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DAY ON CAMPUS

We were excited and blessed to welcome more than 500 guests to our Enterprise campus on Saturday, March 16th for our annual Day on Campus! Guests arrived from all over Florida to take tours of our campus, attend presentations on Foster Care, Traumatic-based Crises and Legacy Planning, hear the stories of our continuing ministry and eat a delicious lunch.

During our presentation, we were honored and privileged to recognize those who go beyond and above in partnering with us. Our 2023 Church of the Year is Anona UMC in Largo. Our 2023 Pastor of the Year is Rev. Jim Divine from Lake Deaton UMC in Wildwood. Our 2023 Local Church Representative of the Year is Larry Kozak from First UMC in Sanford. Our 2023 Engagement Team of the Year is First Church Oviedo. Our 2023 Community Partner of the Year is Advent Health Fish Memorial Hospital in Orange City. Thank you to all of you who partner with us and enable us to transform the lives of so many children and their families!

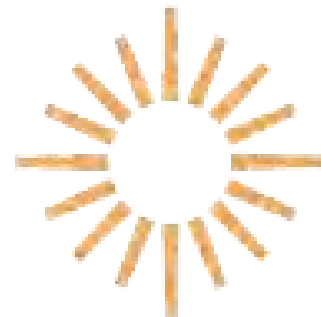
As wonderful as all of these activities were during Day on Campus, the most exciting was yet to come! We have known for many years that our name, Florida United Methodist Children's Home, just did not adequately describe who we are and all the services that we render throughout the state of Florida. Many continued to think of the Children's Home as an orphanage or a single site or a single service. Others thought our services were limited to only those children and their families who were United Methodist while others were under the impression that only United Methodists could support our efforts. As challenging as it was and proved to be, we knew we needed to change our name to more fully describe all that we are and all that we do, including group residential care in multiple locations, Foster Care in four counties, outpatient counseling in ten counties, as well as an on campus school and Montessori School at the Enterprise campus. We unveiled our new name – Residing Hope – and our new logo.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 116-year history of Residing Hope, formerly Florida United Methodist Children's Home, this is our fourth name change. In 1908 we started as the Florida Methodist Orphanage. In the 1930s, realization was made that we were serving few orphans and more children who had been abused, neglected and abandoned so the name was changed to Florida Methodist Children's Home. With the formation of the UMC in 1968 and merge with the Sarah Hunt Home, we became the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in 1971, and now we are Residing Hope.

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Our name and brand have changed but our mission: “Empower children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through evidence-based care and holistic services” remains the same. Our name and brand have changed but our long term missional relationships and partnerships remain the same and will grow with us into the future. We cannot adequately express our appreciation and love for all those who have partnered with us over our first 116 years. We look forward to another 116 plus years ahead!



GOLFING FORE THE CHILDREN:

We are thrilled to once again partner with our friends from New Horizon UMC for the 38th Annual New Horizon Golf Classic and Silent Auction Luncheon on Saturday, May 18th from 7:30 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Jacaranda Golf Club in Plantation, Florida! The Golfer Registration Fees are \$200 per golfer or \$700 per foursome with the early bird discount before May 10th and \$800 on or after May 10th. Registration cutoff date is May 15th. You can register online at www.bidpal.net/nhgolf.

In addition to the Golf Tournament, we have a delicious luncheon and a fabulous Silent Auction. The preview for the Silent Auction will run from May 12 – May 13. Auction bidding runs from May 14th to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 18th. Call 954-434-7400 during office hours or email golf@newhorizonumc.com for more event information.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Foster Care Program of Residing Hope which matches vulnerable children with compassionate foster parents, providing them with a temporary, secure, and nurturing environment. We specialize in recruiting, licensing, and supporting foster homes, ensuring that children in need find a safe and loving home. Won't you be our partners? Thank you. Fore!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SEASON COMING SOON:

Summer will soon arrive which means Vacation Bible School is not far behind! VBS continues to offer an incredible opportunity to meet children where they are and share the Gospel with them. Many churches emphasize a particular mission with their VBS programs and we would love to be that mission emphasis. We can send you any information or materials you need and even more, we would be glad to come and share briefly with your children about the ministries of Residing Hope! Contact Brian at brian.carr@ResidingHope.org or 386-561.3153 for more information.

