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Our kids enjoyed some
bowling this summer!

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"Each of you should
use whatever gift you
have received to **serve
others**, as faithful
stewards of God's grace
in its various forms."

~ 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)



ALISON EVANS

President/CEO, The Methodist Home

What a powerful Bible verse! Simple and direct – this thoughtful, spirit-filled advice on living for God should be a call to action for every Christian, but alas, too often there are those who linger among "the sitters" ...those waiting, watching and wondering why God's hand is not evident in the world around us.

As you reflect on this verse, I want you to know we see, hear, and feel your remarkable impact here at The Methodist Home. You are engaged, interested, supportive and caring... and *we are so GRATEFUL for your faithfulness!*

Use YOUR gifts – God has graciously and abundantly equipped us with special, important and unique talents. Some are easy to see, others are quietly present, all are needed for His Kingdom work. YOUR gift may be in praying, singing, helping, teaching, crafting/creating, fixing, leading... the list goes on. However, not only have you received your gift, but you have chosen to GIVE of those talents and share them regularly with US. Thank you for sharing your gifts regularly within our ministry.

To SERVE others – One of the most powerful ways my heart heals is when I release the drive to focus on "ME" and shift my attention to how "WE" can help one

another. Be it in the church's local ministry or a larger outreach like The Methodist Home, your commitment and willingness to serve is both evident and needed more than ever.

As Faithful Stewards of God's Grace

– A famous hymn reminds us "*Grace, grace, God's grace - Grace that is greater than all our sin.*"* We have all been there – covered by the miraculous presence of God's prevenient, saving and sanctifying grace. And in 1 Peter 4:10, we hear the call to be stewards of this amazing grace **AND to share the good news about it with others.**

Thank you for using YOUR gifts to strengthen our ministry so we can be a witness for Christ to the children and families in our care. We are humbled by your commitment and love which allows us to serve with compassion. We appreciate you, as faithful stewards, united together with us as we lift up and care for God's children in need.

Thank you for blessing us in so many fruitful ways!

Alison Evans, President/CEO

*Grace Greater Than All Our Sin 1910 lyrics by Julia H. Johnston and music by Daniel B. Towner

Just Add WATER and Sprinkle Some LOVE

For years, Nicole has opened her heart and home to children in need through HOPE Foster Care & Adoption at The Methodist Home. Her journey as a foster parent began with her certification at The Methodist Home, where she received her first placement—a young boy named Antonio. At the time, Antonio had already experienced about ten different foster homes. He struggled with separation and trust, but beneath the pain was a smart and capable boy. Nicole adopted Antonio when he was nine. Today, at 25, he lives in Las Vegas

with Nicole's biological son, Calvin. Antonio is a manager at Whole Foods, while Calvin works security for major concerts and events.

Nicole was already a mother to three biological children when she adopted Antonio. Her kids were fairly spaced apart in age and she hoped Antonio would be a friend and brother for her youngest child, Calvin. While their relationship began with sibling rivalry, it eventually turned into a bond that is now

unbreakable. "They did not like each other at first," Nicole said with a laugh. "But now they are inseparable."

Over the years, Nicole has fostered eight additional children, each with their own story and set of challenges. She remembers Ty'nika, a girl who was failing all her classes when she arrived. With stability and a daily routine, Ty'nika's grades began to improve. Another child, My'angel, stayed with Nicole for three years before returning to her biological father. They still keep in touch. "She was the sweetest," Nicole said warmly.

Nicole's current foster children include Jacquelin, a young girl with autism who goes by "Jacks," and Atlas, her first infant placement. "We love spoiling him," she said with a smile. With Jacks, communication can be a challenge due to a speech impediment, but Nicole approaches it with patience. "Everyone just needs to be heard and understood," she explained. "Jacks can understand everything, even if you cannot always understand her."

Nicole's passion for fostering started early. One of her childhood best friends was in foster care, and their close friendship left a lasting impression. She knew, even as a young girl, fostering was her calling. "Every kid is a new adventure," she shared. "I love fostering, it truly

warms my heart."

Of course, fostering is not without its difficulties. "Things never go the way you think they are going to go," Nicole admitted. "Every child is different, and you have to meet them where they are. You become their advocate." But for Nicole, the rewards far outweigh the challenges. "When a teacher tells me how much progress they have seen or I watch a child move up to their next grade level, it is one of the most fulfilling feelings."

Her advice to anyone considering foster care? "Do it, even if you are scared. It is the most selfless thing you can do. Not every story ends with a happily ever after, but these kids always carry what you give them." Nicole teaches her foster children how to cook and helps them build life skills. "All the things I teach them will always be embedded in them," she shared.

Throughout her journey, Nicole has leaned on The Methodist Home for support. "It's like a family," she said. "You cannot ask for a better place. There are children out there who truly need someone to show up for them."

Her mother, who used to help her foster, used to say, "Just add water and sprinkle some love and they will grow." For Nicole, that is exactly what fostering is all about.

