

## Full of Thanks

Thankful - Full of Thanks!

On November 14th, our staff gathered for their annual luncheon to celebrate all that we have to be thankful for by serving and eating a delicious meal together!

And of the numerous reasons for us to give thanks, one of the best reasons is for you and your continuing partnership with us in any number of ways. Thank you! Our ministry could not do what we do without YOU!



## Prayer Requests from our Children

Please pray daily for our children! Here are some of their requests:

"Please help me God. I love you. Pray that I leave soon and see my family again."

"Help bring my family back together. Please God, give us mercy."

"I want to talk to my family again. I miss them. I haven't talked to them in 2 years. That I succeed."

"Pray that I can move in with my grandma."

"Pray that I will win my basketball game."

"Pray that my dad would be healed."

"Pray I have the strength and wisdom to follow God."

## Learning Heritage

As part of Native American Heritage Month, students at our In As Much Montessori were visited by CreeActive Native American Dancers & Educators.

The children learned about how many native tribes originated in the United States as well as some of the differences and similarities. They learned about Native American music, housing, food crops and hunting.



"Business!" cried the Ghost, wringing its hands again. "Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence, were all my business. The dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!"

-Jacob Marley in *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.





## Correct, Indeed!

A team of volunteers from Correct Craft in Orlando came out to the Children's Home on November 4th to work on one of our cottages.

They painted, did pressure washing, and freshened the basketball backboard with a fresh coat of paint and a new net. They're a great bunch to work with and we really appreciate them coming out again to support the children!



## Day of Service

Our youth celebrated a day off from school on October 16th by serving others. They served by playing candy corn bowling with residents at the Orange City Nursing and Rehab Center, wrote 150 thank you letters for veterans at the Debarry VFW, learned the importance of priming the wall first before painting at First UMC in Sanford, put their carpentry skills to use as they lined shelves with contact paper at the First UMC in Orange City Food Pantry and got muddy with landscaping and lawn maintenance at the Enterprise Preservation Society.

After their times of service, they enjoyed a pizza lunch by the pool and an afternoon movie with popcorn. We are so proud of our youth and children by making a real difference in our community!



## Deadline for 2023 Church Giving

We are incredibly grateful for your selfless generosity to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

The Children's Home would not be able to care for the children and families we do without your support! In order for the timely close of our 2023 financial books, please ensure that all 2023 gifts are postmarked no later than January 3, 2024.

This will allow us to quickly prepare and publicize the 2023 Church Giving Report, as well as close out our 2023 financial records. All gifts sent to us that are postmarked after January 3rd will be counted with your 2024 church giving.

## End of Year Giving

As the end of the year approaches, you may be looking for ways to save on taxes and end the year well. The following strategies can provide you with tax savings and allow you to make a significant gift to support the Children's Home this year:

- Outright gifts of appreciated assets
- Life insurance gifts
- Charitable life income plans

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*Merry Christmas*