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Back to School at IUMCH... Reading, Writing and Confidence to Succeed!



The first day of school was August 5th and the students are working toward diplomas and independence. Youth benefit from small classroom sizes and individualized lesson plans.

And then they say, 'I think I am getting good at math. I didn't think I could do it.' That is what teaching is all about. Instilling the desire to learn and discover new ideas and concepts."

Janet refers to an inspiring quote from business leader, Lee Iacocca, that guides her while teaching. Lee said, "In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and the highest responsibility anyone could have." Janet believes youth at the Home have rarely been in a place where they felt anything but a label or statistic. She added, "I like to help them see that in the midst of the bad experiences they have suffered, we are not going to use any label put on them as a hindrance, but as a jumping off point to show how God can take the bad situation and use it to cause something incredible, life changing and remarkable in their life."

With backpacks loaded up with new school supplies, students at the James E. Davis on-grounds school started the new academic year on August 5th.

According to Principal Jim Stuart, some major changes are taking place at the school. "We have moved to trimesters. There will be less concern on getting through the curriculum and more emphasis about how the students will learn the subject material. It's quality over quantity."

The on-grounds school has an outstanding staff. Janet Landon is the TASC (high school equivalency diploma) teacher and many youth turn to her for extra assistance. According to Janet, "One of my biggest thrills is when a youth figures out how to do a math lesson on their own and they become confident and want to try another, more difficult lesson."



Janet works one-on-one with many of her students. She is a beloved teacher at the on-grounds school and has helped many of the youth make significant progress. We are grateful for all of our outstanding staff at the Home's James E. Davis school.

IUMCH Receives \$3 Million Grant from Methodist Health Group

Indiana United Methodist Children's Home received a \$3 million grant from the Methodist Health Group in June. The announcement was made by Bishop Julius Trimble during the June Indiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

"We are excited and humbled to receive the largest grant in our history that will allow us to enhance our services and enable new success as we continue to serve Indiana's children and families in crisis," said Christy Huston, executive director of the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home Foundation.

The Children's Home has been providing transformational care for

children in need for 106 years. Today's intensive services are delivered on a state-of-the-art campus that includes comprehensive services for abused and neglected youth with a mission-focused strategy.

"Services for children have certainly changed over the decades. During the last ten years, we have been leading the way in Indiana with the Teaching-Family Model," stated Rich Lapinski, executive director of the Home. "Our evidence-based care prepares our youth for a life of independence."

With an eye toward changing needs in child services, the staff and board leaders are developing a strategic plan

to research and evaluate the Home's best strategy for serving Indiana's most vulnerable children in the coming years.

"We are grateful for the confidence that the Methodist Health Group has placed in our Children's Home," added Christy. "The enduring partnership of Methodist churches, the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church, and our compassionate donors allows us to provide services in a loving Christian environment. These donors are putting Indiana's children first. Together, we are saving lives."

Caring Community Partners and United Methodist Churches Make a Difference

Indiana United Methodist Children's Home continues to serve abused and neglected youth from all over Indiana. And, as you can imagine, our needs are greater than ever. Many times, people ask what they can do to support the Home. First and foremost, we ask that people pray for our youth. Secondly, monetary and in-kind donations are always needed and appreciated.

In this issue, we would like to thank The Farmers Bank, Danville United Methodist Church, Christ United Methodist Church (Quilters Group), Indianapolis and Waverly United Methodist Church, located in rural Morgan County. Take a look at how they are giving our youth hope for the future.

The Children's Home and The Farmers Bank have had a long relationship. Most recently, staff at the Lebanon branch collected a large array of towels, school supplies and toiletries. According to Rich Lapinski, executive director of the Home, "The Farmers Bank always comes through to help the Home. Our partnership with The Farmers Bank spans many years and we value their loyalty to the Home."

Christ UMC, Indianapolis, has supported the Home for more than five decades. The church also has a group of very talented quilters that come from

Christ UMC and other area churches. Yearly, they donate a large variety of beautiful handmade quilts. Most recently, members of the Home's Auxiliary Executive Committee who also happen to be members of the church, delivered a variety of quilts. One of the most beautiful quilts featured the American flag and various Washington D.C. monuments, just in time for the Fourth of July!

Danville UMC is a very mission-minded church. They have a highly successful food pantry which serves the surrounding area. They also support the Children's Home. Most recently, they provided a large supply of toiletries and other items for each Teaching-Family Home. According to Rev. P.T. Wilson, "Our mission team is amazing and we love supporting our community and the United Methodist Children's Home. Our congregation enjoys shopping for the youth at the Home. We are blessed to be able to serve our community and area missions."