Atlas as a baby, he's grown so much!

Jacquelin celebrating her birthday!

From left to right: Ragin, Jacquelin, Nicole, Atlas, and Reign.

Jacquelin helps her little brother, Atlas smile for a picture!



AVERY'S AMAZING journey!

This summer, Avery packed his bags and set out on a journey that would change him in more ways than one. He was heading to Young Life Camp in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina and the border of South Carolina, a place called Carolina Point. It was Avery's first-time leaving Georgia, his first time seeing the mountains, and his very first camp experience – made possible through the support of generous donors and the collaborative efforts of The Methodist Home and Young Life staff.

For someone who often describes himself as antisocial, Avery shined at camp. He soared through the trees on a zipline, raced go-karts, played octoball, and even tried paddle boarding. More than just the activities, Avery connected with



people from across the country. Everyone seemed to know his name. In fact, he was voted “Mayor of Carolina Point” among 300 campers. Avery's group leader, Nick, said everywhere they went, people greeted Avery with warmth. For a young man who once struggled to open up to others, this week was a turning point.

What made the trip even more powerful was Avery's time with the camp speaker, Robby. They spent an hour talking one-on-one. “The way Robby spoke opened my eyes,”

Avery said. “It gave me a new perspective of the Bible and of God.

He talked about putting God on the throne instead of yourself, about not being selfish, and trusting in Him.”

Faith has not always come easy for Avery. He is honest about the pain he carries.

“When I was 13, I started getting arrested. I was



Avery after paddle boarding!

in and out of juvenile detention seven times in three years. I was on the edge of serious trouble,” he shared. As a last chance, Avery came to The Carpenter's Way Ranch. It was a fresh start and it changed everything.

Because of his past, Avery has been wrestling with his faith for a long time. When Avery arrived over a year ago at The Carpenter's Way Ranch, he was really struggling with belief in God. Despite his doubts, he began attending Bible study regularly with Pastor Lynn Meadows-White even though it was not required. He engaged in conversations about God, listened to Bible teachings, and slowly allowed himself to ask hard questions without fear of judgment.

Since he arrived at The Methodist Home, Avery has grown tremendously. He has earned A/B Honor Roll several times, received awards for perfect attendance, most progress, and even the “Tortoise Award” for a slow but steady comeback. His teachers love having him in class, especially when he is sharing his love for his favorite subject, world history. Avery



Avery shows off his medal!

is planning to join JROTC, cross country, and soccer when school starts.

Therapy has also played a big role in Avery's growth. He attends weekly sessions at our Lighthouse for Families Counseling Center on our Carpenter's Way campus. “I was used to dealing with everything on my own. I never wanted to show weakness or be judged,” he said. But with the support of his therapist, Kelsey Stone, Avery has learned to express himself and embrace vulnerability. Through tools like breathing exercises and meditation, Avery found space to feel his emotions rather than run from them. “Over the last year he has become more comfortable speaking openly and sharing honest feelings about his experiences. We are fortunate to be able to work alongside CWR youth like Avery and witness their growth,” shared Ms. Stone.

Now, Avery calls The Carpenter's Way Ranch a place where he feels safe, seen, and heard. “When I got here, I was filled with thoughts of my past and a lot of sadness. But now, I'm a leader instead of a follower. I'm no longer ashamed.” The Methodist Home has given Avery opportunities to grow and change in ways he never imagined he could.

Avery's story is still unfolding, but what is clear is this: he is no longer defined by his past. He is hopeful, hardworking, and filled with promise!

A Hope for a Brighter Future



When Ingris arrived at The Methodist Home in Macon a little over a year ago, she carried more than the usual worries of a teenager. She was 17 years old with a toddler by her side, Yamilet and a second baby, Azriel, on the way. Ingris was at a crossroads, and she turned to our EMBRACE program, which stands for Establishing Mother & Baby Relationships in an Affectionate and Caring Environment. In a difficult situation and needing help, The Methodist Home was exactly the safe and loving environment Ingris needed to set a new direction for her and her children.

When Ingris came to The Home, she believed finishing school was unattainable. “I thought I was never going to finish,” she admits. Yet she wanted better for her kids. Ingris wanted to provide them with stability, presence, and a life brighter than the one she had known growing up. All she needed was some support and she found it here.

Staff members encouraged Ingris to give school another chance, reminding her daily that her dreams were within reach. Their steady belief, combined with her love for Yamilet and Azriel, became the spark she needed. Earlier this year, Ingris earned her GED and enrolled at Central Georgia Technical College to study electrical technology, becoming the first in her family to attend college!

A feat she thought was impossible was made possible with the care and support of EMBRACE.

Ingris, right before her ceremony to receive her GED!



Ingris and her babies shortly after she arrived in 2024!

