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Children's Home Awarded Grant From Florida Agriculture In The Classroom

Enterprise, FL – Florida United Methodist Children's Home has been awarded a \$1,000 grant from Florida Agriculture in the Classroom, Inc. (FAITC) to support Agriscience in the Classroom, part of the Gardening Program at the Children's Home. The Gardening Program serves middle and high school youth living on the Enterprise campus.

FAITC is a non-profit organization that develops and trains teachers and agriculture industry volunteers in its agricultural curricula and materials, which they in turn use to educate students about the importance of agriculture.

It also provides grant money to teacher and volunteers for projects like the Gardening Program at the Children's Home. FAITC's objective is to support the teaching of students about where their food comes from, and the important contributions Florida farmers make to their communities and their state.

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For more information about the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, please contact Mark Cobia, Director of Marketing and Communications at 386.668.4774 or <u>mark.cobia@fumch.org</u>.

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.