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Teachers Prepare for a Successful School Year

Teachers at our James E. Davis School welcomed their students to the new academic year which began the first week of August. Our school is accredited by the Indiana Department of Education and academic credits transfer to any public school in the state.

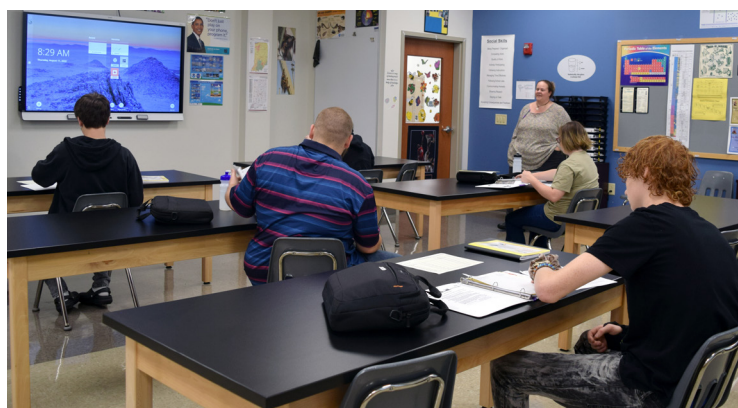
The school offers students in grades 8-12 a quality education. Students are given course work in math, science, social studies, physical education, art and language arts. At the on-grounds school, classroom sizes are kept small in order to provide students with individualized attention and less stress. According to Principal Jim Stuart, most of the students are behind academically by five to six grades when they arrive on our campus.

Respect, Responsibility and Productivity are the three behavior core values at the school. "We strive to make meaningful connection with our students and encourage them to see the relationship between their choices, their consequences and their quality of life," added Jim

The school has adopted the Teaching-Family model as its primary tool for providing behavior support to students. The model is a fully integrated approach to providing humane, effective individualized treatment and service to students.

Social skills are also emphasized in the school. Students focus on several core skills including: being prepared and organized, completing homework, submitting quality work, actively participating in class, following instructions, managing time effectively, following school rules, communicating honestly, showing respect, staying on task and accepting consequences and feedback.

The first day of school can be stressful for any student but, the teachers at the Home go the extra mile to make sure their students are comfortable and ready to learn. According to Jake, age 17, "I came from a big school and the classes were big so I felt lost in a way. I am happy that most



Jamie Hamman prepares her students for a biology quiz. The small classroom sizes at the on-grounds school allows for students to learn at their own pace and not to be overwhelmed or stressed during the school day.

of my classes at the Home have no more than six students. The teachers give me a lot of attention and they make me feel like I'm the only student in the classroom."

Sophie is also a student at the on-grounds school and likes the routine so far. "I get up around 7:00, take a shower, eat breakfast and leave for school at 8:15. School begins with announcements and then the pledge of allegiance. We go off to classes and eat lunch around noon. School is out at 3:00 and we walk back to our Teaching-Family homes where we have a snack and have a family meeting. We talk about our day and then begin our homework. The day goes by fast and before you know it, it's time for bed."

While most of the youth attend the Home's on-grounds school, a handful of students attend the Lebanon High School. Blake is able to attend the public school since he is doing well academically and behaviorally. His plans are to play on the IHSAA football team and then graduate in May. "While I liked going to the on-grounds school last year, I wanted to try the public school. I'm excited to be playing on the football team this season and look forward to getting involved in some of the other clubs and activities."



Teachers and school personnel at the on-grounds are highly dedicated and skilled in their profession. Pictured from left to right are: Watson George, Jim Stuart, Amber Parsons, Kelli McQueen, Jamie Hamman, Cheyenne Crist, Janet Landon, Sarah Van Alstine and Andrew Fischer.



As you can see in this historical photo taken in the 1940's when the Home was an orphanage, youth were transported to classes in one of the Home's school buses. At that time, younger children attended nearby Harney Elementary. In 1972, the James E. Davis School was built on the Home's campus. In 2015, the new James E. Davis School was built.

