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Summer for UMCH Kids Looks Like Summer for Kids Everywhere

Kids going to camp, moms and their babies visiting Disney World, teens working at summer jobs and volunteering to help others — summer for the children in the care of the United Methodist Children’s Home looks a lot like summer for families everywhere.

Twenty-one of those youth, plus nine UMCH staff members, spent a week on a Mission Trip to Chicago. (See story on page 2.) UMCH encourages all of the youth it serves to find opportunities to help others. UMCH South Regional Director Janet Rawls said, “Usually our kids that don’t have a job or aren’t involved in sports programs over the summer work at Area Food Banks, or do some other volunteer wherever they have the opportunity.”

Youth throughout Alabama and West Florida attended a variety of camps, including the Nick Saban Football Camp at the University of Alabama. A few youngsters participated in other sports-oriented camps or played in a summer basketball tournament.

“Most of our therapeutic foster care children have been given an opportunity to go to a camp,” Rawls said. “A lot of our kids are going to Blue Lake and some other camps. Some of them are going to a camp just about every week.” (Blue Lake United



ABOVE: Dr. K. Blake Horne, CEO/President, enjoying the Awards Weekend alongside others from UMCH.

Methodist Camp is an American Camp Association-accredited camping and retreat center in Andalusia, Alabama.)

Local youth groups also provided fellowship. Youth from Crosspoint United Methodist Church in Niceville, Florida, spent a week at the Gulf Coast Group Home in Milton, Florida, and the Crestview Teen Center in Crestview, Florida, which offers services to youth living in foster care and foster parents. The Crosspoint youth contributed all

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Chicago Mission Trip Features Hard Work, Learning, Laughter and Even a Cubs Game

Enduring two overnight bus rides, sleeping (sparingly) atop mattresses on the floor, doing exhausting physical work and sharing just two bathrooms among 30 people all added up to a wonderful summer Mission Trip to Chicago for United Methodist Children's Home youth and staff.

Nine staff members (plus, for a few days, UMCH President and CEO Dr. K. Blake Horne) joined 21 youth on the mid-June trip. The youth included foster children and residents of Group Homes and Higher Education Homes. Everybody worked, played, prayed and bonded.

On this fifth annual Mission Trip, UMCH partnered with the BridgeBuilders program of Chicago's Sunshine Gospel Ministries. The organization has as its mission "to seek renewal in the city through ministries of discipleship, mercy and justice." BridgeBuilders is its service-trip program.

The UMCH contingent split into two crews that spent the mornings working. One helped rebuild a rundown community garden. The other helped demolish buildings to make way for housing. In the afternoons and evenings, UMCH and Sunshine Gospel Ministries led Chicago history lessons and carried out educational exercises. One day, each person packed two lunches, went downtown and shared a meal with a homeless person.

And some activities were just for fun. The week started with a trip to Wrigley Field for a Chicago Cubs baseball game. At week's end, the group got to tour such Chicago landmarks as Chinatown, the Navy Pier and Millennium Park. They rode water taxis. They even ventured, gingerly, onto the glass-

floored balcony on the 103rd floor of Willis Tower, 1,353 feet above the sidewalk.

We can't say enough good things about this group of young adults. They are smart and interesting and fun and helpful and gracious. Our staff could not be prouder of them. They worked hard and played hard and made this trip worth all the sweat, aching bodies and exhaustion. Of all the great things this week had to offer, without a doubt spending it with these guys was the very best part!!

Lori Foreman documented the trip with daily Facebook posts. Foreman is Program Manager for FOCUS, the UMCH family preservation program, in Andalusia, Alabama. You can read all of her posts at www.facebook.com/EnterUMCH; here are some highlights:

DAY 1

- UMCH takes the Windy City!! This is a feisty and fun bunch ready to grab hold of the abundant life Jesus gives and share that life with everyone we meet. Thanks so much for joining with us in prayer, support and love!
- Headed to enjoy America's favorite pastime! These pictures are coming from The Friendly Confines of Wrigley Field.

DAY 2

- Wanna hear something cool? Half of our team spent the day bringing the Hyde Park garden back to life. Even cooler? This garden just happens to be RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET from the spot that will soon be the Obama Presidential Center. Awesome, right? We tilled that dirt and pulled those weeds LIKE IT MATTERS. Because it does. It is bringing back to life something beautiful for the people in this community. And doing any good thing for people that God loves and cares for matters so very much. Our staff and kids are dwelling on that truth this week.

