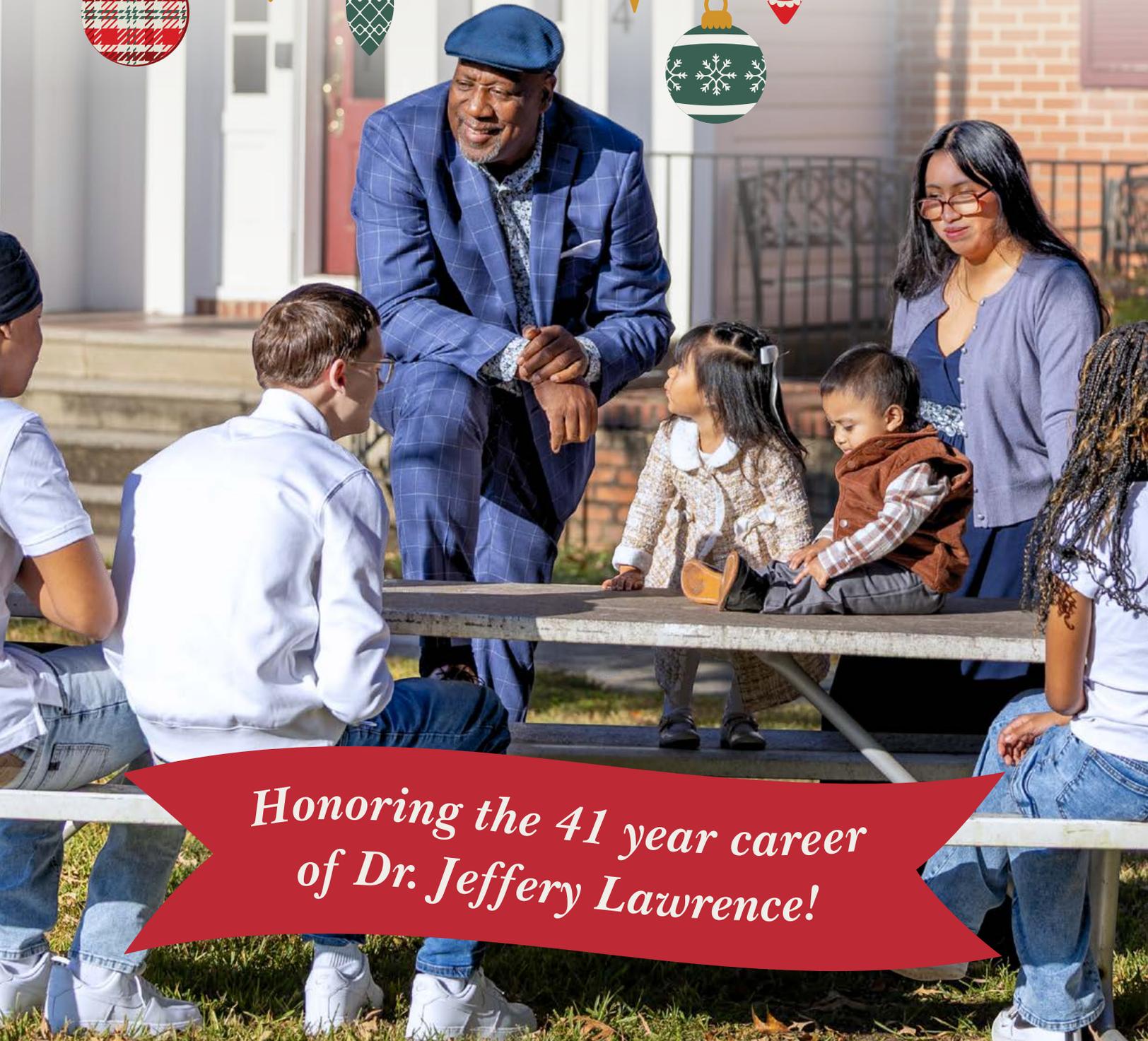


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## "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep."