The Methodist Home has also helped her in other ways. Day by day she is also learning new family rhythms. Part of her journey has been learning to adjust to not only having more than one child, but also having a son. Ingris is adapting to dressing her little boy. “I was so used to looking for baby girl things like bows and shoes. But I’m getting there,” she shared. She also notes how different each of her toddlers are, while Yamilet is a notorious picky

eater, Azriel will eat anything. Yamilet has also recently become very independent and insists on doing everything herself, while Azriel wants to be in his mother’s arms every minute. The team at EMBRACE has helped her through it all, from organizing a busy household to modeling the family values she hopes to pass on.

Motherhood itself came naturally to Ingris. As the second eldest of several siblings, she had been caring for children since the age of seven. She was well versed in how to take care of little ones. While that experience helped her become the wonderful mother she is, it did have a downside. “I never got to be a kid. I never enjoyed my childhood,” Ingris shared. But life at The Methodist Home has begun to mend that loss. She makes her own childhood memories with her little ones and experiences it through their eyes. Ingris, because of her circumstances, had to grow up too quickly. It means the world to her to see her kids getting to be kids.

Ingris loves every part of being a mom and meets each challenge with patience and grace. Watching her pursue her education while nurturing two bright young souls reminds us why The Methodist Home exists: to restore childhoods, strengthen families, and build people. We are honored to be part of Ingris’s journey and cannot wait to see how she continues to succeed and thrive!



Congratulations, Camari!

With joy and pride, we celebrate Camari's graduation from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Science! This incredible achievement marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter, as she prepares to pursue her Master's degree in Social Work at Valdosta State University this fall.

When asked how she feels about this milestone, Camari admitted she is still taking it all in. "I feel like I'm really stepping into adulthood now," she shared, especially as she gets ready to begin a full-time job in foster care case management this summer. Camari's passion for helping others continues to guide her path, and we are so proud of her.

Grateful for those who have supported her along the way, Camari shared, "Everyone is important to me." She extends heartfelt thanks to Sherard Whipple, her Independent

Living Coordinator, for his continued guidance and encouragement, and to Ms. Bacon, her Independent Living Specialist, for always being in her corner. She also shares deep appreciation for her foster parents, Mr. Darian and Mrs. Tang (Poppa and Mom), whose love and support helped shape her journey.

And of course, Camari is thankful for The Methodist Home and all who believe in our mission. Her story is a beautiful testament to the impact of compassion, perseverance, and community.



Camari and Mr. Sherard Whipple, her Independent Living Coordinator.

Camari and her foster dad, Mr. Darian (Poppa).

Camari and her foster mom, Mrs. Tang.

Camari shows off her degree!

Congratulations, Noah!

Noah graduated earlier this year from South Georgia Technical College with a degree in welding. He is currently working as a welder at Triple S Steel in Macon, Georgia. He recently moved into his own apartment and is working toward getting a car. Reflecting on his achievement, Noah shared, "It still does not feel real because of the fact that I am the first in my family to graduate college and high school." His accomplishments are nothing short of extraordinary. He is breaking generational cycles, defying the odds, and building the life he dreamed about when he was younger.

When Noah graduated high school, he had been in our care for nine years. It has been a true honor to continue walking alongside him as he steps confidently into adulthood. Noah is deeply grateful for those who have supported him along the way. Above all, he gives credit to God, saying, "Without Him, I would not be half the man I am now."

To the youth currently walking a similar path he once did, Noah offers words of encouragement:

"Never give up on your dreams. Life may get hard and you will want to give up, but in those moments of hardship, look to the people in your circle such as your friends, family, or loved ones. They are the ones you can fall back on. If you don't have that, it is okay, because my favorite saying is that God gives His strongest warriors the hardest battles. So, it may get tough, but never give up, especially on something you love."

We are so proud of you, Noah! Your story is a testament to what is possible with faith, hard work, and a heart that refuses to give up!



Noah and Evelyn, grew up at The Methodist Home together.



Noah poses with his degree.



Noah receives his degree from South Georgia Technical College.

COLUMBUS AWARDS BANQUET

We had a wonderful turnout at this year's Columbus Awards Banquet, where friends, family, teachers, and mentors gathered to celebrate the growth and accomplishments of our young men at The Carpenter's Way Ranch. The evening was full of cheers and applause as academic achievements, spiritual milestones, and fun superlatives were recognized.

But the most inspiring moment of all was honoring our high school graduates—a powerful reminder of how far they have come and the bright futures they are stepping into. A special thank you to Midland Church for their warm hospitality and continued support. Your kindness helps make moments like these possible!



Our boys proudly posed with their awards!

VALDOSTA AWARDS BANQUET

The Valdosta campus celebrated the academic achievements of our girls at our annual Awards Banquet and recognized our graduating senior. In addition, we honored a young lady with the "Stitch" Award for keeping us in "stitches," with her humor. Sanctuary Awards were given to those who embody Open Communication, Democracy, Social Responsibility, Emotional Intelligence, and Non-

Violence. The girls were also able to express their appreciation to their individual tutors for all the help they have provided. Special thanks go to Park Avenue Church who hosted the night, and to Pastor Jimmy Towson and Jamie Bone, along with Ms. Kathy Wright, who shared personal words of encouragement to our girls.



