



THE LINK
to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Save the Date



LCR Virtual Meet & Greet via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81466897308>

Tues. July 12th at 10am or 6pm

A brief training for new LCRs will take place after for all who would like to attend.

Let's Connect

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"Art Helps Me Calm Down..."

In May the students of Ms. Melissa Stilwell's art class held its annual Art Showcase at the historical Enterprise Museum. Ms. Stilwell has been a teacher at our on-campus school, Legacy Scholars Academy, since 2016 and along with paraprofessional, Tracey George, they set up an opportunity for students to show off their talent and creativity for other to see. Throughout the school year the students study the lives and works of artists such as: Warhol, Monet, Basquiat, and van Gogh. Colten, 14 yr old student, said "Art helps me calm down and think things through." Creating these emotions is intentional, as Ms. Stilwell and Mrs. George, include the school's Yale RULER approach to social emotional learning into their curriculum and classroom management. The art showcase was on display the entire month of May, which coincided with Foster Care Awareness Month.



Meet Mary Cortez, Community Engagement Officer

In April, the Development Department welcomed Mary Cortez into the new position of Community Engagement Officer. Mary has been with the Children's Home since 2011 and has served in a Director's role both in the education and residential care departments. Mary assisted with the founding of our Enterprise on-campus school and has taken the Home's student leaders to Washington, DC twice to learn more about our nation's capitol and their role in youth advocacy. In her new role, Mary will serve in the areas of grant writing, Local Church Representatives (LCRs), donor relations and community partnerships. Mary has a deep passion for the Children's Home and delights that "God has chosen her" to do His work at the Home.

Ladies Learning to Lead

Alissa is a young lady who was in real need of hope before coming to the Children's Home. She had to be removed from her home due to abusive parents. When she went to live with her grandmother, she came to realize just how generational abuse is and had to be removed from there as well. Alissa came to us with a very untrusting view of adults and was very far behind in school. Through intentional care and support over the past year, she has developed healthy and safe relationships with her house parents, therapist, and school staff. Alissa is thriving in school and was recently invited to attend the Ladies Learning to Lead Conference in Tallahassee and was recognized there as a leader amongst her peers.

Back-to-School Drive

As the school year has just wrapped up for our youth, we already planning our 2022-2023 Back-to-School Supply Drive. We know the value of education and want to ensure all of our youth have the opportunity to thrive in their classrooms with the supplies they need to be successful. Supplies include:

- Highlighters
- Colored Pencils
- 3-Pronged Folders
- Black & Blue Pens
- Composition Notebooks

We have the full supplies list on our website:

<https://www.fumch.org/making-a-difference/donate/>

or you can contact our Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy, via email at lynn.bellomy@fumch.org or via phone 386.668.4774 ext. 2321.