And when a good shepherd finds his lost sheep, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his *friends and neighbors together* and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my **lost sheep**.' I tell you that in the same way there will be *more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents* than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

~ Luke 15:5-7 (NIV)



**ALISON EVANS**  
President/CEO  
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**H**ere at the Methodist Home, we have so many things to celebrate! Last year:

- Over 200 children were nurtured in our residential and foster care homes
- 23 sibling groups were kept together under our roofs
- We finalized 10 adoptions helping boys and girls find their forever families
- We had 14 High School graduations and two College graduations
- 578 people were strengthened through quality mental health counseling care
- We helped reunite and/or create permanency and stability for 170 clients within 69 families

Those we serve have overcome so much and achieved such great success, but nothing is more important or joyful than **celebrating those holy moments when our kids choose to follow Jesus.**

The parable of the lost sheep reminds us the shepherd... **GOES HOME**...calls his friends and neighbors together... and asks all to rejoice with him! **YOU are a part of our HOME, so together, we rejoice at the baptism of a child of God!**

This one thing, "Offering Them Christ", on a daily basis is so important. Seeing transformation happen through the Holy Spirit, followed by profession of faith brings greater joy than can be imagined. If you have kids or grandkids who have made the choice to

follow Jesus, you know what I mean! Your heart overflows with gratitude and glory to God for His presence in their life. Oh what joy fills our souls when one lost sheep is home.

Thank you for celebrating with us, for showering us with your prayers, and for giving so faithfully in support of our mission. Your kindness makes all this possible.

Together, we rejoice and give glory to God!

Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Evans".

Alison Evans  
President/CEO  
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PS: This year, during this Christmas season, please consider making an extra generous gift in honor of God's children and help move our ministry forward in Christ!



**One of our kids  
is Baptized  
after giving his  
life to Christ!**

# ♥ A Family Reunited ♥

A story of hope & healing through Lighthouse for Families

**L**isa had not seen her son, Brayden, in eleven years. Her journey with Lighthouse for Families Counseling Services began with a phone call from the Department of Children and Family Services. They told her that Brayden was living at The Carpenter's Way Ranch in Columbus. At that time, it had been one year since Lisa was released from jail and seven years since she had overcome her struggle with addiction. The last time she had seen Brayden; he was only two years old. Now that she was sober and rebuilding her life, she wanted more than anything to be reunited with her son.

When Lisa was incarcerated, Brayden's father moved him and his son to Georgia. Eventually, Brayden entered the foster care system due to difficult circumstances. After Lisa was released, she had no idea where he was or how to find him. Still, she refused to give up.

**"Lighthouse was life changing. I could not have gotten Brayden back without them."**

Once she learned where Brayden was, Lisa took action. She hired a lawyer, found a home in a safe neighborhood, completed parenting classes, and continued steady employment. She also committed to therapy to heal her own trauma and maintain her sobriety. She was willing to do whatever it took to become the mother Brayden deserved.

Brayden, however, was not ready right away. Receiving letters and calls from a mother he did not remember felt confusing and painful.

For nearly six months, he ignored her attempts to connect. When he finally wrote back, his message was filled with anger. But Lisa saw hope in that moment. To her, the fact that he responded at all meant a door had opened.

Brayden had carried hurt and confusion for many years, and he needed a space to express it. Family therapy at Lighthouse for Families became that space. During counseling, Brayden asked the questions he had held onto for so long. Lisa listened and answered honestly,



Brayden and Lisa together outside the Lighthouse for Families Building at Carpenter's Way Ranch!

explaining that addiction was a disease, not a choice to abandon him. Their therapist, Ms. Kelsey, created activities and guided conversations that helped them get to know each other and build trust. "I think he realized I was not going to go away and that is when he really started opening up," shared Lisa.

One of their first visits together outside of therapy took place at The Carpenter's Way Ranch Annual Awards Banquet. While it was nerve racking at first, it quickly became emotional for Lisa. She got to see Brayden out and about, his personality really coming through. She got to meet all his friends and staff. Best of all when his name was called for an award, she could see how proud Brayden was of himself, which filled her with her own pride.



Rev. Lynn Meadows-White presenting Brayden with the Chaplain's Award at the Carpenter's Way Ranch Awards Banquet!

There was so much guilt and shame that Lisa held inside her for not having been there for him. The feelings were discouraging but she was determined to have her son back her life. She worked tirelessly towards reunification, and she succeeded. Today, Lisa and Brayden eat dinner together every night and they plan to enjoy life together as it becomes their new normal.

At first Brayden was a little sad to leave Carpenter's Way because he had made some good friends, but he quickly adjusted to the



Brayden playing basketball with Residential Director, Kerry Glenn!

move. He is on the football team at his new school and is enjoying making up for lost time with his mother. "He makes my life complete, I have purpose. He's such a good kid, he listens to me and is so open with me. It was like he fell off the face of the earth when I lost him. We went from him not speaking to me to him being the closest person I have," shared Lisa. They continue attending family therapy as they strengthen their relationship, heal and grow. Lisa is incredibly grateful for the support they received from Lighthouse for Families and The Methodist Home.