Job Fair Held at IUMCH

In June, the Home partnered with the Villages and the Department of Child Services Older Youth Collaborative care team to hold a job fair for our youth in the school's gymnasium. The job fair helped our youth at the Home determine a career path upon entering adulthood.

The major focus of the event was to educate and prepare older youth for entering the workforce. They also spoke to potential employers and learned about post-secondary education programs. Mock interviews were also held along with preparing resumes.

Several companies, organizations and schools participated in the job fair including: Indiana Careers in Construction, Job Corps, Work One, Waters of Lebanon Nursing Home, CNH Industrial Company, Lebanon Fire Department, Lincoln Tech, Vincennes University and recruiters were present from the United States Marines and Army.

Josh is a resident of the Children's Home and he recently turned 18. He is torn between joining the Marines and becoming a firefighter. "I talked to a fireman and a Marine at the job fair and I think I can do both. I could join the Marines and get some good training and experiences and then train to be a fireman when I leave the military. After talking to them, I have a better idea on what I want to do as I begin to make some plans," said Josh.

Amanda also attended the job fair and is close to making a decision about her educational path. While at the Home, she has been working part-time as a Certified Nursing Assistant. During the job fair, she was able to find additional opportunities in healthcare. She would like to become a registered nurse, working in geriatrics. Amanda stated, "There are so many things to think about when you turn 18. I've been lucky to find a way to make a good living and love what I do. I wish everyone could say that at my age. Having the job fair at the Home just made me realize how much I want to be a nurse and help older people."

According to Rich Lapinski, Executive Director of the Home, "We are very grateful to our staff member, Tegan Gavin, for organizing the job fair. We are also grateful to all of the companies and organizations that made the fair possible. These types of events are invaluable as our youth make plans for the future. Many of these teens have faced obstacles that have prevented them from having any hope for the future. The job fair proved there are good jobs available to them and that gives them hope for better days ahead."



Mock interviews and preparing resumes were also a large part of the job fair. Volunteers from different careers helped the students with interviewing skills. Several youth left with completed resumes.



Josh made the rounds at the job fair and spent time talking to a Lebanon Firefighter. "I like the idea of saving people so maybe being a fireman is the way to go," he added.



Recruiters from the United States Marines were present at the job fair and talked to many of the students about opportunities made possible through the military.



Josh also likes the idea of joining the Marines. But first, he has to make sure he can do all of the physical fitness required by the Marines. "I like the idea of protecting people plus being a Marine opens up many doors once you have served. All of these people have made me think about my future in a really good way," stated Josh.



Welcome Reverend Perry Montgomery

Welcome Reverend Perry Montgomery

Rich Lapinski, Executive Director, recently announced the hiring of the Home's new Spiritual Life Leader. "We are so pleased to welcome Reverend Perry Montgomery to the Children's Home. He brings an abundance of worship experience to the Home and we know our youth will be fulfilled spiritually as Perry leads weekly worship services and facilitates other activities," stated Rich.

Perry received a Masters of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. He has served in different ministerial capacities at Carmel UMC, Pleasant Grove UMC, The Promise UMC and Zionsville UMC. He currently serves as minister at Zionsville Salem UMC and Whitestown UMC.

According to Perry, "I sincerely believe that I have been called to serve the youth at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon. The timing of my ministry here is a 'God thing' and I am excited to help guide youth on their spiritual journey."

Fall 2022...A Great Time for a Campus Tour

Touring the Home is an inspirational outreach trip for any of your church groups including, circle groups, mission outreach committees and youth groups.

The Home is conveniently located in the center of the state – just two miles off of I-65 and a very short distance from the Indianapolis metro area. The tour includes visiting one of our innovative family-style homes, the state-of-the-art school, Gress chapel and our Independent Living Learning Lab. One of the highlights of the tour is meeting some of our youth in the Teaching-Family home. We are proud of their progress and think you will be inspired by their spirit and hospitality.

