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Empower children and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through evidence-based care and holistic services.



Foster Care at Residing Hope

At Residing Hope, we believe every child deserves a safe, loving, and stable home. The demand for foster homes in Florida, as well as across the country, continues to grow at an urgent pace. On any given day, more than 22,000 children are in out-of-home care across the state. Many of those are placed far from their home communities due to a shortage of local foster homes. In some counties, sibling groups are separated. The teens are placed in temporary shelters while young children often experience multiple placements.

The lack of stability in their placements is a direct result of the shortage of foster homes.

Our Foster Care program is currently active in Flagler, Volusia, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Our mission is rooted in restoring hope and providing a foundation for children and youth to heal, grow, and thrive – regardless of their past trauma.

- We continually recruit prospective foster parents who then go through a rigorous screening process. Once they have successfully been screened, we assist them in obtaining their licensure.
- Working in conjunction with state agencies, children are placed in nurturing environments where they can feel safe.

- As the newly licensed foster parents are matched with children in need of care, Residing Hope Foster Care is there to provide support, ongoing training, advocacy, and crisis response, if necessary.

The support we provide to foster parents is further enhanced through our partnerships with local agencies and community partners, creating a strong network of resources.

Through your continued support, our Foster Care program is making an impact. Last year we,

- Provided 23,355 total days of foster care to 135 children,
- Placed 64 children in safe, loving foster homes,
- Licensed 15 new foster homes, and
- Helped 25 children find their forever homes through adoption.

But the impact is more than just the numbers. Jayden is a boy who came into our care at the age of nine after experiencing years of instability due to multiple placements. He was placed in one of our foster homes in Volusia County as a very withdrawn and anxious little boy. He was also behind academically with very poor grades. His foster parents showed him the patience and consistency that was missing from his previous placements.

Soon, Jayden began to thrive in his new home. With the support of his foster parents, he caught up in school and his grades improved noticeably. He became more active, joining a local club soccer team. He became so self-confident that he participated in the talent show at his school, performing on stage for all to see. This would have been impossible for Jayden when he first came into our care.

Today, Jayden is a confident and joyful 11-year-old. His foster family is currently in the process of adopting him, giving him the forever home he's always wanted.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, visit the Foster Care page on our website at ResidingHope.org.

Providing a Range of Services



Kitwana McTyer
President & CEO

Since our humble beginnings in 1908, Residing Hope has grown to serve children and families in multiple ways.

- **Therapeutic Residential Care** provided on our original campus in Enterprise as well as our Madison Youth Ranch
- **Foster Care** with licensed homes in Volusia, Flagler, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties
- **Independent Living** a transitional program for young adults 18-26
- **Outpatient Counseling** serving children and families across Florida, both in-office and virtually
- **Montessori School** providing quality education to underserved children in the Enterprise area

To learn more, visit ResidingHope.org



A *Word* from Development

Elisabeth Gadd

Chief Development Officer

It is hard to believe another year is coming to an end. Here at Residing Hope, it has been another memorable year filled with transformation in the children we serve.

In Reflection - Our greatest joy is witnessing the children overcome traumatic pasts and watch them flourish like budding flowers, blossoming into new reflections of themselves through God's love and grace. This transformation would not be possible without the dedication of our front line staff, who do the "heavy lifting" every day, and our incredible therapeutic and spiritual life teams who pour into our youth and help them achieve new heights.

Campus Improvements - This year we have celebrated major progress on the Enterprise campus. We are so deeply appreciative of so many friends who have poured into the cottage refurbishment projects over the last several years. I am happy to report that we have completed the refurbishments of Fox-Wright cottage this year. Our Independent Living program also had their spaces updated, including Kaebnick Cottage and the duplexes. Finally, we anticipate completing one more cottage by year's end.

One of the most exciting Enterprise campus improvements for all the children this year was the replacement of the gymnatorium floor. This building is the hub for year-round activities, where our children gather for basketball, volleyball, group events, and our annual Day of Hope (formerly Day on Campus) celebration. We stretched the life of the old floor beyond expectations. The new floor looks incredible – and it's all thanks to the Simpkins Family Foundation and Gale Lemerand, whose gifts made this all possible. We are grateful for their support.