She said, "**Lighthouse was life changing. I could not have gotten Brayden back without them. They were supportive, welcoming, and hopeful. They were also really great to Brayden. I think he will remember this experience for the rest of his life.**"

**Restoring childhoods.  
Strengthening families.  
Building people up.**

**Lisa and Brayden's story is a beautiful example of the work happening every day at The Methodist Home.**



# THERESA'S JOURNEY

*Theresa's feature from August 1989 issue of The Gateway!*

Theresa's high school achievements include being a certified peer counselor, a member of the literary magazine, graduate of the Upward Bound Program, member of the debate team, member of the Red Cross Youth Board and an Adopt-A-Grandparent volunteer program at a local nursing home. Theresa is attending Savannah State College in the Fall to prepare for her entrance to Savannah College for Art and Design. She has chosen a double major in mass communication and art with a minor in English. Theresa's dream is to be an anchorwoman and/or a journalist. Theresa has been a resident of The Home since May 1988.



*Theresa's graduation photo!*

**W**hen I read that old article about me in The Gateway, it was overwhelming. I had not even remembered I had verbalized to that degree my dream of being an anchorwoman or a journalist. That young woman, even though she chose that, did not know if she could do it. But I did it, for 20 years I did it.

At the time, I was just going to do what everybody else did, try and get a job and work. I had never even considered college; it was not a thought in my mind. But The Methodist Home was the beginning of a major transformation in my life.

I loved art, we used to do pottery, drawing, and painting so I spent a lot of time in the art room on campus. One of the teachers there asked me, "Have you ever thought about going to art school?" I had never thought about it, but one of the most amazing things happened. I began to explore my opportunities beyond high school. I decided I would pursue journalism because I loved writing.

Everything for me became driven by a reality that I could actually fulfill my dreams. I remember I used to tell people, "I'm going to be a news reporter!" They

would nod and say okay, but I don't think they ever really believed me. The Methodist Home believed me. Their faith in me led me down a strong path of education. One of my greatest takeaways was being told I was smart. I had never thought of myself as being intelligent or capable. I ended up earning my Bachelor's in Mass Communications and Journalism, my Master's of Divinity, and I will be finishing up a Doctorate in Policy and Law soon.

I had never experienced much and The Methodist Home was the first place where I was able to take a trip to another state, where I learned about etiquette, and where I had organized Bible study and went to church. That was wonderful and the beginning of my interest in God. Later in life I would become a minister, I never expected that, but I credit The Methodist Home for sowing those seeds in me.

My life circumstances at the time put me in a situation where I was separated from my family due to varying abuses. My mother was homeless, which made me homeless, we were always getting evicted. The life I was living before would never have led me down this path.



*Theresa on the campus of Gordon College where she works as the Program Manager for Continuing Education!*

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The Methodist Home was wonderful. I had stability, accountability and care. For the first time people cared whether I came home at night, they cared that I went to school. I felt like I belonged, and like I had a huge family. It enabled me to think differently about my life.

The Methodist Home was a great place to begin my healing journey. To be able to raise a family and be a mom, those are things I never saw in my future. But those are all things I

was able to achieve. I do not know where I would be without them. I do not even know if I would be here. **The Methodist Home was life changing for me, I cannot imagine life without that catalyst.**

**Thank you to Theresa Harvard for sharing her testimony with us!**

# A HEART FOR HEALING!



**A**'Money has been a resident at our campus in Valdosta for one year now. While she is only 12 years old, she already knows when she grows up, she is going to be a neurosurgeon.

A'Money loves to read and learn, already preparing herself for the future she envisions. "I like reading new things because the more you read, the more you learn about the world," she shared.

"Reading is going to help me in my future career."

Her fascination with the human brain and her desire to help others were inspired by her grandfather, who battled Alzheimer's.

Seeing his struggle planted in her heart a deep wish to make a difference for people like him.