We celebrated our girls and honored our graduating senior!



AMERICUS AWARDS BANQUET

Friends, community, auxiliary board members, and donors came out to celebrate our young ladies at our Americus Awards Banquet. This year's theme was "Grow Through What You Go Through," inspired by Romans 5: 3-5, "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces character, and character produces hope." Despite the challenges and obstacles our girls have experienced, they continue to not only persevere but thrive! We love recognizing the growth we see in each one of our young ladies every year at this event. Special thanks go to our guest speaker, Lacey Tucker and the Americus Auxiliary for sponsoring the Awards Banquet!



Our girls in Americus showed off their awards!

Price Academy

Price Academy is a unique elementary and middle school focused on helping every student thrive, especially those in foster care. With a strong commitment to equity and academic success, the school uses real-time data to guide teaching and support. Their hands-on STEAM curriculum builds critical thinking and creativity, while inclusive practices and trauma-informed care ensure all students feel supported—whether they have learning differences, mental health challenges, or just need a safe place to grow.



Our students took a field trip to beautiful Amerson River Park for some nature time.

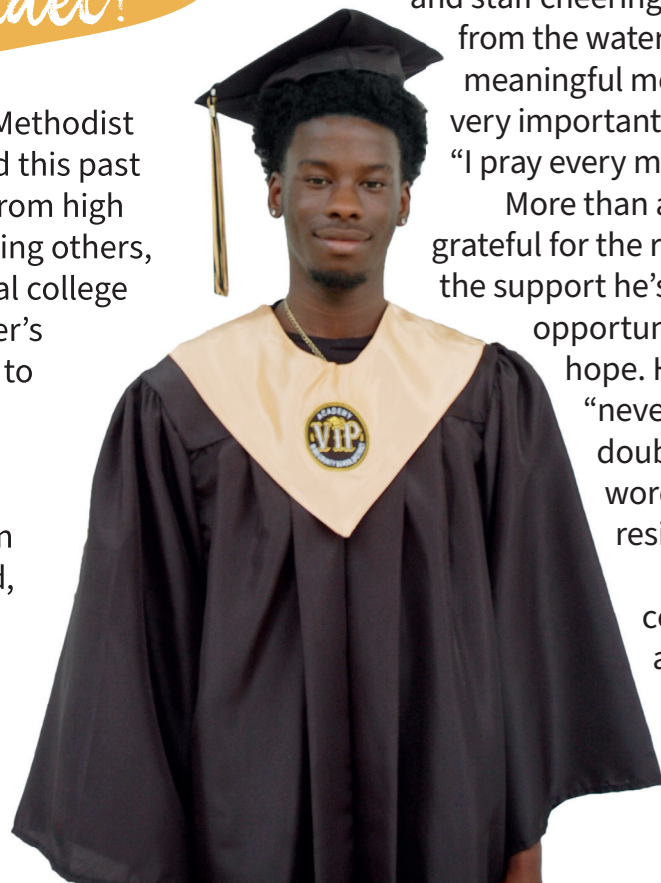


Our girls and boys had a field day and cook out to celebrate the last day of school!

*Congratulations,
Jamichael!*

Jamichael arrived at The Methodist Home four years ago, and this past May, he proudly graduated from high school. With a heart for helping others, he plans to attend a technical college to earn his Commercial Driver's License and eventually train to become a paramedic.

During his time here, Jamichael has grown in incredible ways. Reflecting on his growth, Jamichael shared, "I used to get mad easily, misbehaved, and was always fighting. Now, I see things differently. I'm not perfect, but I've changed." That change has been rooted in



a growing faith. Last year, Jamichael was baptized at our Macon campus. The memory of his friends and staff cheering for him when he rose from the water will always be a deeply meaningful moment in his life. "God is very important to me," Jamichael said. "I pray every morning and every night."

More than anything, Jamichael is grateful for the roof over his head, for the support he's received, and for the opportunity to start each day with hope. He lives by the mottos, "never give up" and "don't doubt yourself," guiding words that reflect his resilience and determination.

We are so proud to celebrate Jamichael's amazing accomplishment. His future is bright and we are excited to see where his journey leads!

SENIOR HOORAH!



We still cannot get over the fact that we had a whopping total of 14 seniors who graduated high school or earned their GED! We had so much fun coming together to celebrate their accomplishments!



Nick received a scholarship from an anonymous couple at Vineville United Methodist Church! Presented by Dr. Jimmy Asbell



Jeremiah received the Mulberry Street United Methodist Church Rosser II scholarship and a Richard E. Robinson Jr. scholarship presented by Caroline Edenfield!