Waverly United Methodist Church, located in rural Morgan County, has a big heart for mission. They have supported the Home for more than three decades. Recently, they presented the Home with a substantial monetary donation. According to Susan Bennett,

director of public relations, "It amazes me to see what some of our smallest United Methodist Churches are doing for the Home. We have many small churches with big hearts and it's very humbling to witness how they support the Home." Pastor Bill Van Horn serves as minister at the church, as well as Banta United Methodist Church. Banta UMC also made a generous monetary donation. "We feel very blessed that we can continue to support such a worthwhile mission," stated Pastor Van Horn.

Well done they good and faithful servants.



Members of Christ UMC, Indianapolis, delivered quilts to the Home, just in time for the Fourth of July. As you can see, the patriotic quilt was beautifully made.



Staff from The Farmers Bank delivered a car load of toiletries and school supplies.



Members of Waverly UMC pose proudly in front of their historic church. They have been partners in ministry with the Home for many years.



Members of the Danville UMC mission team coordinated a donation drive for the Home.

Gift Cards Needed

Gift cards are always needed and appreciated. The cards are used for youth birthdays, incentives and for group home entertainment. We are in need of the following gift cards:

- Walmart (\$10 to \$20 increments)
- Visa/Mastercard (\$20 to \$30 increments)
- McDonalds (\$5 to \$10 increments)
- Dominos or Papa John's (\$20 to \$30 increments)
- Amazon (\$20 to \$30 increments)
- Movie Theatres (Goodrich in Lebanon, AMC Indy area and others)

If you would like to donate gift cards, please send to: Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, Attn: Susan Bennett, PO Box 747, Lebanon, IN 46052.

A Lesson in Woodworking and a Feeling of Accomplishment

For several afternoons in July, Lee Stewart, a member of Putnamville UMC, volunteered his time to teach the boys woodworking skills. "As a retired industrial arts teacher, it was my pleasure to use my skills to teach the boys how to make wood benches. It was really fun and heartwarming to watch the expressions on their faces when they learned a new technique or skill. I hope to come back next year and work with some of the girls," stated Lee.

Most of the boys from Coons Home, along with their Family Teacher, James McClanahan, participated in the woodworking project. It was the first time the boys had the opportunity to work with wood.

The final products were amazing and the boys took great pride in their benches. They will be able to keep the benches but more importantly, they had the chance to work with an outstanding volunteer who had an impact on the boys for several afternoons in July.

The Home is blessed to have so many people who care about the happiness and well-being of our youth!



The boys in Coons Home enjoyed learning new woodworking skills from volunteer Lee Stewart. Each boy made a bench out of ash wood. A huge thank you to Lee for donating all of the wood and many of the supplies needed to complete the benches. We are also thankful for Susan, Lee's wife, who came along for support!

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Miss Angie Godwin, Founder of IUMCH



Putnam County UMW attended the dedication ceremony at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Putnam County United Methodist Women have a love for the Home's Founder, Miss Angie Godwin. They also love history. Susan Stewart, a UMW member from Putnamville UMC, started out on a mission almost two years ago. She wanted to know more about Miss Godwin's roots in Greencastle and the early beginnings of the Children's Home.

Susan organized a celebration to honor Miss Godwin's life and legacy. A brief program was held at Putnamville UMC followed by a trip to the cemetery to dedicate a plaque in Miss Godwin's honor. The plaque was funded by the Putnam County United Methodist Women and Indiana United Methodist Children's Home Foundation. The plaque was placed on Miss Godwin's headstone at Forest Hill Cemetery in Greencastle.

According to Susan, "It was such a joy to learn more about Miss Godwin and her roots in Greencastle where the Home also originated. She would be pleased to know that her legacy is alive and well."

IUMCH Alumna Visits the Home... "My Life was Changed"

In July, Alumna Brenda Hussein visited the Children's Home and brought her two granddaughters. She had such a life-changing experience at the Home and wanted to share her thoughts. Here is what Brenda had to say about her time at the Children's Home.

"I was placed at the Home at the end of 8th grade and left in May 1978, at the end of my 11th grade year due to turning 18 and no longer a ward of the court. It truly broke my heart to leave the Home. It was heaven living at the Home after having a bad childhood. I had true friends and I felt like a kid again. I spent four of the best years of my life at the Children's Home. I experienced living in an environment that allowed me to make mistakes and learn from them. To experience teenage life as it should be with rules and regulations that, if broken, I was not physically abused for breaking. While at the Home, I got to see

Donny Osmond in person. I learned how to roller skate and went to my first movie. I learned to play baseball, cut grass and rake leaves. I learned from my social worker, Susan Allardice, the importance of making a living and being self-sufficient. She even helped me get my first job and to this day, I still have my first pay stub. I am still in contact with Susan, as well. I made \$2.35 an hour painting the local fire department building. Later on, I got a job at the local courthouse and was able to save enough money to buy a typewriter. I will always be grateful for those four memorable years at the Children's Home.