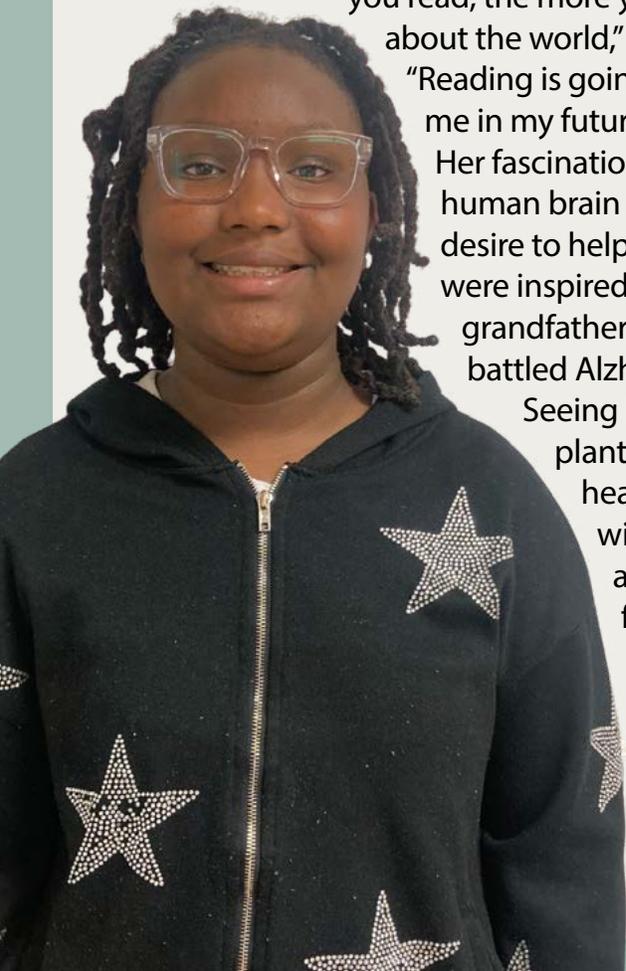
Through Park Avenue Church, A'Money was introduced to Dr. Mackey, a neurosurgeon who helped bring her dream to life in a special way. A'Money had the chance to tour the hospital where Dr. Mackey worked, meet doctors from different specialties, and even view an operating room. She was captivated by all the medical technology, IV bags, MRI machines, and everything in between. But her favorite part was asking Dr. Mackey question after question. She soaked in every bit of knowledge she could.

Now in seventh grade, A'Money knows she has a long road ahead, about 21 more years of school and training, but that does not intimidate her one bit. Every day, she looks for opportunities to learn something new.

Mica Renfroe, Residential Director for the Valdosta campus, shared, "A'Money can do it all! I have no doubt that if she puts her mind to it, she'll be taking care of all of us one day!"

When she is not studying or reading, A'Money loves staying active and playing sports. Her energy and enthusiasm inspire everyone around her.

**We are so proud of A'Money and honored to walk alongside her as she grows, learns, and takes steps toward her dreams. The future is bright for this remarkable young lady!**



# ONE CHAPTER AT A TIME

Ethan has lived at The Carpenter's Way Ranch in Columbus, Georgia for nearly six months. He is really enjoying his time with The Methodist Home and says he finally has space to breathe and space to be himself. He likes having a steady routine and feeling safe. For the first time in a long time, he feels like he belongs somewhere.

Starting at new school can be hard, but Ethan has had a positive experience. He looks forward to his construction and automotive classes, where he is learning skills that feel real and useful. He likes knowing that he is preparing himself for the future in very practical ways. Still, as much as he appreciates what he learns in the classroom, there is something else that lights him up even more. Football.

Ethan plays defensive tackle on his school's football team, and the game has become his passion and, in many ways, his outlet. When Ethan was younger, life at home was incredibly difficult. His mother struggled with addiction, and there were many times when the world felt heavy and overwhelming. Football was the place where he could put all those feelings. When he was angry, he would run harder. When he was upset, he would hit the practice sleds with everything he had. The field became the one place where he could



**"I HAD TO GROW UP AT A VERY YOUNG AGE, SO I NEVER HAD A CHILDHOOD"**

release what he carried and feel strong instead of overwhelmed. Football did not just teach him how to play. It taught him how to cope.

Ethan is hoping the sport he loves might help him take his next step in life. He dreams of earning a college scholarship, but if that dream does not unfold the way he hopes, he has a backup plan that is just as meaningful to him. Ethan wants to become a firefighter.

When he was younger, his house burned down. He still remembers the chaos and the fear he felt. However, he also remembers the firefighters who arrived to help. It inspired him and he thought, one day I want to help someone the way they helped us.