DAY 3

- We call them The Demolition Crew, and they are having way too much fun with this job! While half of us are gardening this week, the other half have been busy demolishing two buildings in the Woodlawn community so they can be used for housing in the future. It is hard, tiring and super dirty work, and they are enjoying every second of it. This crew gets first dibs on the showers every day!!

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ABOVE LEFT: UMCH youth always find ways of having fun.
ABOVE RIGHT: Dr. Blake Horne serving with others from UMCH.
OPPOSITE PAGE, ABOVE: More pictures from the Mission Trip.

DAY 4

- Another morning full of fun and hard work. We are continuously amazed at how hard our youth work when given important and meaningful tasks. These kids SHINE wherever we take them.
- As an introduction to our lesson on the history of Chicago tonight, we spent the afternoon visiting the DuSable Museum of African American History. Every day this week, we are listening, looking and learning. Our staff and youth are focusing on how to live out our faith in relation to social justice and reconciliation during this trip. We are gaining great insight on how to love each other and the community around us.

DAY 5

- Several of us spent the morning touring Jackson Park and all its surroundings. We enjoyed getting to see more of this community, and Mr. Bill was a wonderful tour guide. The snow cones and ice cream were pretty awesome too.

DAY 6

- Navy Pier. Water Taxi. Willis Tower. We experienced all the great things Chicago has to offer — except the ones we saved for tomorrow. A few of us had a little trauma due to a fear of heights, but this trip is all about stretching ourselves past our comfort zones. And it's about laughing together. So much laughing!

DAY 7

- Chinatown. Millennium Park. Lincoln Park Zoo. We did it all! We also said goodbye to our leaders from Sunshine Gospel Ministries, who are now our friends. Especially Vida, who remained kind and accommodating to us even after she realized that corralling our group and getting us quiet was going to take a heroic effort at times.
- And now we're headed home. We cannot thank you enough for the support that enabled us to take this trip. We truly believe this week has made an eternal difference in the lives of our youth and staff. We learned how to be good neighbors; how to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities; how to support each other emotionally, physically and spiritually; and how to draw closer to God, who in His great love for us created us for relationships with Him and other people. Those are kingdom lessons that compel us to shine a light in the world around us.



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ABOVE: Longtime staff member Abbi Dubose with UMCH residents.

sorts of activities, including cooking, moviegoing, bowling, enjoying trampoline parks, worshipping and sharing devotions.

The young mothers and their children at the Babies First Group Home in Mobile, Alabama, got to visit Disney World

near Orlando, Florida. Quite a few group home residents and foster children picked up spending money (and lessons in responsibility, budgeting and time management) by working at summer jobs, mostly in fast food.

Academic pursuits also crept into summer vacation. Some youth received tutoring. One therapeutic foster care teen

who graduated from high school in the southern part of Alabama moved into the Scottsboro Group Home in Scottsboro, Alabama. (Therapeutic foster care serves children with special needs stemming from such issues as social maladjustment, emotional problems or behavioral problems.)

“She wasn’t really ready for college,” Rawls said, “so she will move into the Scottsboro Group Home and go to community college up there.” Scottsboro is in Northeast Alabama, a mountainous, scenic area that has long been a resort destination. Her foster parents plan to spend time with her in the fall exploring the region and helping to ease her transition.

Overall, most UMCH youth experienced a normal summer filled with the usual day-to-day activities punctuated by some fun trips. For those young people, who have suffered so much chaos and pain, “normal” is refreshing.

Residential Higher Education Program Helps Students Unlock the Potential Within



If you met David and Megan, you'd like them. They're nice people. They go to class, relax with their friends and look out for others. Maybe they study a little harder than most other college students and seem more focused. Overall, though, they come across as typical young adults.

They're not. By doing what they've had to do just to make it to college, they've proven that they're extraordinary. The UMCH Residential Higher Education Program has allowed them to unlock the promise within themselves, helping to turn their life stories from potential tragedy to ongoing triumph.

David's father died in an automobile accident when David was 5. His mother, in her grief, turned to alcohol and drugs. David and his siblings ended up in foster care. Megan, physically abused by her mother's boyfriend, was sent to an aunt who struggled with severe mental illness.