RESTORING CHILDHOODS

*One Splash
at a Time!*



At Lighthouse for Families Counseling in Columbus, our therapists are committed to walking alongside young people as they heal from difficult and often painful pasts. Since 2020, Lighthouse has had a partnership with Twin Cedars, providing clinical services to the residents of the Anne Elizabeth Shepherd Home (AESH). Earlier this year, a group of girls from AESH completed a 16-week journey through the SPARCS program, which stands for Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress.

SPARCS was created for youth who have lived through repeated trauma and are still coping with the effects of stress. The girls in our group ranged in age from fifteen to seventeen. Many of the girls we worked with struggle with anxiety, emotional regulation, and finding hope for the future. Their trauma runs deep, but week after week, they showed up, opened up, and did the brave work of healing.

To celebrate their progress

and completion of the program, our therapists hosted a special water day. Shereen Khouri, one of the therapists who helped organize the event, said, "we chose a water day because part of our mission is restoring childhoods and cultivating corrective emotional experiences to help them heal from their traumatic pasts, and we thought that a fun way to do that was pizza, dessert, and playing with water." It was a chance for the girls to simply be kids again.

The girls spent the day laughing and running through water games. There were water balloons, squirt guns, dancing, and smiles all around. Watching the girls play and laugh freely was incredibly moving. "It filled our hearts to see them so happy," said Shereen. "They were so grateful and thanked us many times."

Moments like these remind us why we do what we do. Healing takes time, but with support, safety, and a little fun, hope begins to take root.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

think about the significance of a simple brown paper sack and all it represents. In many homes, a sack might have held a nutritious lunch. Maybe even a small handwritten note from a loving parent:



"HAVE A GREAT DAY AT SCHOOL! I LOVE YOU!"

But for the children who come to The Methodist Home, that kind of love and care is often a foreign experience. Too many of our youth have never had someone pack their lunch or encourage them before a big exam. What they have experienced instead are lives filled with loss, instability, and trauma. Countless times, I have heard our residents express their disbelief and sheer wonder at how they have gotten as far as they have in life.

"I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GRADUATE."

"MY PARENTS DIDN'T FINISH SCHOOL SO I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD."

"BEFORE I CAME TO THE METHODIST HOME, I HAD STOPPED GOING TO SCHOOL."

Yet, each and every one of these statements came from a young person who walked across a graduation stage to receive a diploma.

When children first arrive at our doorstep, they are often overwhelmed by pain, confusion, fear, etc. Their grades reflect their heartache. After all, how can a child focus on math or reading when they have experienced family trauma. One of the biggest challenges foster kids face is multiple moves and school changes. Children need stability and predictability to thrive . . . that is where **we step in**.

The Methodist Home provides girls and

boys with the right emotional and academic opportunities to succeed. We equip them with numerous and invaluable resources to get them where they need to be AND to help them get ahead. Here, our kids have a safe space to talk, study, and play. While we help them rebuild the social, academic, and spiritual parts of themselves, their childhoods are being restored! Our children learn to believe in themselves because someone finally believes in them.

But we cannot do this important work alone. As **Psalm 82:3** (NIV) reminds us, "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed." We are called to stand in the gap for the vulnerable, for those who cannot yet stand for themselves.

This **Back to School season**, you can help make a difference in the lives of our girls and boys! Through counseling, tutoring, mentorship, and love, we restore hope where it was once lost. Your generous gift will help us provide the structure, safety, and support our children need.

Please give generously. Help us send every child at The Methodist Home back to school with confidence and with the tools they need to succeed.

Warmly,

Alison Evans, President/CEO

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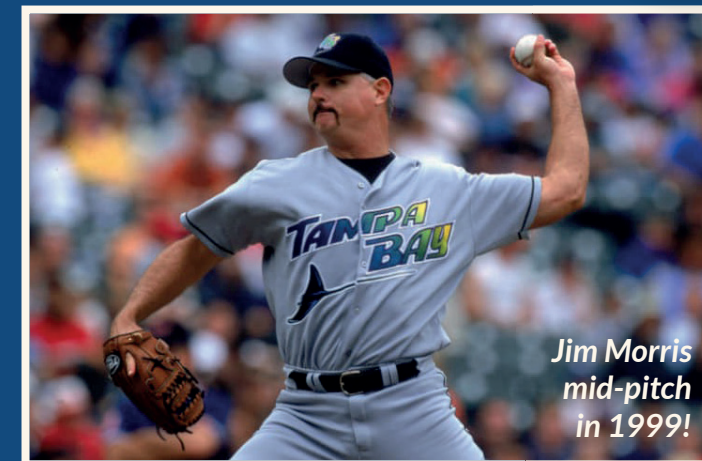


Evening of Hope

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*Jim Morris
mid-pitch
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Pre-Approval requests can now be based on your anticipated 2025 state tax liability. You must be preapproved before making your gift.

Questions? Contact us! ☎ (478) 751-2879
Please consult with your tax advisor or financial planner.

