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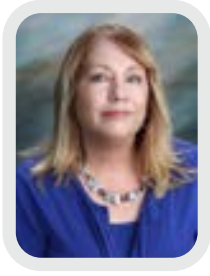
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Empowering children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through wholistic care.



## A *word* FROM INDEPENDENT LIVING

According to the National Foster Youth Institute, more than 23,000 children will age out of the US foster care system this year. Twenty percent of those children will become instantly homeless. Their academic outlook is even more dismal with less than 3% earning a college degree at any point in their life. Seven out of ten of the girls who age out will become pregnant before the age of 21.

Our Independent Living program serves homeless youth between the ages of 18 to 26, including young mothers. The young adults in our program come from our Enterprise campus or Madison Youth Ranch, state agencies, churches, or through our local high school homeless liaison. When they come into our program, our team works with them to develop a service plan that includes their professional and educational goals. Then the team provides the daily support and guidance to help them reach those goals.

A young woman named Kellie and her infant daughter came into our Independent Living program after being referred by our local school homeless liaison. Kellie and her daughter had been “couch surfing” at the homes of a few friends while attending our area high school. With the help of our program, she was able to put her daughter into child care and graduate from high school. She is currently enrolled in college and studying to become a nurse. Kellie says, “If not for the Independent Living program at the Children’s Home, I probably would have lost my daughter to the State, and would not have graduated high school. And going to college would have been impossible for me on my own.”

The majority of the young adults come into our program with very few clothes and personal items, and usually no food. We provide bedding, hygiene products, food, and a room. In most cases, these young adults lack basic life skills, so we teach them how to do menu planning and grocery shopping, how to cook, do laundry, how to obtain employment, to pay bills, and budget their finances. We also help them obtain primary care doctors in the community for medical services, and vouchers for childcare, if needed.

As part of the Independent Living program, the young adults must find employment. If they have not yet completed their high school education, they must attend school. They can attend high school on campus at our Legacy Scholars Academy, an area high school, or they can enroll in a GED program. Once high school is covered they usually enroll in a trade school or college.

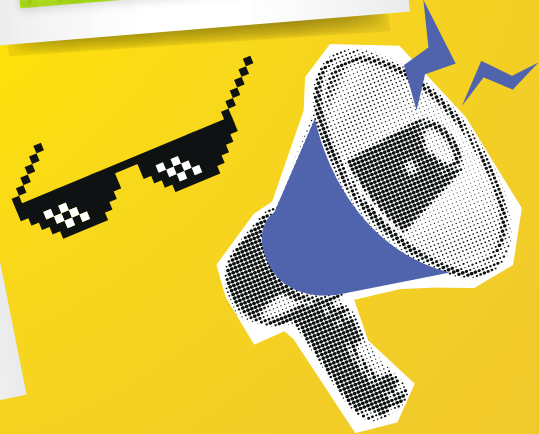
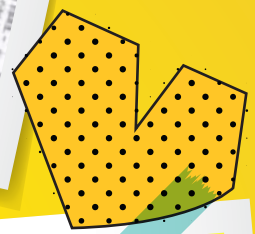
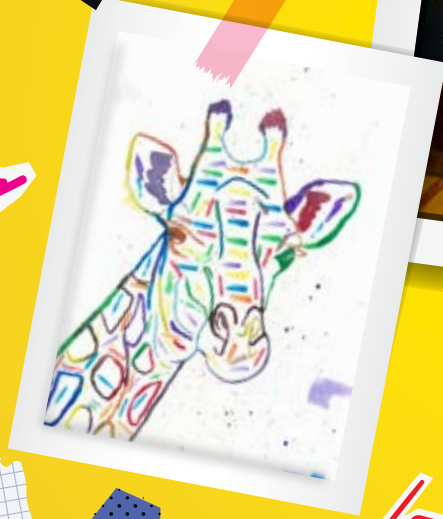
Many see one of our Mental Health Therapists to help them as they struggle with mental health issues. Once they leave our program, we have a case manager who works with them to prevent them from becoming homeless again. The majority of them are successful, but we do have some who come back into the program. Your support makes this program possible. And that means that young adults like Kellie won’t worry about whether they have a place to sleep at night or where they will find their next meal.

**Debra Suto Henry, PhD**  
*Independent Living Director*  
*Florida United Methodist Children’s Home*

**ON THE  
COVER:**

Having some fun on the last day of school.

# Art Show



## OUR YOUTH FEATURED IN LOCAL ART EXHIBIT

We've always known that we have some very talented youth in our care, and now the public is learning about them as well. Students in our Legacy Scholars Academy were featured recently in their own art exhibit at the Enterprise Museum. The work on display exhibited showed the students' immense creativity, perseverance, and dedication. By identifying and recognizing their past traumas, the students can describe how they feel as they express themselves through their art. Student artists ranged from 6th through 12th grade and included mediums such as watercolor and acrylic paintings as well as sculptures.



