is that it provides you with a charitable estate tax deduction, reducing your estate transfer tax. This plan works especially well for scheduling inheritance for children and grandchildren to begin at an age of financial responsibility. Your estate and your family will benefit from this plan.

For information about estate planning contact,

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE ALLERS

John and Carol began fostering children in 1984 in Wisconsin, and continued after moving to Florida in 1999. Over the years, they provided care for 96 foster children, adopting two that are now grown and residing in Florida. We spoke with them recently after they retired as foster parents.

What led you to become foster parents? We first adopted our two children. Once they reached about seven and eight years of age, we decided to foster babies who were heading for adoption. We began with babies who required the more traditional type of care but began to specialize in medical foster care after moving to Florida. These are little ones with specific medical needs and require additional care.

What was the most rewarding part of being a foster parent? The most rewarding part would be watching the babies as they grow and reach all of those significant milestones. We've been able to see so many little ones take their first steps, say their first words, and other amazing achievements. And while they all reached the same milestones, they did it in different ways at their own pace because they're all different.

What do you think was the most challenging part of being a foster parent? The only part that seemed challenging to us was navigating the adoption process with the prospective parents. There are so many steps and hurdles to make sure that the parents and child are a good fit, and that the adoption process goes as smoothly as possible. Sometimes it just seemed to take too long to get the children into their forever homes.

For those who are thinking about becoming a foster parent, what advice do you have for them? If they're looking to foster and then adopt, just be patient. Sometimes it can be a rollercoaster or seem like it's taking too long.

If they're looking to be foster parents for others to adopt, sometimes it isn't easy to let them go. But it is much easier if you know they're going to a safe and loving home. We're very happy that we became foster parents. If we were given the chance to do it all over again, we absolutely would, without hesitation.

Any big retirement plans? Well, we're officially retired but technically still fostering. We have a three year old that we've been caring for since she was six months old, and will continue to care for until she goes to her forever home. We expect that to be fairly soon since it's already in the works. After that – we see some travel, maybe a couple of cruises.



Carol and John Aller at their retirement party.

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