Despite the obstacles they faced, David and Megan graduated from high school. Their good grades (3.0 or better average) and the leadership and good moral character they demonstrated made them eligible for the residential higher education program. They're now among the 20

young men and women who live in the program's two residential homes.

The students have leaped at the chance for a higher education that many thought they'd never have, said Dr. K. Blake Horne, Ph.D., President and CEO of the United Methodist Children's Home. "They're hungry," he said. "They want to learn. They're grateful."

The program enters its fifth academic year in fall 2017. The home in Tuscaloosa houses men who attend Shelton State Community College, Stillman College or the University of Alabama. The residents at the women's home in Florence attend the University of North Alabama or Northwest Shoals Community College.

UMCH encourages students to apply for other available scholarships, but the program makes sure that all college expenses are covered. Residents receive transportation and meals. They do weekly counseling sessions with staff. Financial advice or other help is always available. For spending money or such extras as a car, they can get jobs. In large part they're living independently. "We want them to exercise their decision-making muscles," Dr. Horne said. UMCH has retained 70 percent of the students who have enrolled since the

beginning. Nationally, less than 2 percent of all foster children who begin college actually graduate. The scholarship program participants' cumulative grade-point average is 2.85 on a 4.0-point scale.

"The thing that has amazed me most about these students really isn't their academic achievement as much as the network that they've established with each other," Dr. Horne said. "These kids sort of raise one another. They have referred each other to our scholarship program. They have a relationship network where they support each other."

Dr. Scarlett Spears Studdard, Florence Residential Higher Education Home Manager for UMCH, said the atmosphere at the scholarship homes feels like "a cross between a family home and an off-campus apartment. There is definitely a family-type environment."

Staff members give the students what Dr. Horne calls wraparound support, assisting when needed but letting the young men and women take responsibility for their own decisions. "It's important for us to help the

ABOVE LEFT: UMCH Higher Ed students always welcome visitors.

ABOVE RIGHT: Residents moving into UMCH Higher Ed housing.

scholars develop as young adults and learn how to problem solve,” Dr. Studdard said. “For the most part, the students deal with any problems themselves. If there is an issue between two scholars, we encourage them to talk.” Rarely, a staff member or Dr. Studdard might need to mediate.

A \$3.7 million estate gift from First United Methodist Church of Montgomery member Mary Knabe made the scholarship program possible. UMCH put a great deal of thought into designing it.

“The entire program is evidence-based,” Dr. Horne said. “We looked at all the factors that were out there in the research literature about what makes college students successful, what

maximizes the chances of academic success and personal development in college.” The scholarship homes encourage involvement in campus activities, the setting aside of a certain amount of study time each week, engagement in self-awareness activities and other steps that researchers have found to be consistent with college success.

Most participants have come through foster care, but not all. “We opened it up to kids who weren’t in the foster care system but if it weren’t for a family friend or extended family or church

member taking them in, they would have been in the foster care system,” Dr. Horne said. To find qualifying students, UMCH has partnered with other scholarship programs, especially the Bryant-Jordan Student-Athlete Scholarship Program.

Dr. Horne is proud of the success of both students and program. “This works,” he said. “If you surround these kids with the resources they need, it works.”

Just ask David and Megan.

Anyone seeking more information or an application form can check the UMCH website at www.umch.net or contact Alan Swindall, UMCH North Alabama Regional Director, at alan.swindall@umch.net or 205-913-6608.

Board Member SPOTLIGHT

REV. TYLER FULLER grew up in Niceville, Florida, attending Crosspoint United Methodist Church, Niceville Campus. Now, he’s the church’s Missions Pastor, overseeing local and foreign mission work. He married Leslie, his high school sweetheart, 14 years ago. They have five children (three of them adopted). Fuller plays drums, loves stand-up paddleboarding, and enjoys writing as a contributor to kindredyouthministry.com and tylerjakefuller.wordpress.com. He joined the United Methodist Children’s Home Board of Directors in 2016.

How did you get involved with UMCH?

I grew up in a church that participated in the White Christmas Offerings, so the work of the UMCH has always been on my radar. Much later in life I became a youth minister at Crosspoint and organized a local mission trip that initiated a long-term relationship with the UMCH Crestview site. When I transitioned from the youth ministry position into the mission position I became more involved in organizing our White Christmas Offerings and UMCH foster home development.

What do you think you contribute as a Board member?

