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### **Children's Home Benefits From Silent Auction Held By New Horizon United Methodist Church**

**Enterprise, FL** – New Horizon United Methodist Church in Southwest Ranches (near Fort Lauderdale) has been hosting a golf tournament to benefit the Florida United Methodist Children's Home for 34 years. With a focus on supporting the Foster Care services provided by the Children's Home in Palm Beach and Broward Counties, their support has been truly impactful over the years. About ten years ago they decided to add another component to their fundraising efforts with a silent auction in conjunction with the tournament. As it turns out, COVID-19 precautions prevented the annual golf tournament but not the silent auction.

To plan and manage this annual event, the church put together a dedicated team of church staff and lay people, most who know nothing about golf. But they are all passionate about the Children's Home and ministering to children and families. Some focus on the organization and administration while others handle tasks like coordinating the many volunteers who help, promote the event through social media, register golfers, and seek out key businesses as lead sponsors.

Rev. Rafe Vigil is the Pastor for New Horizon UMC. This year he also became the Chair for the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home. According to Rafe, "Even with the restrictions surrounding COVID-19, we were able to do something that would make an impact on young lives and support the ministry of the Children's Home. We tried different things in order to hold the golf tournament but things kept changing around us. So we adapted to what we could do and put all our efforts behind the silent auction. The result was over \$30,000 that went to support the Children's Home and their foster care work in our area. I think many churches can do what we have done and make a big impact on children and families in partnership with our Florida United Methodist Children's Home."

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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).