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### **Bank Of America Awards \$5,000 Grant To Children's Home**

**Enterprise, FL** – Bank of America has awarded a \$5,000 grant to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home to benefit the Independent Living Program. The program provides services for youth ages 18 to 26 who are transitioning into adulthood. In this way, the Children's Home is able to help those who are aging out of the residential care programs and may otherwise be overlooked. Support is provided in the form of life skills training that include budgeting, career development, drivers education, and mentoring in addition to their daily needs of housing, meals and clothing.

"The Independent Living Program at the Children's Home is critical to the success of the youth that we serve. And the continued existence of the program greatly depends on the generosity of community partners like Bank of America. We are grateful for their continued support," said Debra Suto-Henry, Director of Independent Living.

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The Florida United Methodist Children's Home was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida on the banks of Lake Monroe. The Madison Youth Ranch, a second residential location, was added in 2014 in North Florida. The Children's Home provides services to families and children from childhood to adulthood, and is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation), EAGLE (a program of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries), and is a member of the Alliance for Children and Families. Our Residential Care Program provides care and a family style home for school-aged children who have been victimized by abuse, neglect or family trauma, and provides education, counseling, as well as recreation and ministry opportunities. The Children's Home also provides Foster Care, an Emergency Shelter, an Independent Living Program as well as a Montessori-based early childhood program to the public through In As Much. The Children's Home is supported through the generosity of churches with the United Methodist Florida Conference, individuals and legacy gifts. For more information, visit [www.fumch.org](http://www.fumch.org).