We also have staff available to come to your church or organization. Just give us a call...we love sharing our story with you.

To schedule a tour or speaker, contact Susan Bennett, Director of Public Relations at 765-482-5900 or send e-mail inquiries to susanb@iumch.org. Visit iumch.org for more information about the Children's Home.



United Women in Faith members from First United Methodist Church in Noblesville recently toured the campus.



October 1st, 2022

The Children Matter Most – All In! event is an opportunity for all to come together to learn, be inspired and go back to their church community with action steps to help children thrive. The Children Matter Most team of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church has been focusing on non-violence, food insecurity and partnering with schools. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about each of these focus areas and many other ways to nurture children. Everyone is invited – those who work closely with children and those seeking to learn how to make a difference starting now!

The event will be held at **Grace United Methodist Church in Franklin** on Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (ET). To learn more about the event and to register, go to the Indiana Conference website - inumc.org and click on the Children Matter Most tab.



**Prayers of Hope –
Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer."**

Romans 12:12

Charles Wesley once said, "Prayer is a means of sharing space with Jesus, of abiding with Christ. It is the bedrock of Christian faith." That's why we are asking you to pray for our youth through our Prayers of Hope initiative. We are continually made aware that our 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 signup sheet which allows for multiple people to be included in our monthly email.

Here is a recent prayer need:
Heavenly Father: We are thankful for instilling in our youth the importance of service in the community. They recently volunteered at a community food bank. Thank you for teaching them the important lesson of helping those in need. Lord, we are thankful that You plant opportunities for our youth to serve others. The lessons that You instill in them will be used throughout their lives. Help them to always remember the lessons of kindness and goodwill. Thank you, God, for your grace and peace. Amen

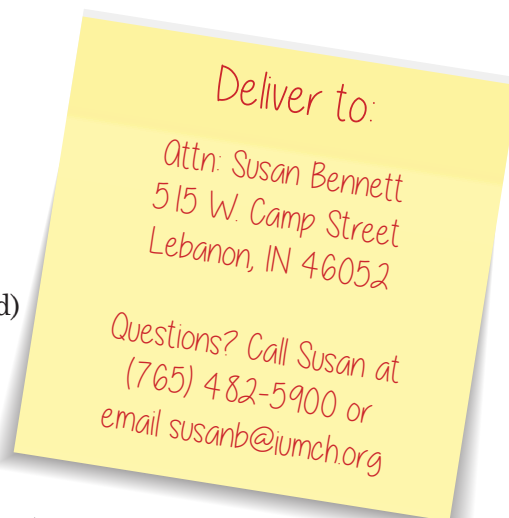
***The actual prayers are gathered during worship services and youth group activities. The real names are not used but God knows exactly who we are praying for.**



Thank you for sharing and caring! We are in need of the following list of school supplies for the 2022-2023 academic year:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Three ring binders
- Insert dividers
- Sheet protectors
- Pencil pouches
- Wooden pencils
- Blue and black ink pens
- Filler paper (college or wide ruled)
- Small calculators
- Gift cards to Walmart, Staples, Dollar Tree or Visa gift cards
- Yellow highlighters
- Sharpie pens in various colors
- Composition books (no spiral please)
- Post-it notes
- Thumb drives



CAFETERIA NEEDS

- Individual packet condiments for student lunches (mayo, ketchup, mustard, ranch)
- Napkins
- Plain paper plates
- Plastic forks and spoons
- Paper towels

Did you know? In 2021, the Home celebrated 22 James E. Davis High School graduates earning a high school diploma or equivalency certificate. Thank you for your prayers and support!



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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

*The Indiana United Methodist
Children's Home provides the best
opportunities for children and youth
to thrive and to achieve permanency
in a stable and loving environment.*

**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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August 2022

Dear Friends,

Indiana's most vulnerable children lost one of their greatest advocates this month. Jim Engledow, the vice president of the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home Foundation and former president of the Children's Home Trustees, passed away from an illness and has returned home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Jim, (1956-2022) was a champion of the children and families we serve. His legacy of passionately giving voice to the needs of children in crisis will live on. Jim was a leader in bringing the Teaching-Family Model of care to our mission. While president of the Home's Trustees, he helped lead the building of our state-of-the-art school and six beautiful family-style homes on our campus in Lebanon.