I think all Christians know that we get more from our service than the organizations and people we serve. That is how I feel about the UMCH. I serve among staff that are dedicated and brilliant, and board members who are experts in their field. If I have anything to offer, it is my personal experience as a foster/adoptive parent and my passion for the cause.

Why is serving important to you?

Because kids matter to Jesus, and the UMCH serves kids who may not have as many folks on their side. It is important to me that teenagers know they will be able to apply their brilliant



minds to whatever they would like to do, and that kids feel confident in the fact that they are loved and known by God and other people.

What do you admire about UMCH?

I am proud of the way the staff is always looking for the best ways to do the most good as faithful stewards of the resources and kids God has placed in their care. They have been passionate, relentless and always open to change for the sake of their call to “follow the example of Christ by embracing all God’s children ... one child, one family at a time.”

What else do you want others to know about UMCH?

Foster care, foster care, foster care. The UMCH has all of the resources you need to become part of the solution to a brilliant, loving kid or teen in need of a home. That home could be your home, and the UMCH can get you trained and ready. Be a respite provider, a “weekend warrior”! Have medical experience? You are desperately needed as a therapeutic home! Empty nest? Refill it! Have biological kids at home? Me, too — and we are all better for our experience in the foster care system.

Jamie McLean: A Success Story

Jamie McLean entered what he calls “the system” of foster care, group homes and failed adoptions when he was 3 months old. As a child, he suffered physical, mental, emotional and sexual abuse from those who were supposed to be caring for him. At one residence, he said, he was crowded with other children into an unheated room by foster parents who didn’t understand the demands and challenges of fostering multiple children.

Despite all that, he said, “I wouldn’t go back and change one thing. I wouldn’t be who I am today if I went back and changed anything.”

Here’s one of the main reasons he feels that way: “The Settlement saved my life.”

The Settlement is the Group Home for boys operated by the United Methodist Children’s Home in Headland, Alabama, near Dothan. McLean spent four years there in the late 1980s and early 1990s. He still stays in touch with members of that lifesaving staff. “They provided me



ABOVE: Jamie McLean with his other mother, Patsy Liveoak.

something that I’d never had my whole life,” he said. “And that’s why I’m so thankful for them and why I think there ought to be more homes like The Settlement.

“They provided me a safe place.”

Today, at age 43, he still occasionally drives an hour north from his home in Bonifay, Florida, to visit The Settlement. When he does, he makes sure also to see Patsy Liveoak, Program Manager at UMCH’s Therapeutic Foster Care office in Dothan. She first met him when she worked for the Alabama Department of Human Resources and he was about a year old. “He’s always called me his other mother, and I’ve always called him my son,” Liveoak said.

McLean likes talking with The Settlement’s young residents. He tries to share the great lesson that life has taught him — the one that he says was worth all of the suffering he endured: No matter what anybody else has done to you, you have the power to shape your own life. Your future is up to you.

He’s a living example. “I went from nothing,” he said. “And now I’m the vice president of operations of my own company.” The company does government contract work for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sometimes, the young people initially shut him out. “Most kids think adults



ABOVE: Jamie with his son, Alex.

don’t know anything,” he said. “That’s when I tell them my story. I don’t get into any graphic details, but I do tell them a lot of what I’ve been through growing up and where I’m at now.”

And then they listen. “I always tell them that, no matter how you were brought up, nobody owes you anything. You owe it to yourself to do better. And you can.”

He even shares his secret for “how to cheat the system.” It’s deceptively simple, he said: “Do what you’re asked to do.” At home, at work, anywhere else in life, others tell you what they expect of you. Instead of wasting time and energy griping about those tasks or trying to weasel out of them, just take care of them. After that, you get to have fun following your own agenda. “Just kind of go with it,” he said. “Everything comes a lot easier that way.”

He also tells them it won’t be easy. “I’m not going to lie,” he said. “I hit rock bottom there for a little bit because I didn’t know which way to go. I guess the good Lord was looking after me. I picked myself up, and I kept walking. Just because I was beaten, abused and everything else as a child, I did not let that dictate who I am today.”

“The Settlement saved my life. They provided me a safe place.”

— Jamie McLean

The staff members at The Settlement helped build self-reliance and confidence in a boy who had been rejected not only by his mother but also by more than one set of adoptive parents. “I know at his first adoptive place, he was convinced that the reason it didn’t work is because he put wet towels in the dirty clothes,” Liveoak said. “I said, ‘You did nothing wrong. You did not do a thing, honey. It’s not your fault.’ We worked a lot on helping him feel good about who he was and feel that he was a valuable person.”

