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### **Children's Home Awarded EAGLE Accreditation**

**Enterprise, FL** – The Florida United Methodist Children's Home has been awarded EAGLE Accreditation by the EAGLE Accreditation Commission. Educational Assessment Guidelines Leading toward Excellence (EAGLE) is the only faith-based accreditation program in the United States and is managed by the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries (UMA).

EAGLE is a voluntary program that recognizes health and human service organizations that go beyond the requirements of licensure to improve operational processes and outcomes while pursuing excellence in holistic, Christian mission. EAGLE challenges organizations not just to compete in challenging human services environments, but to soar above the competition while living their faith values. EAGLE is ecumenical and applicable to organizations of all Christian faith traditions.

"We're very proud of earning this accreditation once again. The EAGLE accreditation has helped the Children's Home to improve our processes and outcomes in key areas of care as well as making us more responsible stewards of the gifts we receive from our supporters. Ultimately it all translates into better care for our children," said Kitwana McTyer, President and CEO of the Children's Home.

The EAGLE Accreditation Program includes the compilation of a rigorous self-study that covers all facets of care delivery and operations followed by a site visit from a review team of independent health care and human service professionals from across the country. Designation as an EAGLE-accredited organization continues for four years, during which the Children's Home will submit annual reports to ensure all accreditation standards are being met.

"We extend our congratulations to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for its commitment to upholding EAGLE's principles that reinforce the importance of faith-based mission, operational excellence and responsible stewardship," said Mary Kemper, President/CEO of UMA.

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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 [mark.cobia@fumch.org](mailto:mark.cobia@fumch.org).

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).