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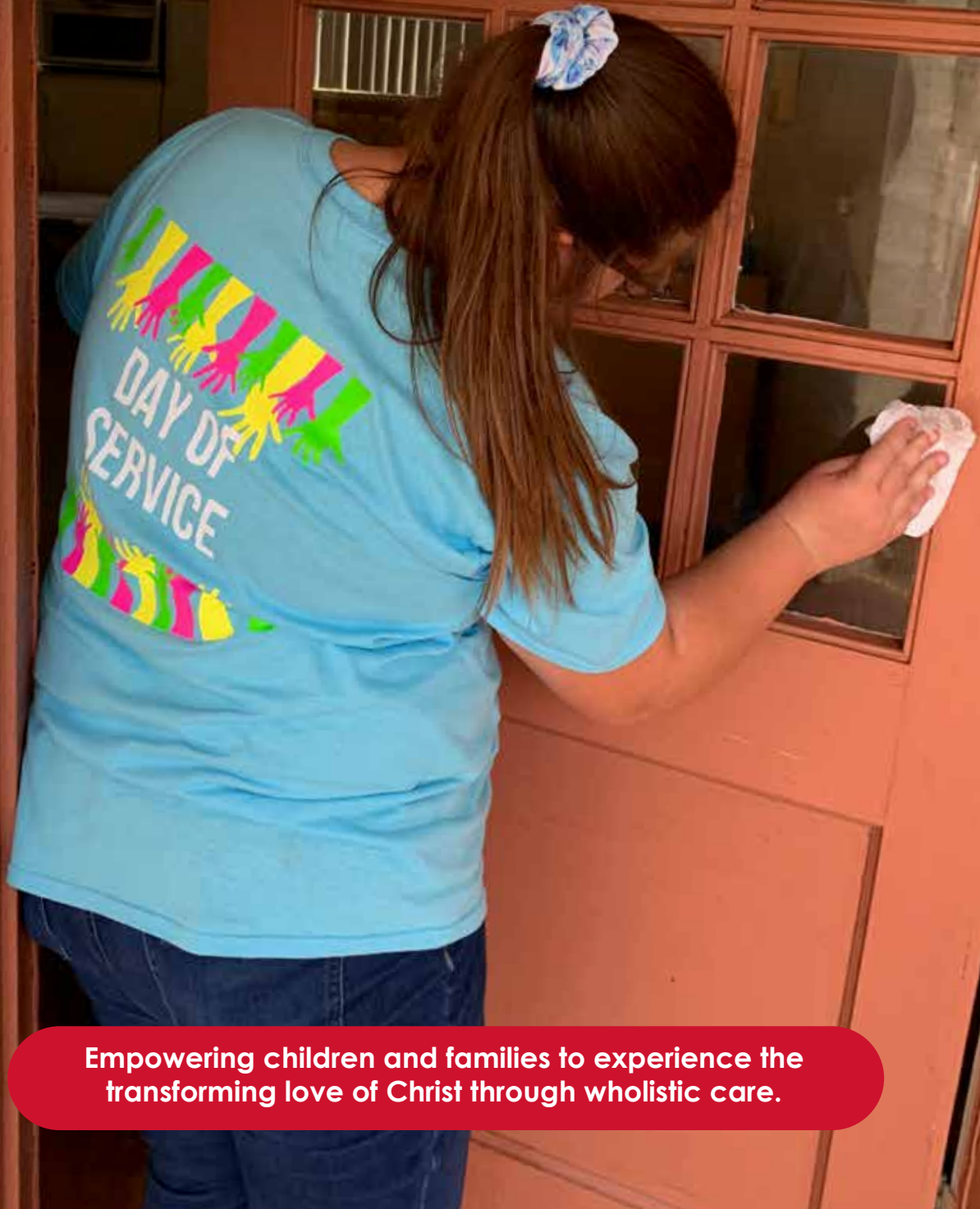
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A *word* FROM OPERATIONS
Dr. Kevin Egan
Chief Operating Officer
Florida United Methodist Children's Home

There's an ancient Chinese proverb that says "May you live in interesting times." As we look back on the past two years, there has certainly been no lack of interesting things challenging The Children's Home. The Holiday Season is often a time for reflection and as the world continues to deal with the pandemic, this year is certainly no different. The staff and children here at The Children's Home have worked diligently to meet the challenges posed by the events of the past 18 months while looking forward in offering the best possible services to all that we serve.