Also helping were the godparents he acquired during one of the failed adoptions, Doris and Lonnie Daniels. McLean has stayed close to them as well. “I’ve got two moms and one dad,” he said. “Patsy Liveoak is my first mom. She had me for 17-plus years. And Doris Daniels and Lonnie Daniels. I learned my ethics from Lonnie and Doris, my work ethics.”

After his time at The Settlement, James “Jamie” McLean (“the only time I got called James is when I was getting in trouble”) tried the military. Two knee surgeries ended that career almost before it began.

Then he fell in love and got married. He and his wife had a son, Alex. “We’re all put here for a reason,” McLean said, “and basically it’s the reason that’s been going on for the whole history of the human race. We’re put here to have children and be responsible for their growth and make sure they get out in the real world and take care of themselves.”

Yet another tragedy struck him. His wife died of cancer when Alex was 9. Still, the boy who grew up without a stable home remained determined to give his own child exactly that. “I’ve been raising him by myself ever since then,” McLean said. “I used all the skills that I learned, literally, from the United Methodist Children’s Home.”

He also reached out to Liveoak and Doris and Lonnie Daniels for parenting tips. “He’d come in, and we’d talk,” Liveoak said. “He’s had a tough life. But Jamie always maintained his focus on raising that child, and he was a good father.”

Today, Alex is 21. He just got married, and he works for Dad. “He doesn’t cuss,” said his proud father. “He doesn’t smoke. He doesn’t drink.”

McLean himself is newly engaged to a woman with five children. Three are



ABOVE: Alex and his wife, who are thankful for UMCH.

grown, he said, “but we’ve got two younger boys that I’m kind of helping to steer in the right directions. They’ve never had a true father figure. My fiancée and I have been together for about a year now, and the whole family loves me. They think of me as Dad already.”

Liveoak has watched McLean’s triumph over extreme adversity with pride. “I’ve learned that your best lessons, as a social worker, come through the children that you work with,” she said. “And that they’re your inspiration.

“I feel very blessed.”

Leave a Legacy of Hope

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It’s one of the most important gifts you can give
that will truly change the future for so many.**

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Building a Wheelchair Ramp for Mr. Eddie



Across the street from The Settlement Group Home for boys in Headland, Alabama, lived Mr. Eddie.

Mr. Eddie was an older gentleman. His house was a manufactured home with a deteriorating porch. He and his wife both had some physical problems that made it hard for them to get around.



The boys at The Settlement began to help. They started cutting Mr. Eddie's lawn. They took out his trash. They fetched his mail. Of the boys currently at The Settlement, Tavoris was particularly attentive. Several times a week, the staff would make a little extra food, and the boys as well as the staff would take a meal over to Mr. Eddie and his wife. Once, Mr. Eddie called The Settlement from the hospital, needing a ride home. One of the staff members and one of the boys drove over to pick him up.

"I think our yearly mission trips have really helped our kids and our staff look for opportunities to help others whenever they can," said Janet Rawls, the United Methodist Children's Home's South Regional Director. "Both the staff and the boys have taken on Mr. Eddie as a local mission project of sorts."

Some of the staff noticed the difficulty that Mr. Eddie and his wife had with the steps on that rickety porch. They talked to UMCH Development Associate Robert Powell, who attends nearby First United Methodist Church of Dothan, Alabama. The United Methodist Men at the church build wheelchair

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ramps for people who need them. "We agreed to do it with the help of the Settlement boys," Powell said.

The boys devoted two weekends to tearing down the old porch and hauling away the pieces. The United Methodist Men — Tom Upchurch, Forest Jones and Billy Walworth — then spent March 28 cutting the lumber to size. The next day, they and a half dozen of the boys worked for five hours, as the temperature climbed to an eventual high of 86 degrees, to put everything together.

A couple of the youth showed some solid carpentry skills. All contributed, and gladly. "They were good help," Powell said. "And they stayed until we got through with it."

At the end of all their projects, the United Methodist Men pray with the recipients and present them with a Bible. Mr. Eddie cried. He couldn't stop expressing his appreciation. "Oh, he was so grateful," Powell said. "He was so thankful."

The ramp and porch made everyday life a little easier for Mr. Eddie and his wife. And then Mr. Eddie died.