When I met Jim in 2018, he told me about building and decorating the new family-style homes. He shared with pride that the homes were designed to demonstrate to the youth who live in them that they are valued and deserve a beautiful and comforting place to live. "Nice enough for our own children or for the next-door neighbor's child, if they needed our care."

His compassion for each child was evident in his joy of leading our annual Best Christmas Ever campaigns, to help ensure the youths on our campus would feel loved and learn the spirit of the Christmas Season.



Christy Huston
Foundation
Executive Director

Jim served on our Home's Board of Trustees with integrity from 2010-2019, serving as president for four years. In 2014, he was one of three visionary founding board members of our Foundation, and most recently served as our Foundation vice president. He will be honored on our campus in October with the *2022 Indiana Children's Champion Lifetime Achievement* honor.

Please join us in keeping Elaine and the entire Engledow family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Christy

PS: We will miss the kindness and wisdom of our leader. In some of John Wesley's favorite words from the Bible, "*Well done thou good and faithful servant.*"



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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.

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inform your loved one of
your thoughtful gift in
their honor.

It's simple! Fund
your gift with cash,
appreciated stock or a
gift from your IRA. Go to
www.iumch.org/donate-iumch/.



Thank You!

Get Started Now on Your Year-End Tax Planning

Consider how these strategies benefit you and our mission before the end of 2022.

Are You an IRA Owner?

Beginning at age 70½, you can support the Children's Home with a tax-free gift from your IRA each year. The gift counts toward your required minimum distribution if one is due, and the benefit is not included in your taxable income. Ask your financial institution to make a transfer directly to the Home. The transfer is simple. It is so easy to do that we can help you over the phone. Bill and Dorothy Dague, Kokomo, give faithfully to the Home through an IRA. Bill told us, "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."



Do You Want To Support the Home and Receive a Fixed Lifetime Income?

Charitable gift annuity rates recently increased, making it a good time to explore if this gift is right for you in 2022.

When you set up your gift annuity, the payment rate is fixed and you receive payments for life. Part of your gift qualifies for a charitable tax deduction if you itemize your return.



Russ Nicoles, Indianapolis, has worked with the Foundation twice to establish separate charitable gift annuities. "I'm grateful that I can support the Home. It means the world to me knowing that the good folks at the Home are helping the children learn skills for the future."

Do You Own An Appreciated Asset?

To support our children's mission in 2022, consider giving an appreciated asset that could provide you with significant income and capital gains tax savings. This often exceeds the benefits of a cash gift. A gift of land or home can be made to create a lifetime income stream. Another option allows you to remain living there for your lifetime while receiving tax savings and a significant tax deduction.



To Learn More: Contact Tom Fagan, Development Director at 317-775-0606 or tomfagan@iumchf.org

Do You Know Which 2022 Tax-Wise Planning Tools Work for You in 2022?

Learn tax-wise estate planning strategies during a **free webinar and in-person seminar**. Join us in person for a box-lunch or virtually on Wednesday, **December 7, from 11:30am – 1:30pm** at the Children's Home in Lebanon.

Speakers will focus on issues we all face as we make our legacy plans, including specific issues facing farm owners and business owners. Learn about charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and tax-wise planning options for 2022.

Invite your own tax, financial and legal professionals to join us. If they aren't available, know that you will

walk away with strategies to discuss with them to help in your own personal planning.

Expert presenters are both farm owners:

- **Manet Shettle, CPA**, President, United Methodist Foundation of Indiana; and
- **Chad McCullough, CFP, CPA**, Senior Vice President with UBS Wealth Management

To register or learn more, contact **Tom Fagan**, Foundation Development Director at 317-755-0606 or tomfagan@iumchf.org



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