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The Grinch Visits Residing Hope

Enterprise, FL – The Spiritual Life team at Residing Hope works with the youth every year to produce a theatrical production at Christmas. This year, youth presented their version of *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. The story focuses on the Grinch, who lives alone with his dog Max outside of Whoville. The Grinch, who hates Christmas, plans to steal it by taking all the decorations and presents from Whoville. The Grinch eventually learns that Christmas is more than gifts and bright lights. The Spiritual Life team uses the opportunity to remind the youth of the real reason for Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ. The play is also a lesson in forgiveness and the acceptance of others, no matter how different they might be.

All costumes, props, and effects were created by the Spiritual Life team for the play, and youth begin practicing weeks ahead of time. Performing in the play is important in helping youth cope with previous trauma as they build their self-confidence and are supported by other residents, staff, and Board of Trustee members in the audience.



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For more information about Residing Hope, please contact Mark Cobia, Director of Marketing and Communications at 386.668.4774, mark.cobia@residinghope.org, or visit ResidingHope.org.

Residing Hope was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida on the banks of Lake Monroe. The Madison Youth Ranch, a second residential campus, was added in 2014 in North Florida. Residing Hope provides services to families and children from childhood to adulthood, and is accredited by COA (Council on Accreditation), EAGLE (a program of the United Methodist Association of Health and Welfare Ministries), and is a member of the Alliance for Children and Families. Our Therapeutic Residential Care Program provides care and a family style home for school-aged children who have been victimized by abuse, neglect or family trauma, and provides counseling, as well as recreation and ministry opportunities. Residing Hope also provides Foster Care, an Independent Living Program as well as a Montessori-based early childhood program to the public. Residing Hope is supported through the generosity of individuals, churches and legacy gifts. For more information, visit www.residinghope.org.