The challenges of 2020 relentlessly carried over in to 2021, challenging our staff to rise up and find ways to meet the needs of our children and families with as little disruption as possible. Those challenges were not without the occasional setback. Our Early Childhood and Education Development Center battled through multiple occasions of having to close one or more classrooms due to the effects of Covid-19. The staff of In As Much is to be commended for the way they utilized the resources available to them to keep school open for as many children and families as possible.

As we reflect further on the past year, the degree to which our staff engaged in supporting one another, and therefore the children we serve, was truly amazing. What was even more satisfying was how the role modeling demonstrated by our staff had such a positive impact on the children in our care and how they worked to be a positive part of meeting the changes we faced during 2021. Our Support Services and Food Services Teams played a tremendous role in providing partnership to our residential programs. With the exception of a short period of time when Covid-19 worked its way through our Commissary and Food Services Teams, we were able to provide meal services to multiple cottages.

At our Legacy Scholars Academy (LSA), our staff continue to forge a highly collaborative partnership with Volusia County Schools and the instructional staff assigned to our campus. Disciplinary issues are down significantly while academic performance is on the increase. LSA even had several students qualify for dual enrollment in college courses. Our Facilities Team continues to do an outstanding job in providing customer service the many departments across The Children's Home. The Facilities Department has also done a fabulous job in coordinating the Cottage Renovation project we have going on across campus. One home has been fully completed and now it houses our first family foster home as part of the new Foster Family Preservation Services Act which took effect October 1st. Two more cottages should be completed in the near future.

As we head into the Holiday Season, our team feels incredibly blessed and fortunate to be able to serve as colleagues as we go about the business of The Children's Home. By taking time to reflect on the events of the past year, we become even more aware of the amazing team of staff we have within The Children's Home, and in particular the way in which all have worked steadfastly to support one another. From our Home to Yours, Best wishes for a Joyful and Merry Christmas and a Happy And Healthy New Year!

Dr. Kevin Egan
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**ON THE
COVER:**

Giving back to the community during a Day Of Service

CHILDREN AT MADISON YOUTH RANCH PRODUCE THEIR OWN SYRUP

The children at our Madison Youth Ranch have had very productive garden program for some time. They routinely produce an abundance of vegetables that appear on their dinner table as well as filling their freezer. Earlier this year they had a bumper crop of red potatoes – enough to provide for 55 families through the local food bank! This was a wonderful experience for the children knowing that they could help others and give back to their community.

One of the crops they produce is sugar cane, which they process themselves into cane syrup each year. After the cane is harvested, it is transported to the grinder (created by our Facilities team at the Ranch) where sweet cane juice is extracted.

Once the juice is extracted, it is filtered through a cheesecloth to remove pieces of cane as well as impurities. From there the filtered juice is put into a large heavy kettle and boiled to reduce the juice to a syrup.

During the boiling process, the syrup is constantly stirred and additional impurities are removed. Then the finished product is bottled and ready for the breakfast table. The children really love the cane syrup on their pancakes and waffles in the morning. And they are very proud knowing that they made the syrup themselves.



Sugar cane is grown as part of the garden



Canes are harvested and transported to the grinder



Juice is extracted



Juice is filtered to remove pieces of cane



Filtered cane juice goes into a large heavy kettle



Of course, you need a good fire



Stirring continually and removing impurities



Bottled and ready for the breakfast table

YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN DAY OF SERVICE



Cleaning around the playground at First UMC of Sanford



Paying attention to detail at Enterprise Preservation Society



Demonstrating real skill with a pruning saw

In our last issue of The Herald, we told you about the Children's Home implementing the Teaching Family Model some five years ago, and the positive results we have seen in the youth we serve. Not only does it have a positive impact on the children, but it has led to the children having a positive impact on our community.

On Veterans Day this year, many of children participated in another Day of Service. This is a day organized jointly by our Residential and Spiritual Life teams, giving our youth the opportunity to give back to the community. For this Day of Service, there were five teams of youth and staff who provided a range of services in different locations.