It hit the boys hard. They had helped build that ramp for him. But after just a few weeks, he was gone.

The ramp does make life easier for Mr. Eddie's wife. The boys still mow her lawn and take care of her. In the end, it doesn't matter how long he enjoyed their gift. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). That's what matters.

TOP: It's not always work. The boys always find time for a pick-up basketball game.

ABOVE: Boys from The Settlement working hard in the heat.

Awards Weekend Celebrates What's Special in All of Us

The UMCH fifth annual Awards Weekend recognized dozens of young people for their accomplishments. And the weekend itself constituted an award for everyone involved: youth, staff and volunteers.

Beckwith Camp & Conference Center on Weeks Bay in Fairhope, Alabama, was the site for the much-anticipated event, which takes place early each May. "UMCH's Awards Weekend has become a yearly tradition for our staff and youth," said Dr. K. Blake Horne, President and CEO of the United Methodist Children's Home. "We all look forward to this special weekend where we can fellowship with one another in a relaxed and fun environment."

Young people in UMCH's care gathered from across Alabama and Northwest Florida for recreation and growth — physical, emotional and spiritual. They did yoga, played basketball or just waded in Weeks Bay. They bonded (or renewed bonds) with other youth and staff from UMCH ministries.



They gathered around a campfire for vespers with a youth group from Fairhope's Jubilee Shores United Methodist Church.

At the Saturday night Awards Ceremony, UMCH celebrated something for everyone present, whether it was their "servant heart" or their achievement of "highest GPA." "This is an evening that we all get dressed up and eat a nice meal and remember that each one of us has something special to contribute," said Rebecca Morris, UMCH Vice President of External Affairs.

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Caring volunteers, both individuals and churches, helped carry out the programs, took photographs, and supplied food and gifts. On Sunday morning, everyone came together for worship and prayer before heading home.

"Now that this has become a yearly tradition, I have kids and youth ask if they can come back next year even if they are not still in UMCH's care," said Kristin Webb Alberda, UMCH Vice President of Programs. "This is a direct result of us making each child know they have value and are loved."



BELOW LEFT: UMCH residents enjoying the pool.

TOP: Listening to Dr. Blake as he speaks at morning watch.

ABOVE: UMCH baby enjoying a swing.

Spanish Fort UMC Helpers Build New Deck at Babies First so Moms Can Grill, Toddlers Can Play



People who are handy with tools see potential projects wherever they go. When those people also care deeply about helping those in need, they find a way to turn those projects into finished jobs.

That's how Babies First, the Mobile, Alabama, Group Home for mothers and their babies, came to have a beautiful new deck — a perfect place for the young moms to grill out and for their toddlers to play.

The deck renovation actually started with a backyard swingset. A United Methodist Women's circle at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Birmingham donated the swingset to Babies First. (See the full story on page 11.) Gene Garthwait, Alan Nichols and Pat Kimble of the Beyond the Walls Sunday School Class at Spanish Fort United Methodist Church in Spanish Fort, Alabama, volunteered to assemble what turned out to be a complicated piece of play equipment.

While wielding their wrenches and screwdrivers, they noticed the big deck that runs along the back and one side of the Babies First home. Weather had taken its toll on the boards, exposing nailheads and raising splinters. "It needed a lot of work," Garthwait said.

ABOVE: Spanish Fort team smiles with satisfaction after the completion of the Babies First deck.

That turned out to be an understatement. Garthwait recruited not only the Sunday school class but also the Spanish Fort United Methodist Men's Club. "We needed the construction talents from our United Methodist Men," he said. Fifteen men and women ended up spending 27 four-hour work days and a total of 316 hours (adding up all the hours for each individual). Both groups also contributed money for materials, as did Thrivent Financial.

They replaced the deck boards, railings and latticework, repaired six gates and the deck stairs, added eight additional support posts and some decorative touches, painted or stained everything, trimmed a tree next to the deck and hauled all of the debris to the dump. The Babies First staff "were just amazed at the transformation," Garthwait said.

Janet Rawls, South Regional Director for the United Methodist Children's Home, was impressed with the crew's commitment. "They were going back and forth for all those days," she said, "and Spanish Fort Methodist is a good 45 minutes to an hour from the Group Home."

