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to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Summer Highlights

As the summer starts to wind down and the youth start to prepare for school, we share a few highlights from our Summer Fun Program:



Youth received plenty of exercise with field games

Youth and staff enjoyed a special visit by the FUMCH Ice Cream Truck



Teenagers learned valuable skills in our Carpentry Program



Nurturing Well-Being

The Florida Coalition for Children (FCC) recently recognized Enterprise house parents, Mike and Maritza Velez, with the Nurturing Well Being Award at FCC's Annual Conference. This award is granted to an individual, couple, team, or organization who is highly regarded by their peers and community for their extraordinary compassion in nurturing the well-being of those they serve. Mike and Maritza have served as dedicated house parents for more than twenty years. Mike and Maritza are known for their caring and gentle spirits, working with teenage girls teaching them important life skills in the pre-independent living cottage. After receiving the award Mike and Maritza were surprised by the girls in their care who through them a congratulations party (with a little help from other staff).



Ananda Selvaraj (left), Leena and Dion Hancock (right)

LCR Highlight: Dion and Leena Hancock

We recently had a visit from the Dion and Leena Hancock who serve as Local Church Representatives with Skycrest United Methodist Church in Clearwater. Dion and Leena, along with their family, brought a generous donation of household items and hygiene products collected by their church. Leena is following in the footsteps of her father, Ananda Selvaraj, as he served as a LCR with Grace United Methodist Church in Merritt Island more than twenty years ago. The family also took a tour of the Children's Home which included seeing our outdoor chapel area and butterfly garden. We are grateful for their visit and support of the ministry. If you or your church members are interested in a visit, please contact us.

LCR Contact Update

Local Church Representatives (LCR's) play a vital role in connecting the Florida United Methodist Children's Home with the local church. We want to be sure we are connecting with the right people! If there has been a change of LCR at your church, please contact us. Even if a change has been indicated to the Conference through your charge conference forms, it is likely that we aren't aware of it until contacted by either the pastor or someone from the church. This can present a significant delay in the transmission of communication to the new LCR when we are not advised directly of the change. Please contact Director of Church Relations, Rev. Brian Carr, at brian.carr@fumch.org or 386.668.4774.

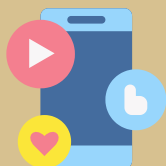
Current Needs List

We currently have the need for:

- AAA batteries
- Suitcases (new or gently used)
- Disposable razors (for girls)
- Cantu hair products



If your church is able to assist, please contact Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy, via email at lynn.bellomy@fumch.org or call 386.668.4774 ext. 2321.



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