Although he is just a senior in high school, Ethan has already faced more than his fair share of obstacles and challenges. As the oldest of three siblings, he shouldered a lot of responsibility as a child. Ethan raised his brother and sister. "I had to grow up at a very young age, so I never had a childhood," he shared. Ethan was the one who made sure his siblings had something to eat before he fed himself. When he was 13 years old, the family moved to Georgia. Ethan was the one who drove the car, the U-Haul trailer attached, while his mother and siblings rode beside him. He became the protector, the provider, and the caregiver.

Yet through all this, Ethan has never truly lost hope. He has always had faith in God, even if he has not always been the type to attend church on Sundays. He enjoys Bible study with Rev. Lynn Meadows-White, where he can speak freely about his feelings and thoughts.

**"EVERYTHING WILL GET BETTER. THE STUFF HAPPENING NOW IS JUST ONE PAGE IN YOUR BOOK."**

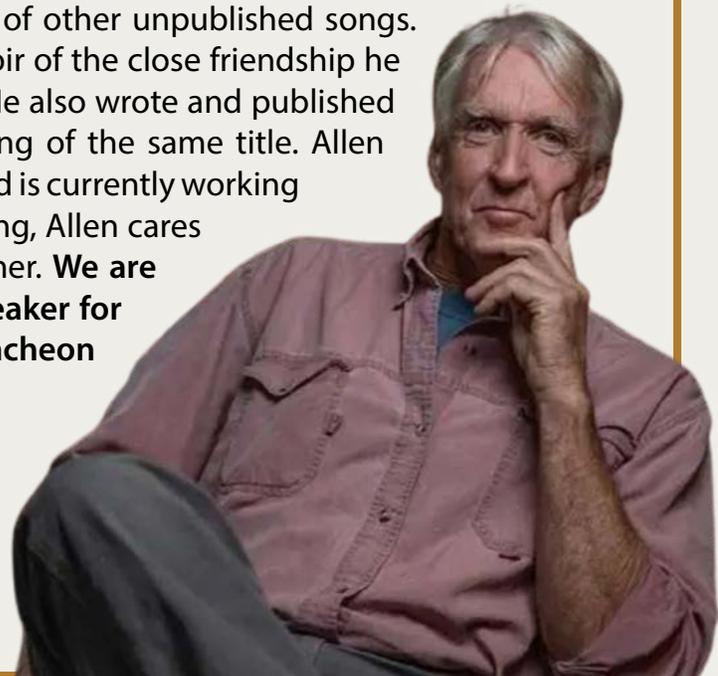
There is something remarkable about Ethan. He has endured more than many will ever know, yet he carries himself with quiet strength and determination. He is resilient, thoughtful, and incredibly kind. His experiences could have made him bitter, but instead, they have made him wise. When asked what advice he would give to other young people facing hard times, he shared, "Everything will get better. The stuff happening now is just one page in your book."

**Ethan is still writing his story, one chapter at a time. Those who know him believe the chapters ahead will be filled with bright hope and strong purpose. Ethan is a true inspiration!**

## **GIVING CHILDHOOD A CHANCE Fundraising Luncheon with Allen Levi**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 | COLUMBUS, GA | 12:00 NOON**

Allen Levi is a songwriter, musician, and author from Columbus, GA. He has over twenty albums to his credit, as well as hundreds of other unpublished songs. In 2014, he published *The Last Sweet Mile*, a memoir of the close friendship he shared with his brother, Gary, who died in 2012. He also wrote and published a children's book, *Oliviatown*, adapted from a song of the same title. Allen published his first novel, *Theo of Golden*, in 2023 and is currently working on its sequel, *Ellen of Golden*. When he is not writing, Allen cares for his family acreage where he lives with his father. **We are delighted to have Allen Levi as our Keynote Speaker for the upcoming Giving Childhood a Chance Luncheon benefiting The Carpenter's Way Ranch!**



For more information about this event, please contact JoAnn Roberts at (478) 751-2898 or [JoAnn.Roberts@TheMethodistHome.org](mailto:JoAnn.Roberts@TheMethodistHome.org)  
We hope to see you there!



# MEET TROY!



**T**roy has been part of our St. Marys campus for a little over a year and has been enjoying life at The Methodist Home. At 12 years old, Troy just started sixth grade and is already loving middle school life. His favorite subject is math, he especially enjoys multiplication and algebra. When he is not solving problems in the classroom, you can

usually find him playing video games, basketball, or football with his friends.