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The Beyond the Walls Sunday School Class goes literally beyond the walls of the church complex every fourth Sunday to undertake a service project. "Doesn't necessarily have to be for a church member," Garthwait said. "We find things that need to be done that we can do in usually four hours on a Sunday. But a lot of the projects lately that we've undertaken have taken a lot more time. And of course this one is probably the largest one that we've done."

The class members make themselves servants for a wide variety of people and organizations in need. "We've built wheelchair ramps," Garthwait said. "We've painted homes. We've cleaned grocery carts at Prodissee Pantry [a nonprofit community ministry in Spanish Fort that provides emergency

food and disaster relief]. We've done cleanup at schools, getting ready for the new school year. We've done yard maintenance for people who can't get out and do it themselves."

Rawls said the crew from Spanish Fort UMC set a great example for the Babies First residents. "We try to emphasize the mission work, giving back to the community," she said. "It helps them to see other people do things in the community without expecting anything in return."

"First United Methodist Church of Dothan is another example. Women from the church come out a couple of times a month and bring dinner. They'll sit and visit with the kids, play board games with them. There's nothing expected in return."

Anyone can see a need and selflessly pitch in to help. Even if you can't rebuild a deck, you can offer a smile, a kind word, a helping hand. People with a servant's heart see such potential projects wherever they go.

Moms Helping Moms: Babies First Gets a Swingset

Thirty women at Canterbury United Methodist Church, in the upscale Birmingham suburb of Mountain Brook, feel a simple, profound kinship with the teenage residents at the Babies First group home in Mobile, Alabama: They're all mothers of young children. That's why Babies First now has a brand new swingset.

"Oh my goodness, this is so fun!" said one 5-year-old on the day the set was assembled. "It's for us? This is so nice."

A 2-year-old fell in love with the slide, declaring "I'm going to go again!" after each downward swoop.

Play brightens the day for both kids and their parents. "As moms of our own children, we spend endless amounts of hours at the playground or in our backyards on our play sets," said Laura Millsap. "So we wanted those moms to have the same experience."

Millsap belongs to Circle Eight, a United Methodist Women's circle at Canterbury UMC that consists of mothers with young children. A former member, Cristin Dedmon, told them about Babies First, a United Methodist Children's Home residential facility in Mobile, Alabama, for very young mothers and their babies.

"We just thought the connection was kind of amazing because those women are also in the same stage of life as we are: They have young children," Millsap said. "While



UMCH Kids enjoying the generosity of others.

their ages may be 10 to 20 years younger than ours, we were experiencing the same thing at the same time."

Dedmon worked for UMCH before moving to a different job and a different church. She mentioned that Babies First lacked outdoor play equipment. Circle Eight asked the Babies First staff to pick out a set on Walmart.com. Circle Eight ordered it, paid for it and had it shipped to the home. Gene Garthwait, Alan Nichols and Pat Kimble from Spanish Fort United Methodist Church in Spanish Fort, Alabama, volunteered to put it together.

Circle Eight also regularly sends gift packages to Babies First, mixing utilitarian items such as diapers with fun things as well, Millsap said. "We

go to the Target dollar section and buy the little seasonal things and send them down there for them to play with or do arts and crafts."

The women of Circle Eight have never met the moms at Babies First, but they understand the challenges the residents face. And they empathize. "We know how hard it is to be moms," Millsap said. "I can never imagine doing that when I was a teenager."

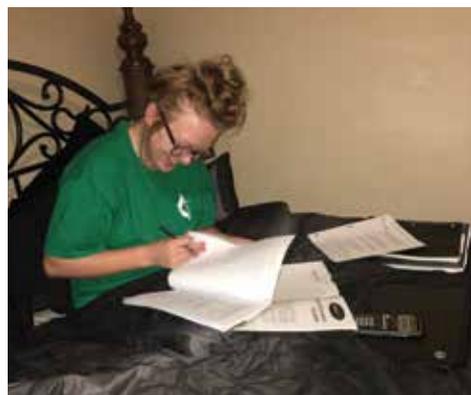
So the young women at Canterbury want to do what they can to make the lives of the young women at Babies First a little easier and happier. "They're normal people," Millsap said. "They've just had some bad circumstances. And they just need a little bit of help, which we all do sometimes."

UMCH Caring Extends Through the Transition to Adult Life, and Beyond

Through its various programs, the United Methodist Children’s Home helps abused and neglected young people from infancy through their college years — and, unofficially, beyond. Even if a child leaves a program early or grows up and moves on with life, UMCH staff can’t just shut off their concern and love.

