



FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST
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Christmas Gratitude

We want to take a moment and express our sincere gratitude to all of you who supported the Florida United Methodist Children's Home during the Christmas season.

Once again we were completely overwhelmed by the amazing outpouring of love in response to our Christmas gift card drive, as well as those who brought gifts and provided financial support.

Thanks to you, our children awoke on Christmas morning to find special gifts and gift cards under the tree while continuing to celebrate over a home-cooked Christmas meal with hot chocolate and delicious cookies. These were just some of the many ways that you helped the children experience unconditional love and grace in honor of the greatest gift ever received.

Thank you for your tireless support of the children and families we serve!

SANTA'S SURPRISE

We thought you might enjoy this testimonial from William Sell, who volunteered to play Santa for our children

"Today was a first for me. I had the opportunity to play Santa for the day. I received advice from Robert Sullivan who told me that Santa is the most well-known character on this planet. He said I would enjoy the opportunity and to have fun with it. Turned out he was right!! As I exited the sheriff's vehicle I was quickly greeted by so many heartfelt hugs from some very special children from the Children's Home who have fallen through the cracks and don't have parents. But they still believe in Santa!

A very emotional day for me, but so rewarding. Thank you Lisa Burke for all you do behind the scenes. Thank you Angie Squishypoo for opening your arms and doors to the diner. Feel better Rick Ugarte. Thank you to Gary Crews, Christ Wallington and all the donors who made this happen!! Thank you to my amazing wife Jacqueline Sell who had to keep me cold and dress me up.

Thank you to the Volusia County Sheriff's Department for providing the sleigh ride to the DeBary Diner. Thank you for that one hour of feeling unconditional love from children who have very little which was absolutely amazing!"





LCR Records Update

In the rapidly changing world in which we live, it is a challenge to keep up. As we start a new year, we need your help to make sure our records are correct.

The Local Church Representative (LCR) plays a vital role in connecting the local church with your Children's Home. **Please enter this link in your internet browser to be taken to a survey which will enable you to update your LCR's information, your church's records, and your church's Fifth Sunday material needs (envelopes, inserts, posters).**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8NSK7XS>

It is critical that we keep updated membership numbers in order to best steward and recognize your efforts.

You can also email:

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with any additional needs or questions.

Day on Campus Save the Date

One of the most special days in the life of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is our annual Day on Campus. Each year, it provides us with the opportunity to both thank our faithful churches and ministry partners, as well as highlight all of the wonderful things God is doing through the ministry here. We are excited to share that we will be holding an in-person Day on Campus event this spring! Please save the date of March 16, as we invite ALL to visit our campus but particularly the folks from the North Central, Gulf Central and South West districts.

CONFERENCE-WIDE LCR TRAINING

It is important for us to stay in contact with you and one way is through our annual trainings and conversation. To help new Local Church Representatives (LCR) acclimate themselves to the role, as well as to connect with seasoned LCRs and share updates about the ministry, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home typically holds a number of in-person LCR Workshops at the beginning of the year.

We will begin this year by participating with the Florida Annual Conference church-wide training on ZOOM. Our Director of Church Relations, Brian Carr will lead training for Local Church Representatives (LCRs) on three different ZOOM events: Saturday, February 3rd at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, February 8th at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Be on the lookout for a separate email which will contain an active link for registration. It will be sent out to you next week.

We look forward to sharing together with you and learning from you during these training sessions.

There will be other training options offered for both Zoom and face-to-face opportunities in the near future so stay tuned...

CAMPUS NEEDS LIST

Hair Conditioner* Girl's Body Wash*

Pots and Pans* Large Skillets *

Tupperware * Twin Pillows

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