One of the things Troy enjoys most about living on our St. Marys campus is the people. He says everyone is fun and easy to get along with, which has helped him make lots of new friends and feel right at home.

Troy has accomplished so much in just one year. According to St. Marys Assistant Director Myra Manigault, "Troy is very intelligent. He uses good judgment, communicates his needs clearly, and shows strong character." That is reflected in the many awards he has received this past year, including Sanctuary Awards for Emotional Intelligence, Open Communication, and a place on the A/B Honor Roll. Troy shared that earning these awards made him feel proud and confident

that he is making the right choices to build a successful future.

Right now, Troy is excitedly looking forward to Christmas. Last year was his very first Christmas at The Methodist Home, and he still remembers the joy of opening gifts like his tablet, teddy bear, and bean bag. Those simple treasures brought him so much happiness, and he cannot wait to celebrate again this year.

Ms. Myra is incredibly proud of Troy's growth, saying, "He's very helpful, he wants to be a leader, and he has come such a long way since he first arrived." We couldn't agree more! **Troy is an amazing young man with a bright future ahead!**



Troy and other boys from St. Marys at a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball game!

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# From Hesitant to Hopeful!

**W**hen Anyra first arrived at The Methodist Home in Macon, she was unsure and hesitant. The idea of living in a group home felt overwhelming, and it took time for her to adjust. Now, more than a year later, she says she is truly enjoying her time here. "The Methodist Home is really good because there are so many opportunities and experiences you can have. You can accomplish great things with The Home," she shared.

Anyra is in the sixth grade and attends Price Academy on our campus. Her favorite subject is Science because she loves getting to do hands-on experiments. She also enjoys Social Studies, where she learns about the world around her. Even though she is only twelve, Anyra is already thinking about her future and exploring her interests. She has considered becoming a nail technician, a teacher, or possibly even a doctor specializing in cancer care. She has a wide imagination and an even bigger heart. No matter what she chooses, we know she will pursue her dreams with determination and grace.

In her free time, Anyra enjoys playing games on her iPad and reading the Bible. "I did not always like to read the Bible, but when I came here to The Methodist Home, I saw all the Christian things happening around me and it changed my perspective," she said. While she had been around church in the past, it never really took. As she grew older, she started taking it more seriously and she is grateful she was here when she did. Anyra enjoys attending Martha Bowman Church on Sundays, especially when Rev. Mark Magoni gives the message.



Anyra, one of her sisters, and two other girls at the Georgia National Fair!

One of Anyra's favorite things about living at The Methodist Home is getting to have new experiences. Since arriving, she has visited Six Flags, the Georgia National Fair, the Georgia Aquarium, and many other exciting places. Each trip was a first for her, and she loved every moment of it. Anyra also went tubing on the lake and ziplining in the mountains for the first time. She is so grateful for all the memories she is making.

Entering foster care is never easy. Anyra's advice to others who may be going through similar challenges is thoughtful and wise. "Even though it can be hard sometimes, you just have to look at the bright side. I like to think about the experiences I've had here, the way they have helped me, and how therapy has been so good for me. Some people do not ever experience any of this in their group homes or foster homes or even in their regular homes. Always be grateful for what you have."

**We are incredibly proud of the growth and maturity we see in Anyra, her positivity is inspiring. We are honored to walk beside her as she continues to discover who she is and who she wants to become!**

# CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF DR. JEFFERY LAWRENCE

AFTER A 41 YEAR CAREER WITH THE METHODIST HOME, DR. LAWRENCE WILL RETIRE THIS DECEMBER

**D**r. Jeff Lawrence grew up in the quaint town of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. He moved to Atlanta, Georgia to attend Morehouse College where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Finance. After that he went on to obtain his Master's of Divinity at the Interdenominational Theological Seminary Center (ITC) in Atlanta. During his time there he did an internship with the Georgia Hospital for Mental Health and Retardation, part of his internship required Dr. Jeff to work in various departments. He found that he really enjoyed working in the child and adolescent unit most of all. However, he was in seminary to become a pastor or church educator, not to work in children services or social services. Upon completing seminary school, he was on the hunt for a job. They were opening a brand-new psychiatric hospital nearby and Dr. Jeff began employment there. He started working in June and within six months the hospital closed. Not only was Dr. Jeff unemployed now but to top it all off he had gotten married the month before. Very much in need of a job, Dr.