“If you say you care about somebody, if you say that they’re important to you, you don’t just dump them when they leave,” said Patsy Liveoak, Program Manager at UMCH’s Therapeutic Foster Care office in Dothan, Alabama.

The transition that troubled youth face in moving from a group home, foster care or another structured environment to on-their-own adult life has always worried caregivers. In simpler times, when UMCH was a single orphanage at Selma, Alabama, most of the children it served had simply lost their parents and had no one else to take them in. The orphanage served as a boarding school that readied them for the grown-up world.



ABOVE: UMCH Higher Education student preparing for exams.

Today, most of the young people whom UMCH embraces have suffered chaos and abuse beyond the comprehension of anyone who grew up in a stable family. They require immensely more help than the orphans of a few decades ago, and their needs don’t stop when they reach their late teens. That’s why UMCH has developed and expanded such programs as Transitional Living and Higher Education Homes, which assist youth as they pass from their high school years into the workforce or college.

Jamie McLean, now a successful 43-year-old businessman, spent four years at The Settlement, the UMCH Group Home for boys in Headland, Alabama. He said he knew many young people whose lives fell apart once they “aged out” of foster care or a group home and suddenly lost their support systems.

In the Transitional Living Program, he said, “They would teach us to budget, cook food. Some of us had a little part-time job we could go to, and they’d help with transportation to get us there. It was basically giving you the tools that you needed, the basics, for whenever you hit the real world so you didn’t wind up in jail.”

Liveoak has observed UMCH from inside and outside. When she was an employee of the Alabama Department of Human Resources, she often worked with UMCH. “I’ve been involved with the United Methodist Children’s Home all my social work life, when it was at Selma and everywhere else,” she said.



TOP: The UMCH tradition of gathering in a circle to pray for safe travels.

ABOVE: UMCH is there for each life stage from infancy to college.

“I’ve always loved the support that this agency has and the commitment that they have to the children that come into the program.”

Even if children reject help, UMCH doesn’t abandon them. “Whether they leave or not, we’re still there for them,” she said. “We still maintain contact with our children.”

That contact continues through adulthood, just as with any other loved one. “You want to hear from them, and you want to know how they’re doing,” Liveoak said. “And if they have struggles, just like anybody else, you wonder how I can help, what I can do. We’re blessed that this agency is very supportive of that — of any way you could help any child. Even when they become an adult, you always think, how can you help them?”

The Heart of the Matter

Luke 11:33-35:

“No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness.. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.”

I know of no more appropriate scripture to set the stage for an annual report for your United Methodist Children’s Home than these verses from the Gospel of Luke. We often find Jesus speaking with great conviction and frequency in the Gospels on the topics of children, money and the importance of “light” — what we commonly refer to these days in organizations as transparency.

The stewardship of UMCH’s resources for the benefit of our children and the Glory of God is my most important responsibility as the organization’s leader. It is essential that we put our work “on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.” We at UMCH don’t view trust in our



Dr. Blake Horne and family

programs and business practices as something we’d like to have from you, our donors and supporters. We view it as the very cement of our foundation as a ministry. We teach our children on a daily basis that trust is an absolutely essential relationship ingredient for a person — or organization — intent on glorifying God.

Our annual report is just one of the ways that we light our lamp and place it on its stand for all to see. The light comes in the form of numbers — service statistics, program revenue and expenses, and donations — but behind these numbers are hundreds of stories about Grace, Hope and Love in the lives of our children, reminding us that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Thanks for all that you do that allows us to share the love of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, with the children of Alabama and Northwest Florida.

Grace and Peace,

Dr. K. Blake Horne
President and CEO,
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Honorariums and Memorials

In appreciation for gifts in honor of loved ones and friends, we have listed them for you alphabetically. The names included are for gifts received from March 16, 2017, through June 30, 2017. If you would like to remember friends or loved ones in a special way, you may send gifts to the United Methodist Children’s Home. A reply envelope is included in this issue of Embrace UMCH. Your contributions help us continue our efforts to strengthen children and families.

Honor Gifts for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and special days are acknowledged to the honoree. Memorial Gifts are acknowledged to the bereaved family. No mention of the

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UMCH makes every effort to accurately reflect the honorariums and memorials in this publication. Should you see a mistake, please contact us at info@umch.net. We will make the correction and have it in the next newsletter and online at www.umch.net. Thank you for your continued support!

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