



**THE LINK**  
to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home



## Ladies Learning to Lead Conference

Four of our young women attended the annual "Ladies Learning to Lead Conference" at Florida State University in mid-May which included sessions on college and career preparation, exposure to S.T.E.A.M. fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics), financial literacy, civic engagement, and much more. National professional female speakers empowered young ladies in middle and high school to become leaders. Our fine young women all won different awards for their character and wisdom. We are so proud of our ladies learning to lead!



## Student Art Exhibit

The Enterprise Museum hosted a student art exhibit during the month of May which featured artwork created by students from the Legacy Scholars Academy on the Enterprise campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The artwork by artists from sixth through twelfth grade featured traditional art mediums, such as watercolor and acrylic paintings, as well as 3D sculptures and multimedia installations. Some of the art was of food and looked so realistic and beautiful that I was tempted to take a bite! By identifying and recognizing past trauma, these students have learned to describe and reflect how they feel through their artwork with creativity, perseverance and dedication.



## End of the Year Pool Party



We would like to thank the group of volunteers from First Church Oviedo who came to the Enterprise campus to help our children and youth celebrate the end of the school year! They provided food and beach towels to our students. They just didn't bring the food, they cooked and served the food for all our celebrants. A wonderful time was had by all. THANK YOU First Church Oviedo!

If you would like to participate in similar volunteer opportunities on either of our campuses, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy at [lynn.bellomy@fumch.org](mailto:lynn.bellomy@fumch.org). Thank you.



# Planting Seeds for the Future



Gulf Cove United Methodist Church wanted to get involved with the Children's Home in a different way. After their new LCR, Susan Mathews spoke with us, she realized just how important gardening and horticulture has become at both the Enterprise and Madison Youth Ranch campuses. Gulf Cove decided to collect seed packets and raise money to purchase some plants.

Susan and Patty \_\_\_\_\_ drove more than four hours each way to bring us the seeds and plants. Along with more than 250 packets of seeds, they brought us banana plants, blueberry bushes, lemon and lime trees. They met with Pam Shaver and Kellie Jo Treadway who oversee our greenhouse and horticulture program.

Many of our children and youth enjoy gardening which often has a deep, therapeutic effect on them in a variety of ways. Who doesn't enjoy getting their hands dirty and then seeing life spring forth? Much of what is grown is used in their own meals and sometimes is donated to the community through food pantries or our food cart program. Thank you Gulf Cove UMC for investing in future growth by planting seeds, and providing bushes and trees!



If you would like to take a tour of one of our campuses and see all the growth happening here, contact Crystal St. Julien, Development Data Manager at [Crystal.St.Julien@fumch.org](mailto:Crystal.St.Julien@fumch.org).



*Be sure to like and share us on social media!*

## Welcome Lisa to the FUMCH Team

Meet Lisa Burke...

We are pleased to introduce Lisa Burke, who has joined us at the Children's Home in May as the Assistant Development Officer. Lisa has a background in government relations as well as 15 years' experience in development and community relations. We know Lisa will be a valuable asset to our team. Lisa enjoys living on the farm in Osteen with her dog Salvatore. She has 4 daughters, 2 grandchildren and one on the way. Please feel free to reach out and introduce yourself to Lisa and welcome her to our Children's Home family. You may reach out to her at [lisa.burke@fumch.org](mailto:lisa.burke@fumch.org).

## Campus Needs List

Our current most needed items for this summer are:

- Computer printer paper
- Cantu hair products
- Hair pics
- Clock radios
- Sunblock
- Pots & Pans
- Plastic hangers
- Suitcases
- Duffle bags

For more information on donations, volunteering, contact Volunteer Manager, Lynn Bellomy  
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For more information on campus tours, contact Crystal St. Julien at [crystal.st.julien@fumch.org](mailto:crystal.st.julien@fumch.org)