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THE LINK

CHRISTMAS TIME IS COMING

As we move toward the holidays, Christmas will be here sooner than any of us can imagine. That means it is time to start our annual Christmas Gift Card Drive. We invite you to participate with us in this endeavor to demonstrate unconditional love to our children by purchasing gift cards to be given throughout our Residing Hope ministry.

Our staff will utilize a portion of the gift cards to purchase personalized gifts for our children. The gifts will be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas morning. They will also receive some gift cards on Christmas morning, which will allow them to go shopping. Any additional gift cards will be used after Christmas to purchase needed items for the children throughout the year.



We are collecting gift cards in increments of $20-$100 (prefer larger increments when possible) to major chain stores and restaurants. Our most requested cards are Visa, Ross, Kohl's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Academy Sports, TJ Maxx, Wal-Mart, JC Penney, Burlington Department Store, and Epic Theater. Popular restaurants include Darden Brands, Cracker Barrel, Applebee's, McDonald's, Burger King, Chick-Fil-A, Dairy Queen, and Chili's.

In order to prepare our campuses for Christmas, we ask that your gift cards arrive before December 8th. Of course, we are happy to receive them after that date. For helpful hints, instructions and our gift card forms, please see enclosed forms!. If you have any questions or would like to set up a time to drop off donations, please contact our Development Team at 386.668.5088.

OCTOBER LCR LUNCHTIME CHAT

All are invited to join us by Zoom on Tuesday, October 27th at 12:00 Noon to learn about recent happenings at Residing Hope, discuss best practices, ideas, challenges and support for each other, as well as build stronger relationships. If you have any issues receiving the link or don't receive the internet version, please contact Brian Carr at 386.351.5136 or Brian.Carr@ResidingHope.org.

We have an established Lunchtime LCR Zoom Chat on the fourth Tuesdays of the month at Noon. We understand that this time does not work for many of you. We plan on hosting a second time each month for an LCR Evening Zoom Chat for those who can't make Tuesday at lunchtime. Please contact Brian Carr at Brian.Carr@ResidingHope.org or 386.561.3153 to share the best time for you: Monday evening, Tuesday evening or Thursday evening around 6:00 or so. Thank you so much!

LEGACY SCHOLARS ACADEMY IS BACK!

After a year off, our Legacy Scholars Academy is back and our scholars are having a blast in science class! Recently, they took on the classic egg drop experiment, putting their creativity and teamwork to the test in protecting eggs as they are dropped from a challenging height. We love seeing their excitement as they explore, learn and discover new things together. Way to go, scholars! Did anyone make egg drop soup?



INDEPENDENT LIVING UPDATE

The Independent Living Program at Residing Hope is designed to assist young adults as they age out of traditional residential group care or who are out on their own and have difficulty maintaining their housing and thriving independently. If you are between the ages of 18 – 26 and need help becoming successfully independent, visit https://residinghope.org/independent-living/.
You can even apply online!



OUR PIANISTS THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to Leon Lodge #5 in Tallahassee for their generous gift of $1,500 to fund piano lessons for the remainder of the year at our Madison Youth Ranch! These lessons provide our youth with so much more than an opportunity to learn music. They build confidence, encourage creativity, and give our young people a wonderful way to share their talents with others. Some have even had the opportunity to play during Sunday services, an experience that gives them a tremendous sense of accomplishment and pride. Thank you Leon Lodge #5 for making such an enormous, melodious difference!



VOLUSIA FLAGER FAMILY YMCA FAITH IN ACTION

We are so excited to have a new partnership with the YMCA Faith in Action Team. We met each other just this summer and they have already visited our cottages twice to bring delicious food and fantastic fellowship. We look forward to many more visits! Thank you so much for all you do to bless our residents and staff!



MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- Twin Comforters
- Individually Wrapped Candy
- Suitcases
- Toothpaste
- Mattress protectors
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Shower gel
- Comforters
- Pillows
- Towels and washcloths

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