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## Day on Campus Is Going Virtual: March 27th is the Day!

Each year, one of the most special days in the life of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is Day on Campus. This eagerly anticipated event provides us with the opportunity to both thank our faithful churches and ministry partners and highlight all of the wonderful things God is doing through the ministry here. Normally, we open our gates and welcome guests to celebrate the ministry they have helped to make possible. However, we know that this is not a normal year, and churches and ministries have adapted their work in a way that continues to prioritize health and safety. We have also had to adapt, and we are very excited that we will be holding Day on Campus as a virtual event this year! This will allow us to continue the annual tradition of lifting up the Children's Home ministry, while also ensuring people can engage from the safety and comfort of their own homes.

Day on Campus will be held virtually on Saturday, March 27. It will be broadcast on our Facebook page, and will also be accessible on our YouTube channel following the event. Similar to the standard program, the virtual event will feature updates from our President & CEO, board chair, and key staff. It will also highlight testimonials from individuals, 2020 award winners, music from our children and staff, and a virtual tour. Our mission has continued to guide the ministry, even in the midst of a pandemic, and we are excited for you to celebrate the ways in which God continues to do great things through the many ministries of the Children's Home.

For more information on how to view the event, as well as ideas on how to engage, please visit our Facebook page and stay tuned to our email communications. Any questions can also be sent to [ryan.frack@fumch.org](mailto:ryan.frack@fumch.org). Thank you for your continued partnership in serving children!

## Virtual LCR Workshop on February 25

To help Local Church Representatives (LCR) acclimate themselves to the role and to connect with one another, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home typically holds a number of in-person LCR Workshops at the beginning of the year. Instead of in-person, **this year's LCR event will be virtual**. We will engage with LCRs and share about the ministry of the Children's Home, discuss roles and responsibilities of the LCR in the church, and discuss the upcoming virtual Day on Campus event in March. Whether you are a new LCR at your church or a seasoned vet, this will be a great time for you to hear about the ministry of the Children's Home and learn about the expectations of the role.

The virtual LCR Workshop will be held via ZOOM on February 25 at 12pm. To attend, please RSVP to [ryan.frack@fumch.org](mailto:ryan.frack@fumch.org) by February 22nd and you will be sent information and a link for the ZOOM event. For those unable to attend the live ZOOM, we will make a recording available for later viewing. We'll look forward to seeing you at the workshop!

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### **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 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic & Virtual Silent Auction once again this year. The Golf Classic and Silent Auction provide a wonderful opportunity to have fun and support 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 1<sup>st</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. The Silent Auction will have its own URL: [bidpal.net/nhauction](http://bidpal.net/nhauction), and the URL will be live on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Golf Classic will take place at Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, FL on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. As of now, the event should still begin with registration at 7am, and a shotgun start at 8am. There may be more information to come about this, however. In lieu of an awards luncheon, a boxed lunch will be provided. A virtual awards ceremony is planned for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the Foster Care Services of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Foster Care South Florida serves both Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The Broward County Foster Care Office opened in 2017 and the Palm Beach County Foster Care opened in 2019.

For more on how you can support the event, please New Horizon at 954.434.7400. You can also visit the golf event page at [bidpal.net/nhgolf](http://bidpal.net/nhgolf) or on facebook at [www.facebook.com/benefit4children/](https://www.facebook.com/benefit4children/)

### **Testimonial From a Child**

"First and foremost I just want to say that growing up at the Children's Home made me the woman and mother I am today. I met and grew up with so many good people there, and I still talk to and am close with the people I grew up with. I love you all.

So I just wanted to show my gratefulness to the Children's Home for a minute. Today i have 3 beautiful boys, own a house, have a college degree, and am getting married to the perfect man for me. The fact is that, if it weren't for the Children's Home, I probably wouldn't have made it to age 13. It is due to the staff there that I know how to be a mother, and how a man should treat someone. This place not only saved my life, but it also ensured that I'm not spending life in prison. I am able to live my life on God's terms. I had a very difficult childhood, but I know that it would have been much more difficult without the Children's Home. I am grateful for those that were there and loved me, even when I was out of control."

### **A Bequest is a Wonderful Way to Support**

There are many reasons you might consider making a charitable bequest. It is one of the easiest gifts you can make to significantly impact our ministry. Your estate planning attorney can include a provision in your will that leaves a lasting gift to the Children's Home. Your bequest could be a gift of specific assets, a dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate. It could also be made from the residual of your estate after all gifts have been made to your heirs.

The Children's Home continues to serve children and families because of the generosity of individuals and churches. For more information, contact Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer, at 386.753.2066, or at [plannedgiving@fumch.org](mailto:plannedgiving@fumch.org). You can also visit [www.fumchlegacy.org](http://www.fumchlegacy.org).

### **Current Resident Needs**

- Cantu brand shampoo and conditioner
- Cantu brand leave-in conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Male deodorant
- Boxer shorts (male sizes S and M)
- Bar soap
- Dish cloths
- Hair picks (male comb)
- Bath towels
- Wash cloths
- Alarm clocks (no radio)