- **All Saints Episcopal Church, Enterprise –**
Our youth pulled weeds and trimmed trees around the sanctuary and other buildings. Linda Eardman, Junior Warden, had this to say about her group, "The children were so very polite, courteous, well-mannered, just as they've always been. I was hard-pressed keeping up with them – they kept coming back and asking what was next on the list."
- **Enterprise Preservation Society, Enterprise –**
There were multiple tasks performed by our youth that included trimming trees and bushes, raking, and cleaning the front of the building. "The children were very engaged, and one actually asked if he could come back and become a volunteer! They took directions well and paid a lot of attention to detail," said Ed Sullivan, Board Chairman.
- **Lakeside United Methodist Church, Sanford –**
Youth assisted with bringing the church's Christmas decorations from an outbuilding to the sanctuary, as well as moving boxes into an upstairs storage area. Marilyn Walls, Ministry Coordinator said, "They all worked so hard and worked great as a team together. Thank you for allowing them to help us and believe me it was a HUGE help."
- **Osteen United Methodist Church, Osteen –**
Youth did a lot of weeding and cleared trash and debris around the buildings.
- **First United Methodist Church of Sanford –**
Some light landscaping and weeding was done as well as cleaning windows and doors.

A Day of Service began back in 2019 and is usually done a couple of times a year. It has become an anticipated event for those at the Children's Home as well as the community.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

The Children's Home would not have been able to successfully implement the Teaching Family Model (TFM) if not for the generous support of friends like Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation, Margaret McCartney & R. Parks Williams Foundation, and The Darla Dee Turlington Charitable Foundation. In addition to these foundations there were others who preferred to remain anonymous in their support.



Getting started at All Saints Episcopal Church



Properly lining up chairs at Lakeside UMC



Hard at work at Osteen UMC

SMART IDEAS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

If you're like most people, you're looking for ways to save money on this year's taxes. There is always simple and deductible monetary gift that can reduce your tax liability. But there are also many other ways that you can support the Children's Home while saving on your taxes.

Charitable Life Income Plans

If you own low-yielding assets and are seeking a higher income, a charitable life income gift such as a charitable life annuity of charitable remainder trust may be worth exploring. In exchange for your charitable gift of cash or appreciated securities, you reap multiple benefits:

- Receive payments for your lifetime
- Generate a current income tax deduction
- Bypass all or a portion of the capital gains on appreciated assets
- Enjoy increased financial security

Charitable Life Estates

If your estate plans include leaving your residence (home, farm, vacation home) to charity, you may wish to create a charitable life estate arrangement. You can make a gift to the Children's Home of your property today and receive the following benefits:

- Current income tax deduction
- Life use and enjoyment of the property
- A lasting legacy to further our mission

Outright Gifts of Appreciated Assets

Gifts of appreciated assets such as securities or real estate are an excellent way to help the Children's Home. These gifts can provide you with numerous benefits:

- Receive an income tax deduction, based typically on the asset's fair market value
- Avoid federal and state capital gains taxes
- Avoid the Affordable Care Act Medicare tax

Life Insurance Gifts

Making a gift to us of your old, unneeded, or obsolete life insurance policy can provide you with the following benefits:

- Receive a charitable income tax deduction
- Reduce your taxable estate
- Preserve your cash and savings

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ANNUAL SURVEY

You are a valued partner in the mission of empowering children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ. In order to be good and faithful stewards of the funds you afford us to support this organization, we would like to hear from YOU!

Either complete this form and mail to back to us or scan the QR code to complete it online.



What program(s) of the Children's Home is most important to you?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Living |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Treatment for Boys | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legacy Scholars Academy | |

To what degree do you feel your gifts to the Children's Home have made a difference?

- Great difference
 Moderate difference
 Little difference

How have we demonstrated that difference?

To what extent does our mission dovetail with your beliefs?

- Very much Somewhat Not very much

I would recommend the Children's Home to my friends and family as a cause they should consider supporting.

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

In terms of newsletters and information pieces, do you feel you receive:

- Right amount Too many Not enough

Do you feel that The Herald newsletter provides you with enough information to keep you engaged?

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

Is there any other information you would like to see?

Do you utilize our website?

- Yes No

If yes, for what purpose?

- General updates
 Make gifts
 Specific program information
 Reach out to staff

In terms of the number of requests to give, do you feel you receive:

- Right amount Too many Not enough

If you call/email with a question or concern, do you feel that it is addressed in a timely manner?

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Neither agree nor disagree
 Disagree
 Strongly Disagree

Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve communications with you?

Would you like someone to contact you concerning how you can improve communications with you?

- Yes No

(Optional)

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Thank you for your willingness to provide vital feedback. You can return the survey in the envelope provided in this newsletter.

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