Today, Brenda enjoys being a grandmother and has worked hard her whole life. It seems like the advice Brenda's social worker gave her decades ago still resonates with her. "I never had the chance to be a kid until I came to the Children's Home."



Brenda Hussein visited the Home in July and brought her granddaughters. She added, "I wanted to show my granddaughters where my life was changed forever. I learned so many life skills while at the Home. Although it broke my heart to leave the Home, I'm so glad I had four years of heaven there."

Fall is a Great Time to Tour!

Our campus is beautiful in all seasons but autumn brings bountiful colors to our 17-acre campus! We would love to host your church for a tour of the Home!

During the visit, groups will tour one of our Teaching-Family homes, the on-grounds school, the chapel and the Independent Living Learning Lab.

To schedule a tour, please contact Susan Bennett, director of public relations at 765-482-5900 or send e-mail requests to susanb@iumch.org You may also arrange a tour of the Home by visiting iumch.org/contact

Members of Kemp United Methodist Church in Tipton recently toured the Home. They also donated a large supply of towels, school supplies and toiletries to the Home. According to Conita Maynard, member of Kemp UMC, "We have toured the Home multiple times and every time we come, we are amazed how well the youth are cared for. We also see how the Home stays on top of the latest trends in working with children in need."



Prayers of Hope



"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you." John 15:7

John Wesley is quoted as saying, "Proceed with much prayers, and your way will be made plain."

That's why we are asking you once again to pray for our youth through our Prayers of Hope initiative. The youth at the Home have many prayer requests and need the love and support from our staff and from friends of the Home.

Here's how our Prayers of Hope works...go to the Home's website at iumch.org and click on the Make an Impact tab. Simply provide your e-mail and on the third Thursday of the month, you will receive five to six prayer requests from our youth. You may also contact Susan Bennett for a sign-up sheet to share for groups to sign up.

Praying for others is powerful. Thank you for praying for our youth.

Our youth need your prayers. They take great comfort in knowing that others care about their happiness and well-being. Thank you for caring!

Here is a sample prayer:

Almighty God: The boys in Coons Home will be learning a new skill. They will be making wood benches with volunteers Lee and Susan. We pray for their safety and are grateful that you have called Lee and Susan to work with the boys as they teach them new skills. Lord, please give the boys patience and self-assurance as they build the benches. We know that You plant worthwhile experiences in the lives of our youth and we are grateful for Your foresight and wisdom. In Your Name we pray, Amen

***The actual prayers are gathered during worship services and youth group activities. The real names are not used but God knows exactly who we are praying for.**



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Our Mission Statement

To enrich the quality of life for children and families through Christian values.

Our Vision

To be a place where youth are safe and cared for; where youth are given the opportunity to become healthy and self-sufficient adults; where families are reunited; and where every person is treated with love and respect.

Core Values

1. Compassion:

Serving those in need with a caring spirit, regardless of their faith or culture.

2. Commitment:

Making a lifelong commitment to generosity, integrity, leadership, and social justice.

3. Excellence:

Striving to continually improve services to children and families vested in our care.

4. Connection:

Fostering relationships with United Methodist Churches, clergy and our generous donors.

The stories you read about our youth are real. Often we change the names and identifying details to protect their privacy.



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Christy Huston
Foundation
Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

Imagine never feeling the love of being part of a traditional family dinner.

Last evening, I enjoyed dinner with some of the boys at the Children's Home. I joined a few other staff and donors as guests of the boys and their Teaching-Family Parents in their group home on our campus. Eight smiling teenage boys greeted us at the door with jovial handshakes, introductions, and a warm welcome to their home. After they proudly gave us a tour of their home, **we all gathered around the big kitchen table to eat.**

After giving thanks to God for our blessings, some of the boys pitched in to serve the garden salad, garlic bread and homemade lasagna, while others engaged everyone at the table in conversation. They had a great summer, and took turns comparing fishing stories, sunburns, their kayaking adventure down Sugar Creek and chided each other about the thrilling rides at Kings Island. One of the boys just arrived on our campus this week, but already seems to be a part of the family.

When the conversation turned to food, there was bragging about their House Mom's fried chicken. **The oldest boy proudly told us her secret ingredient is...LOVE!**

That sentiment of love expresses the feelings our kids gain while living on our campus in a caring home. Many of our children have endured abuse in their own families and arrive at the Children's Home with a void in their hearts. They have never known the joy of a family dinner, because such experiences just didn't exist where they lived.