SCAN TO APPLY:



— Dinner & a Show —



With palm trees swaying and island vibes in full swing, we enjoyed an evening in paradise full of music, dancing, and community. A1A, The Official Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band, brought the beach to Macon, their performance got the crowd up for dancing and even a little limbo! Some of our youth joined the festivities to enjoy the show and share their stories. It was a night of feel good fun that fueled our mission. Thank you to our amazing community for showing up, singing along, and making a difference in the lives of our children.



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



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Eagle's Nest Children's Center

Every day at Eagle's Nest Children's Center is filled with learning, growth, AND fun! We treasure every moment spent with our little eaglets, knowing that the memories we create together will stay with them long after they have flown the nest.

Our Preschool Graduation is always a wonderful time. We are so proud of our little eaglets!



Each kid is presented with their own quilt, picked out by themselves, unique and beautiful just like them!

Americus Homerun 5k & Fun Run

On Saturday, June 7, 2025, our 13th Annual Americus Homerun 5K was off to a running start as supporters from near and far laced up to show love for our girls. Our young ladies had a blast cheering on runners, handing out water, and placing medals around the necks of the littlest finishers.

We are always moved by the familiar faces who return year after year, and just as excited to welcome the new ones who join us. Events like this remind us how powerful it is when a community comes together—step by step—to help restore childhoods and build brighter futures! A huge thank you to our generous sponsors and faithful volunteers, your dedication makes all the difference. We cannot wait to see you at the next race!



Our Auxiliary board, volunteers, staff and residents pose for a group photo!

Big Henry Golf Tournament

We recently teed off for the 13th Annual Big Henry Golf Tournament, honoring the life and legacy of Henry Leslie, fondly remembered as "Big Henry." With every putt and drive, our amazing community came together to raise a whopping \$32,500 for the children and youth at The Methodist Home! Big Henry's spirit was felt all around, and we know he would be grinning from ear to ear seeing the impact his name continues to make. We are so grateful for The Big Henry Fund and how they continue to champion our mission in his name. Here's to keeping his kindness alive, one golf swing at a time!



Holy Smoke BBQ Cook Off

Earlier this year, Macedonia Baptist Church hosted the 21st annual Holy Smoke Christian Grilling Competition in Preston, Georgia. Fifteen churches came together to support children's homes, including The Methodist Home in Americus! The cake auctions alone brought in \$7,275.00, making a grand total for the day and an all-time record donation of \$20,557.36! This makes a total to date funds raised of over \$190,250.00 in support of God's children! Praise God!



Rev. Lynn Meadows-White (center) poses with pastor and members of Macedonia Baptist Church!



Congratulations to the Grand Champion of the 2025 BBQ competition, Ebenezer Baptist Church from Ellaville, GA.



Our boys pose next to their limo; they are ready to ride off in style!

Antonio and his lovely date are ready for Prom!

Prom Night!

Prom is a cherished rite of passage that our youth eagerly anticipate during their high school years. It's a magical night and a once-in-a-lifetime experience that symbolizes joy, growth, and belonging. Thanks to the incredible support of our community, this dream became a reality once again this year.

Dress You Up Formals in Warner Robins continues to be a faithful supporter of The Methodist Home. They ensured our young men were outfitted in style, looking sharp and feeling their best. And thanks to the generosity of Bentley and Sons Funeral Home, they arrived in sleek transportation that made the evening feel even more special.

Moments like these remind us that it truly takes a village. We are deeply grateful for a community that shows up, time and time again, to help our youth feel seen, celebrated, and supported!

Mikaya, attended her Prom in Valdosta!

Prom Shopping!

Our boys had too much fun posing in their suits!



One Heart, Countless Blessings

Day Sulan and Bijan Robinson drop off a donation of Nike items for our kids!

Earlier this year, Day Sulan reached out to The Methodist Home to generously donate some brand-new Nike items for our kids! God had spoken to her and put foster youth on her heart. When Day began her search, she had never heard of The Methodist Home for Children & Youth, but immediately knew she had found the right place.

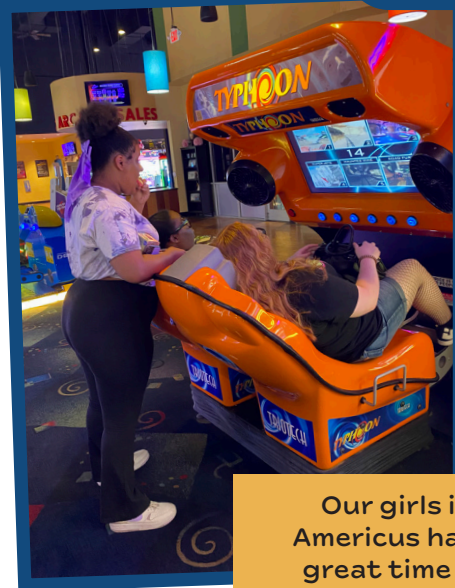
Day's kindness did not stop there, she wanted to do more for our children. King of Kings, a spirited and moving film about the events of Jesus' life, was playing in theaters. Day funded an outing for all of our kids in Macon complete with their own movie theater, popcorn, snacks and drinks! As the day of the event approached, she said,

"So excited and grateful this all came together so smooth! I pray for everyone's safety, peace, and protection during this outing and hope this movie can touch a few or even every single heart!" Our kids got to have an amazing experience paired with spiritual growth. They had such a wonderful time thanks to the kindness of Day Sulan!

