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LCR Workshops Wrapping Up

We have been holding in-person workshops for Local Church Representatives (LCRs) and only have one day remaining. LCRs are invited to attend these workshops, whether or not they are held in your particular district. The identical workshops will include an overview of the ministry of the Children's Home, as well as an overview of the role of the LCR and the various resources available to support our Representatives. *All in-person attendees will need to adhere to the respective site's COVID/mask policies, which are indicated below. Additionally, attendees should not come if they are not feeling well or are displaying any COVID symptoms. **Host sites reserve the right to adjust their COVID policies in the event of any change in pandemic status or official guidance.***

North West District

February 26th, 2022

***RSVP by 2/18/2022**

Madison Youth Ranch

1647 NE Captain Buie Rd.

Pinetta, FL 32350

10am-12noon

Masks/on-site COVID questionnaire required

Killearn UMC

2800 Shamrock St. S.

Tallahassee, FL 32309

3pm-5pm

Masks encouraged

RSVPs are vital in allowing us to accommodate for parking and refreshments.

Please call Elisabeth Gadd with any questions and RSVPs at

386.753.2066 or email at elisabeth.gadd@fumch.org.

Conference-Wide Virtual Trainings

In addition to the in-person LCR Workshops, we will also be leading three (3) identical virtual LCR Workshops as a part of the Conference-Wide virtual training event in March. The sessions are: March 8, 2:00pm-3:00pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm, and March 12, 9:00am-10:00am. There will be a separate Conference RSVP required, in addition to our RSVP.

Day On Campus

One of the most special days of the year in the life of the Children's Home has been our annual Day on Campus. We really look forward to this day because it gives us the opportunity to both thank our faithful churches and ministry partners as well as highlight all the wonderful things God is doing through the ministry. Last year was the first time we created a virtual version of the Day On Campus, and it was viewed by many. Due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic we will be planning another virtual event for this year, making it available to everyone in late March. Please stay tuned, and we will share more information as the event approaches.

Current Resident Needs

- Wash cloths
- Bath towels
- Cantu brand hair products
- Toothpaste
- Female liquid body wash
- AAA batteries
- Boys deodorant (non-aerosol)

(More on back)

General Business

We have received some questions about various items and wanted to take this opportunity to answer them for everyone's benefit.

- **Madison Youth Ranch gifts** – Some churches wish to designate their gifts for the express benefit of our Youth Ranch, and that is wonderful. If your church wishes to do this, simply designate that it is for the Youth Ranch on the check or accompanying paperwork. Then forward the check directly to the Children's Home in Enterprise and not the Youth Ranch. This is because all gifts are processed through our main office in Enterprise. Gift deposit, processing and acknowledgement is delayed if it goes to the Ranch. This is especially problematic at year-end for the Development team.
- **Church Giving Report** – The 2021 report is now up on our website. Just click on the Church Relations tab and scroll to the interactive map. Select your district and you will bring up a report for all churches in that district.
- **Annual Giving Goals** – We have already begun to receive questions about the giving goals for 2022. The actual goals will not be available until we receive the membership numbers from the Conference in May. In the meantime, you can estimate the annual giving goal for your church by simply multiplying your number of members by \$12.
- **Staffing Change** – Rev. Ryan Frack has been appointed as the Senior Pastor at Skycrest United Methodist Church. All Church Relations questions and needs should be directed to Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer at Elisabeth.gadd@fumch.org or (386) 753-2066 until a replacement is named.

New Horizon Golf Tournament

The Children's Home is excited to share that New Horizon UMC will be hosting their 36th Annual Golf Classic & Silent Auction on Friday, April 29th. This is a great opportunity to have some fun while supporting children and families. The event will be hosted at the Pembroke Lakes Golf Club in Pembroke Pines, FL. Proceeds will benefit the Foster Care Services of the Children's Home, serving Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

For more information on how you can support the event, please contact New Horizon UMC at 954.434.7400, golf@newhorizonumc.com, or by visiting the event website at bidpal.net/nhgolf.

Testimonial From an Alumnus

"The Children's Home was such a huge part of my childhood. They had taken me in when no one else seemed to want me. I had been bounced around from group homes to foster homes, and everything in between. But the Children's Home gave me a safe and stable home when I needed it most. I lived there from 1978 to 1988, arriving at seven years old. By then I had already been abandoned more times than I could remember. The staff at the Children's Home were the only people who cared enough to save me. I may not have been the best behaved child, but they never gave up on me. And for that I will always love the Children's Home." - Ray

A Bequest Is A Wonderful Way To Support The Children

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. You can also visit www.fumchlegacy.org.