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Children's Home Educational Series: Foster Care

At the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, we take seriously our call to provide quality care for children and youth. We have continued to offer services throughout the state that continue our mission of empowering children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through (w)holistic care. One of the many ways we do this is through our Foster Care Services, which recruits, trains, and equips families to provide foster care to children in five counties across the state. We realize that churches and ministries all around the Conference have the same call to care for children and families in your own ministries. To better assist you in providing that care, we will be holding three virtual educational sessions over the coming months. The goal of these sessions will be to share some of our experience and practices with you. The first Zoom educational session will be on Friday, May 21, at 12:00pm.

The topic of the May session will be: Foster Care. One of the many ways the Children's Home lives into our call to care for children is by recruiting, licensing, and training families to provide foster care services in five counties. Around the state, children are removed from their homes for a variety of reasons and are in need of temporary placement. We invite you to join Cedric Davis, our Director of Foster Care, as he shares about the quality care that our Foster Care Services provide. This session is not only geared towards people with an interest in becoming foster parents, but also to anyone who wants to learn more about how you can be more supportive of foster care in general.

To learn more about this session, or to RSVP, please contact Rev. Ryan Frack at 386.668.4774 extension 2222, or ryan.frack@fumch.org.

New Horizon Golf Classic & Silent Auction: May 1st

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is proud to share that New Horizon UMC will be hosting their 35th Annual Golf Classic & Virtual Silent Auction once again this year. The Golf Classic and Silent Auction provide a wonderful opportunity to have fun while also supporting children and families.

Due to COVID-19, there have been some changes. First, the two events will be split this year, with the Virtual Silent Auction running from May 1st-16th. The Silent Auction will have its own URL: www.bidpal.net/nhauction, and the URL will be live on May 1st.

The Golf Classic will take place at Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL on Saturday, May 1st. As of now, the event is planned to begin with registration at 7:00 AM, and a shotgun start at 8am. In lieu of an awards luncheon, a boxed lunch will be provided and a virtual awards ceremony is planned for May 2nd. Proceeds will benefit the Foster Care Services of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, serving Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

For more on how you can support the event, please call New Horizon at 954.434.7400. You can also visit the golf event page at www.bidpal.net/nhgolf or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/benefit4children/

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Did You Miss Day on Campus? Not to Worry!

Virtual Day On Campus 2021 premiered on March 27th, and we are incredibly proud of it! A benefit to having a recorded version of the event is that people are able to view it, whether on the day of broadcasting or a time of their choosing. The event is on both our YouTube channel and website, and we encourage you to follow the link below to access it. Our special program features a virtual tour hosted by one of our youth, and a chat with one of our alumni who is now a successful professional. You'll hear from a pair of our foster parents and there will be updates from some of our team members about how the Children's Home has fared over the past year. We hope you will be blessed by it!

Run 4 Life: May 15th

The Run 4 Life 4 Miler road race will be happening in-person on May 15th, at 7:00 AM, and begins and ends on the campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in historic Enterprise. Live run participants will follow signs for day-of parking. There is also a virtual run/walk for anyone who would prefer to participate virtually.

For information on how you can support the event, as well as how you can register for the race and even sponsor a runner, please visit www.runsignup.com/Race/FL/Enterprise/Run4Life4Miler. Additionally, any members of the Florida Annual Conference wishing to participate are encouraged to join the Conference team, "**The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church**". Information on the team can be found by searching teams in the registration.

Testimonial From a Child

"I would like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be able to go to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and start my life off. While there I experienced many new things. I learned how to deal with problems/situations. I made new friends and did new things. My houseparents and counselors were always there to show me good choices, or how to cope with something. I learned new ways of dealing with depression. I have changed. Not back to my old self or a worse person. But to a more grown up person. I also had many new experiences. I earned an on-campus job, which I enjoyed very much. I learned the stress of having a job, going to school, chores, and anything else that might have come up. I'd also never been away from home that long. I am very grateful for my opportunity to change and experience something new."

Current Resident Needs

- Cantu brand shampoo and conditioner
- Cantu brand leave-in conditioner
- Regular toothpaste
- Dove sensitive skin soap
- Mp3 players (without cameras)
- Men's swim goggles
- Dish cloths
- Hair picks (male comb)
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Alarm clocks (no radio)

Ideas for Giving and Moving Forward in 2021

The CARES Act passed in 2020 included several charitable tax provisions to encourage giving. Congress extended some of the COVID relief tax changes to 2021, including:

- A deduction for charitable donors who don't itemize when filing their tax returns. If you don't itemize but make a cash gift to charity, you will be allowed to take a special tax deduction to reduce your tax liability.
- An increase in the deduction limit up to 100% of a donor's annual income for cash gifts. If you make a gift you will be able to deduct more this year.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home would like to offer some ideas for you to consider if you are thinking about making a gift in support of our mission in 2021.

If you are interested in learning more about these, or other gift ideas, please contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer, at (386) 753-2066 or at plannedgiving@fumch.org. You can also visit www.fumchlegacy.org for more tax savings ideas.