Our kids grabbing their movie snacks for King of Kings!

— Campus activities —

Americus



Our girls in Americus had a great time on a field trip to Stars & Strikes in Columbus!



Go-karts



Our kids in Macon had a blast racing each other in go-karts! How fun!

Ziplining



Our youth soared through the treetops on an unforgettable ziplining adventure at Banning Mills in Whitesburg, Georgia!

Sneaker Ball

Dyasia, one of our lovely girls in Valdosta, stepped out in style at her school's Sneaker Ball!

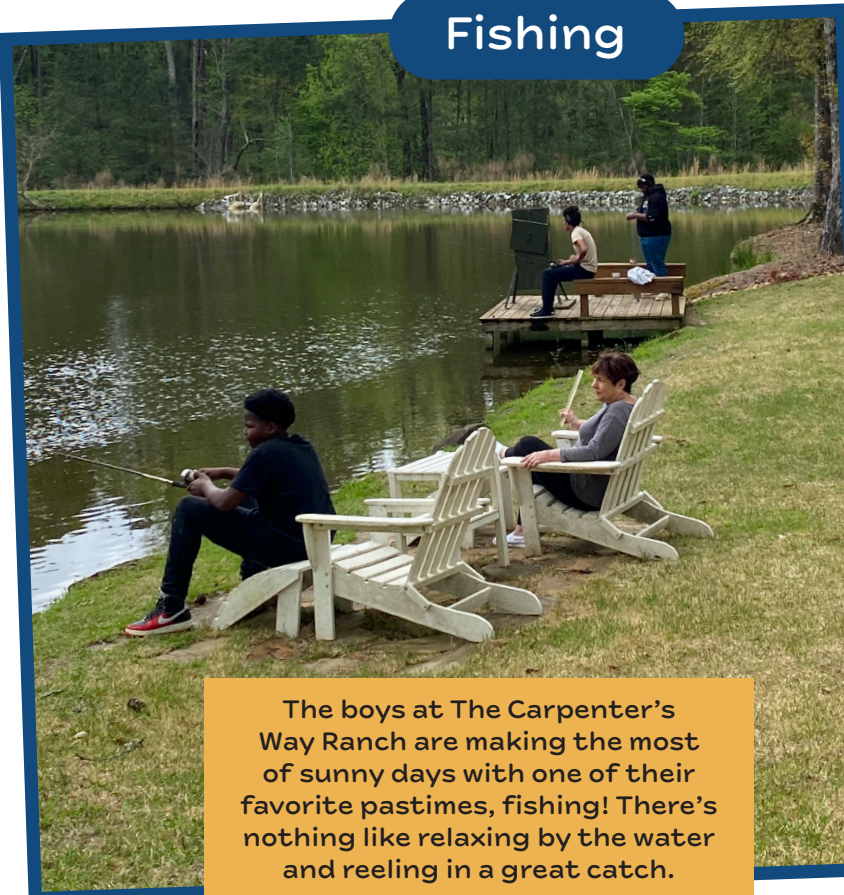


Popsicles



Our kids and staff cooled down with some popsicles on a hot summer day thanks to one of our generous Board Members!

Fishing



The boys at The Carpenter's Way Ranch are making the most of sunny days with one of their favorite pastimes, fishing! There's nothing like relaxing by the water and reeling in a great catch.

Aquarium



Our girls and boys were so excited to visit the Georgia Aquarium!

World of Coke



Our youth took a field trip to the World of Coke!



These pillows and handmade pillow cases were donated by the **Women in Faith group at Palmyra Road UMC** and given to our girls on our Valdosta campus. What a blessing!



On behalf of **Liberty Methodist Women**, **Crystal Flanders** (R) presented President/CEO, Alison Evans with a Mother's Day offering for our children. We are so grateful for this wonderful gift!



Our sweet friends at **Living Grace Global Methodist Church** brought Easter baskets for our boys! Thank you for showering our young men with love!



Our kids in Macon got to experience some Macon Bacon baseball games thanks to **McArthur Law Firm**! Thank you for helping us restore childhoods!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



The Missions Committee Chair, **Kay Robinson** (R) from **Thomaston First Methodist Church** toured our campus and gave a generous gift for our children to President/CEO, Alison Evans!



Cordele First Church gave our graduating seniors gifts, presented by Board Member **Loida Waters** (R)! Thank you for recognizing and celebrating our youth!

THANK YOU!