Jeff started answering ads and sending out letters and resumes. That is when he received a call from Dr. Steve Rumford.

Interestingly, Dr. Jeff had never intended to apply for a position at The Methodist Home in Macon. The ad he had answered was sent to a P.O. Box in Atlanta; it was quite a surprise when he got a call asking him to come to Macon. However, while Dr. Jeff may not have known what he was doing, God sure did.

**"It's been my life's work. I live it, I breathe it...this is not a job, this is a lifestyle."**

Reluctantly, Dr. Jeff made his way to Macon. Right away, his first thought was, "there is no way in the world they are going to hire me". The Methodist Home was one of the first agencies in middle Georgia to sign the Civil Rights Compliance Act. Prior to that the state of Georgia was a very segregated state when it came to child services. When Dr. Jeff came to meet Steve and tour the campus, he saw there were no African American employees except for a couple of cooks in the kitchen. To his recollection there were no African American children either, maybe perhaps one. Dr. Jeff thought there had to be a mistake and after interviewing for the position he left and went back home thinking he would never see The Methodist Home again.

About four weeks later, to his utter shock, Dr. Jeff received a call from Steve. The Methodist Home wanted another interview. By this time, Dr. Jeff had already accepted another position. Still reluctant, Dr. Jeff made his way to Macon

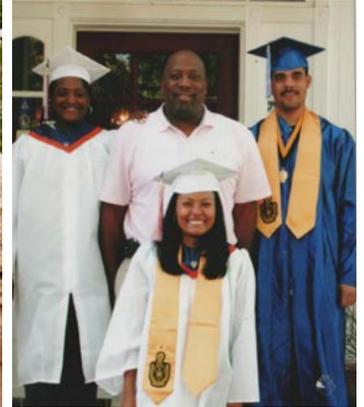
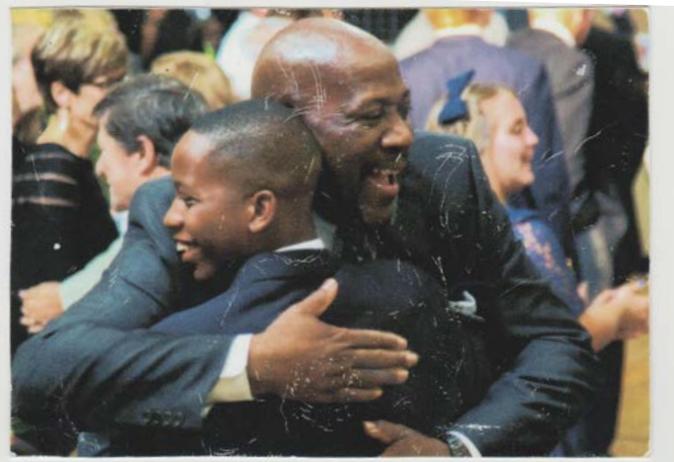


**Dr. Jeff with Dr. Steve Rumford in 2005.**

again. He left with a job offer and a choice between two employers. Today, Dr. Jeff says his presence at The Methodist Home was God ordered from day one. He saw God's hand in everything.

He saw it in his family and children's lives. His kids, William and Kara grew up at The Methodist Home. "I could not have asked for a better living environment for my kids than growing up in this sanctuary. It takes a village to raise a child, and this village served me and helped raise my children," Dr. Jeff shared. "They got the privilege of having an intact family but the exposure to kids who did not. I think it caused them both to be very sensitive to the plight and needs of others." William became an attorney because he wanted to have an impact on the other side of child services. Kara is currently getting her Doctoral degree in Psychology. William is Dr. Jeff's joy and Kara is his heart. "They are probably, short of my wife, the two biggest blessings in my life," he shared. Dr. Jeff's wife, Valerie, passed away in September of 2018. They were married for 34 years. Just like their kids, Valerie was also part of The Methodist Home family, and she loved them just as much as The Methodist Home loved her.

Since he began working here, Dr. Jeff believes he has been fulfilling his purpose. "It's



**Dr. Jeff with Methodist Home children over the years!**

been my life's work. I live it, I breathe it. Steve Rumford said it best, 'this is not a job, this is a lifestyle.' It became my lifestyle. The reason I have been here for 41 years is because The Methodist Home never stopped growing or changing. We were just a little one site agency when I came here. Every time I thought it was time for me to get off the ship and time for me to go in another direction something else came over the horizon. I've worked in one place all my life, but I've probably had as many jobs as someone who has moved three or four times in their career because it just kept changing. I think it was just part of God's plan for my life. I think He had a pretty good plan."