# 2021

## ANNUAL REPORT



### SUMMARY OF SERVICES

1,078



INQUIRIES FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

275



NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN RESIDENTIAL AND SHELTER CARE

134



NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN FOSTER CARE

14



NUMBER OF FOSTER HOMES ADDED IN 2021

74



NUMBER SERVED IN INDEPENDENT LIVING (AGES 18-26)

265



NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

1,251



NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED COUNSELING THROUGH OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS SERVICES



301

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS



6,359

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS PERFORMED



## OPERATING REVENUE

Contributions	\$8,355,902
Fee for service	6,642,617
Childcare services	1,268,374
Other income	581,192
Interest & dividends	1,019,302
Split-interest agreements	605,942
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	3,165,931

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<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$21,639,260</b>
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## EXPENSES

Program service	
Residential Care	\$10,839,544
Independent Living and scholarship	753,1894
Foster care	634,409
Child care center	1,677,115
Outpatient Services	1,348,898

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<b>TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,253,860</b>
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### Other expenses

Fundraising	\$958,973
General & Administrative	1,608,279

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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$17,821,112</b>
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**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$3,818,148**

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. Endowed assets are invested, and each year, a portion of the value of the fund is paid out to support the operations of the Children's Home. Any earnings in excess of this distribution are used to build the fund's market value. In this way, an endowed fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity. When an endowed fund is established, a permanent legacy of support is created for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

### ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

General Endowment	\$24,221,380
Education Endowment	4,044,063
<b>Total Donor Restricted Funds</b>	<b>28,265,443</b>

Board Designated Endowment	\$18,439,961
Education Scholarship	1,495,192

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<b>TOTAL ENDOWED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$19,935,153</b>
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# HOW ENDOWMENTS SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Fortunately, caring individuals over the years have made provisions for our children and the ministry in a variety of ways to supplement the annual operational needs to care for the children and families we serve. These generous funds supplement various areas of the ministry and enable us to provide services we wouldn't be able to offer otherwise. This is especially important during financially challenging times.

At the Children's Home, we calculate the annual distribution from a given endowment based on a three year rolling average. Our Board of Trustees approves the annual distribution which usually ranges from 3% to 5% each year. Those distributions fund the general operations or specific ministries of the Children's Home. Current areas supported by endowments include:

- **Permanent Endowment** – The funds from this endowment support the annual operations into perpetuity. It is just one fraction of all the many contributions that go into supporting the Children's Home each year. The endowment supplements the generous support of caring individuals, churches, foundations, and other organizations that support us throughout the year.
- **Scholarship Endowment** – This is a collective fund from generous supporters over the years who desire to provide higher education funds for our youth aging out of care and support their goal of independence.
- **Spiritual Life Endowment** – This is a newly established endowment in memory of Rev. and Mrs. Duncan Gray was created to support the operation and needs of the Spiritual Life Program at the Children's Home.
- **Equine Assisted Therapy Endowment** – This endowment was established to fill the gap for those children in need of equine assisted therapy when it is not covered by private insurance. Equine assisted therapy is a life changer for

children who do not respond to traditional talk therapy.

- **Counseling Endowment** – This is a long established endowment to support the therapeutic needs of our children, especially when their private insurance does not cover mental health services.
- **Horticulture Endowment** – This endowment enables us to expand offerings for our youth. The Horticulture program encompasses many areas of the ministry. It is overseen by our Independent Living (IL) program. The IL staff partner with therapists who help the children learn skills in the nurture and care of plants. In addition, they partner with Legacy Scholars Academy on the Enterprise campus by incorporating math and science into their efforts. Finally, they learn entrepreneurial skills as they grow business skills. We now have horticulture programs on both campuses. The Madison Youth Ranch has even grown sugar cane and they learned how to process and bottle their own syrup.
- **Clinic Endowment** – This endowment supports the Clinic needs at both the Madison Youth Ranch and the Enterprise campus.

We are humbled by those who have chosen to make this commitment over the years with through a present day gift during their lifetime or through a testamentary (estate) gift in their legacy plans.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

There are many more opportunities to grow existing endowments or create new ones for other areas of the ministry. This can be done through cash or appreciated assets (multi-year pledges accepted), as well as testamentary provisions. If this is something you are interested in, please reach out to Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer at 386.753.2066 or [elisabeth.gadd@fumch.org](mailto:elisabeth.gadd@fumch.org).



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