During our Senior Hoorah on our Macon campus **Fall Line Church** presented our graduating seniors with personalized Bibles and gift cards. Thank you for thinking of our residents!

THANK YOU TO THESE FOUNDATIONS FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!

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MACON CAMPUS

Burden Chapel Remodeling and Updating	FUNDED	\$75,000
Roofs for Cottages (2 @ \$25,000 each)	FUNDED	\$50,000
Heat and Air Systems (2 @ \$9,500 each)	FUNDED	\$19,000
Vehicle for Cottages (4 @ \$45,000 each)	FUNDED	\$180,000
Generators for Cottages (6 @ \$45,000 each)	FUNDED	\$270,000
Patio Furniture	FUNDED	\$3,000
Storage Shed	FUNDED	\$9,000
Various Appliances	FUNDED	\$10,000
Cottage Furniture Various Needs	FUNDED	\$5,000
MACON CAMPUS TOTAL		\$621,000

COLUMBUS CAMPUS

Landscaping	FUNDED	\$10,000
Remodel Cottage – Convert to Visitation Center	FUNDED	\$160,000
Vehicle for Cottage	FUNDED	\$45,000
COLUMBUS CAMPUS TOTAL		\$215,000

ST. MARYS CAMPUS

Vehicle for Cottage	FUNDED	\$60,000
ST. MARYS CAMPUS TOTAL		\$60,000

VALDOSTA CAMPUS

Landscaping	FUNDED	\$10,000
VALDOSTA CAMPUS TOTAL		\$10,000

AMERICUS CAMPUS

Paint outside of Cottage	FUNDED	\$9,500
Landscaping	FUNDED	\$7,500
AMERICUS CAMPUS TOTAL		\$17,000

LIGHTHOUSE FOR FAMILIES

Transport Vehicle for Columbus	FUNDED	\$45,000
LIGHTHOUSE FOR FAMILIES TOTAL		\$45,000

ORGANIZATION TOTAL ... FULLY FUNDED \$968,000

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Thanks to our generous
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us address numerous capital
needs on our various campuses.
This single act of kindness had a
ripple effect of giving, encouraging
others to contribute. Your giving
has not only allowed us to reach
this magnificent goal but has
impacted the children and families
we serve in profound ways.

Thank you for supporting our
mission and ministry in this
unique way. Praise God from
whom ALL blessings flow!

150 Years and Counting – The Methodist Home’s Legacy of Love

The Methodist Home was established in 1872. We have been making a difference in the lives of children and families for over 150 years...longer than the world has enjoyed Coca Cola, Hershey's chocolate and Oreos cookies. Every day, our staff embody and live out a legacy of love, working diligently to restore childhoods and strengthen families.

A legacy is defined as the way you act and what you pass down to others; it includes the way you treat and inspire others as well as the financial state in which you leave your loved ones. Leaving a legacy means putting a stamp on the future and making contributions for generations to come.

Legacy gifts have always played an important role in the financial support of The Methodist Home because they ensure our ministry will be able to continue well into the future. By making a gift now as well as including a gift in your estate plans, you enable the work of restoring childhoods and strengthening families to continue for years to come. Some of the most common ways to leave legacy gifts include estate gifts, beneficial interests in trusts, retirement accounts or life insurance policies, annuities, and property or stock gifts.

1 Charitable Bequest – You can include The Foundation of The Methodist Home in your will or trust, thereby supporting the future endeavors of The Methodist Home.

2 Establishing a Trust – You can establish a trust so that cash or property donated during your lifetime will benefit The Methodist Home. The most common trusts are charitable remainder or charitable lead trusts.

3 Beneficial Interests – You can designate The Foundation of The Methodist Home as a beneficiary of your retirement account, investment account, or life insurance policy.

This designation helps you achieve your planned giving wishes and supports the future work of The Methodist Home.

4 IRA Charitable Giving – Once you are required to take minimum distributions from your IRA, you can support the work of The Methodist Home through qualified charitable distributions. Your required minimum distribution can be sent directly to us, helping our children while potentially lowering your tax bill.

5 Charitable Gift Annuity – An annuity is a financial product offering a guaranteed income stream for life. Annuities can be established that provide you with a steady income stream while also supporting our mission at The Methodist Home, leaving a great legacy after you are gone.

6 Property and Stock Gifts – Property and stock may be donated to The Foundation of The Methodist Home. These gifts are managed so that they provide for the children and families served by The Methodist Home years from now.

If you would like to learn more on becoming a supporter of The Methodist Home, please contact Alison Evans, President/CEO for The Methodist Home and The Foundation at alison.evans@themethodisthome.org or (478) 751-2800.

Thank you for being a part of our legacy of love at The Methodist Home. It is because of your generosity we continue to make a difference in the lives of the children and families entrusted into our care.

This article is only intended to give a general overview of some legacy giving options. Please be sure to consult with your tax or legal advisor regarding your personal situation.



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