The simple experience of a traditional family dinner is an important memory we want our boys and girls to have. We teach them social skills, how to respect and help each other and the joy of feeling gratitude. We know that these experiences are helping **break the cycle of abuse.**

Thanks to your prayers and support, miracles of the heart happen on our campus in Lebanon. With God's grace, intense patience, skilled intervention of our Teaching-Family parents, and encouragement in our school, our kids do get better and begin to make plans for their own **success and happiness.**

As you read the tribute names on the following pages, think of your own memories of traditional family dinners, and know that **we are grateful for your support that enables us to give the youth at the Children's Home that same loving experience.**

Blessings abound,

Christy

PS: For decades, the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home has served as a beacon of hope for children in crisis. Your generosity has helped fuel our Home's mission of enriching the lives of children and families through Christian values. **Thank you!**

*But God will never forget the needy.
The hope of the afflicted will never perish.*
Psalms 9:18



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Tribute gifts honor those who value the important work of the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home and the youth we serve. Together we are breaking the cycle of abusive family relationships and teaching a happy and independent way forward.

In Memory Of:

Helen Aylsworth

Mary Kay Aylsworth and
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**Church family who passed
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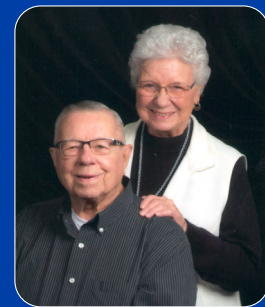
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**“ We appreciate what
you folks at the Home have
done for children throughout the
years. And, we felt we could help
by sending in a gift in honor of
Reverend Herb Wingard, who
was a long-time Trustee at the
Home. We first met Herb when
he was the minister at Brown
Street United Methodist Church in Lafayette. We knew
that Herb loved the Home so my wife Bette and I felt
that giving a gift in his honor was a meaningful way to
pay tribute to this fine minister. At the same time, we
were able to help the children at the Home.”**

— Jerry Taylor, member of Christ UMC, Lafayette



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You!**

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the names. Please contact the Foundation if there are errors.

To make a tribute gift in honor or memory of your loved one, go to iumch.org/donate. Questions? Please contact Christy Huston, IUMCHF Executive Director at 317-775-0606.

Thoughtful Giving Meets Your Goals and Ours

We're exceedingly grateful for your support and we want to remind you **HOW** you give matters. While you are helping our children in important ways, you should also plan to meet your own goals.

Your Goal...

- 1) Complete your gift quickly and make an **immediate impact**.

Ways to Meet Your Goal...

Mail your check or make a gift online. See mailing and website address below.

- 2) Use a **TAX-WISE way** to increase the impact of your gift if you own appreciated stock, (must have owned the stock for one or more years).

Make a gift of **APPRECIATED STOCK** or other appreciated property. The transfer is simple. You benefit from a **tax deduction** if you itemize, and you **avoid capital gains tax**.

- 3) Support our children's mission with a legacy-shaping gift that lets you **keep lifetime CONTROL of assets in case they are needed** by you or family.

Designate a gift in your **WILL or LIVING TRUST** to the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home Foundation, Inc., and your gift will continue your **legacy of sharing God's love** with children who most need support.

- 4) Use a **TAX-WISE way** to meet your **IRA required minimum distribution (RMD)** if you are age 72 or older. Or if you are 70½ or older, make an **IRA charitable rollover**, (sometimes called qualified charitable distribution, QCD).

Give from your IRA. Make a transfer from your IRA directly to us. The transfer is simple, and **no tax is due**.

Be sure to consult your legal, tax and financial advisors when considering your gift to help you understand its impact on your personal situation.

For more information, contact Christy Huston at **317-775-0606** or **christyhuston@iumchf.org**.

Or visit **www.IUMCH.org/legacy/**

To make a gift, go to **<https://iumch.org/backtoschool/>** or mail to Indiana United Methodist Children's Home Foundation, 9333 N. Meridian St. Suite 222 Indianapolis, IN 46260.



Well Done Thy Good and Faithful Servants



Bill and Dorothy Dague

Bill and Dorothy Dague know the true meaning of stewardship. As members of Galveston United Methodist Church, they have been faithful congregants

for sixty years. Bill added gleefully, "I think I've served on every church committee that exists."

Bill and Dorothy are also very committed to helping children in need. According to Bill, "Dorothy and I have given to several children's homes but we heard from an area judge that Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon was the most effective in dealing with troubled youth. Hearing that comment from a judge sold us on helping the Children's Home in Lebanon."

Bill and Dorothy give faithfully to the Home through an IRA. "Dorothy and I were blessed to have two careers we enjoyed and now we are able to give back," added Bill. He retired as a tool designer for General Motors and Dorothy, an accountant, retired from United Way. Bill also spends his spare time as a volunteer tax preparer for AARP Tax Aid.

Bill emphasized that giving to the Children's Home gives them great joy and satisfaction. "My wife and I have a heart for children in difficult situations. We know that our directed IRA distribution is helping to make a difference. It's our way to show how much we care about helping children."