The Madison Youth Ranch installed the long anticipated generator in preparation for hurricane season and was able to restore full functionality to the campus gate. We are most appreciative of those who supported those projects.

The staff and residents at the Ranch also nurtured the Cluckingham Palace (aka chicken coop) and had a large garden in which the residents engaged in planting, nurturing, cultivating and harvesting. It was an all-around learning and growth opportunity for the children.

Creating Memorable Opportunities – Beyond the campus updates, our children have enjoyed countless activities that have brought them joy and help to shine light into their lives. Our Recreation Director, Marie Mazzula, works tirelessly to introduce youth to new experiences while also encouraging personal growth. A special highlight this year was when the Faith United Methodist Church in Fort Myers donated new canoes and accessories for our children. Marie provided lessons in the Enterprise pool so the children felt fully prepared for their adventures as they embark in the local waterways.

At the Madison Youth Ranch, we had volunteers who poured into our children with birthday celebrations, water adventure outings, Bible studies and educational enrichment activities.

We have also been blessed this year with many community partners on both campuses which hosted activities such as pool parties, ice cream socials, and movie or skating outings with pizza, and even dinner and games in the cottages.

As the year-end draws near – I started my Word with a reflection of the noticeable transformation in the children we serve each day. Each one of the stories of transformation, whether it is on a campus or through our community based programs, starts with you. It is all because you cared to pray, to give, and to love, enabling our children to move from trauma and tragedy toward hope and triumph. Please never underestimate the magnitude of what you are doing to change lives! And if you haven't visited one of our campuses, we would love for you to see your return on investment.

Wondering about Year-End Giving? Please take a moment to review the Smart Ideas for Year End Giving article in this issue of the Herald. If you'd like to direct your gift to a specific area or discuss options, please call me at 386.753.2066.

Thank you again for being part of this journey. Together, we are creating opportunities for hope, healing, and transformation in the lives of children who need it most.

Smart Ideas For Year-End Giving



If you're like most people, you're looking for ways to save money on this year's taxes. There is always the simple and deductible monetary gift that can reduce your tax liability. But there are also many other ways that you can support Residing Hope while saving on your taxes.

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Gifts of appreciated assets such as securities or real estate are an excellent way to help Residing Hope. These gifts can provide you with numerous benefits:

- Receive an income tax deduction, based typically on the asset's fair market value
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- A lasting legacy to further our mission

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Madison Youth Ranch

Unique Residential Care

The Madison Youth Ranch provides therapeutic residential care in a peaceful, rural setting in north Florida. Spanning 200 acres, one of the unique features of the Youth Ranch is its Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) program. EAP is a specialized therapy for those who may have difficulties communicating in a more traditional counseling session. It involves the combined use of horses, a licensed therapist, and a horse specialist, all working with the child to address various individual treatment goals. Positive results can usually be seen as quickly as the first session.

In addition to horses, there are other activities that make the Youth Ranch special. A robust horticulture program teaches the children to raise and harvest multiple types of crops, including potatoes, corn, beans, and peas. The children learn how to harvest and prepare the vegetables for storage in the freezer so they can be enjoyed during the

following months. They also raise sugar cane and process it to make cane syrup, which the children love to pour on their pancakes at breakfast!

And speaking of breakfast, they also produce their own eggs at the Youth Ranch. The chicken coop, affectionately called Cluckingham Palace, is home to several chickens that are cared for by the children. The children harvest the eggs daily.

As part of their skills training, the children learn how to cook alongside the cottage staff. This level of self-sufficiency is very beneficial in making the children feel confident and empowered. They are also learning to work together as they share responsibility for the animals and crops.

The Youth Ranch features a wide range of other activities for the children living there. The chapel is located at the center of the Youth Ranch, supporting the Spiritual Life program and providing space for the children and staff to gather, worship, and fellowship. There is a pool to provide relief from the Florida heat, as well as opportunities for volleyball, horseshoes, hiking, and fishing. There are many things about the Madison Youth Ranch that make it unique, including the transformative healing care provided by the staff who pour into the children.





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Henry with his self-portrait on display in the Enterprise Museum

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