**Dr. Jeff has made a lifetime of impact on countless generations—from the children he has served to the staff he has worked with and mentored. We are so grateful for his legacy of love and leadership!**



**Dr. Jeff with his wife Valerie and two kids, Kara and William!**

# Campus Activities

Thanks to the Hutchinson Family and the MF Hutchinson Jr. Charitable Trust, two of our boys had the opportunity to attend Seacamp in Big Pine Key, Florida earlier this year. They went on boat rides, deep sea fishing, snorkeling, and even took their first airplane flight!



A couple of our girls in Valdosta had a wonderful time at their Homecoming dance. They looked beautiful!



We had a wonderful start to the school year with our annual Prayer Breakfast for our youth. Breakfast was served by our VP of Facilities, Lonnie Bivins and VP of Programs and Services, Dr. Jeff Lawrence. Chaplain Dr. Josh Gale and staff prayed over our boys and girls.



Our boys and girls enjoyed a fun field day during a school break! They played basketball, had a hula hoop contest and spent some time outside playing games.



This fall, our youth had the opportunity to go the Georgia National Fair! They had a blast riding lots of rides and eating tons of yummy fair food!



Our 3K kids at Eagle's Nest Children's Center love going to Bible Study with Chaplain Dr. Josh Gale on Thursday mornings!



The Multi-Agency Alliance for Children (MAAC) provided a Fun Day for our kids! They had a great time making charm bracelets, painting canvases, playing games, eating popcorn, and dancing!

Some of our kids experienced a trip to Universal Studios and the Kennedy Space Center in Florida! We love seeing our youth making memories and enjoying their childhood!



Thanks to a friend of The Methodist Home our youth learned how to play some golf at Houston Lake County Club!

Our kids joined Vineville United Methodist Church to help them pack food for Rise Against Hunger. Their support is helping communities in Kenya. It's amazing to see young people serving!



*Unto us a child is born!*



***"I've never had a Christmas."***

When Elliott\*, one of our residents, quietly shared those words with me, my heart sank. For most of us, Christmas brings back the warm memories of shimmering lights, new presents, and being surrounded by family. But for Elliott, and for some of the other children who come to The Methodist Home, Christmas has never been more than just another day on the calendar.

Can you imagine that?

No tree. No lights. No presents. No wonder. No Jesus . . .

Imagine being a child who has never experienced the simple delight of running into the living room to see a Christmas tree glowing, or the excitement of unwrapping a gift chosen just for you? The thought is heartbreaking, yet it is the reality for some of the boys and girls we serve.

**But together, we have the opportunity to change that story.**

With your support, we can make sure not just Elliott, but every child in our care experiences the warmth and wonder of Christmas. Help us show our children they are seen, cherished, and worthy of celebration.

This year, Elliott will have the chance to decorate a tree for the very first time. He will laugh with his peers as they string lights and hang ornaments. On Christmas morning, he will wake up to gifts wrapped with care and discover the joy of being thought of, remembered, and loved. Most of all, he will hear the story of the birth of the Christ child!

Your gift brings so much more than stockings and presents. It introduces our children to the true hope of Christmas. The hope that came when "Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given" (Isaiah 9:6). The Christmas story has the power to heal wounds and transform lives. This is what your generosity makes possible. When you give, you help provide not only joy-filled Christmas memories, but also the eternal hope that comes through knowing Jesus.

**Will you help us give Elliott, and every child in our care, the Christmas they deserve?**

Please give today and help us show our boys and girls that Christmas is real, that Jesus is real, and that His love and joy are meant for them, too.

Warmly,

Alison Evans, President/CEO

P.S.. Your gift today can turn "I've never had a Christmas" into "**This was the best Christmas of my life**". Please give generously and help us restore childhoods this Christmas season!

\*Child's name changed for privacy.



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# REDIRECT YOUR STATE TAXES TO SUPPORT OLDER FOSTER YOUTH!

## THERES STILL TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 FOSTERING SUCCESS TAX CREDIT!

As a taxpayer in the state of Georgia, you can **redirect your taxes to The Methodist Home** to help youth transitioning out of the foster care system.

Preapproval requests can now be based on anticipated 2025 state tax liability. You must be preapproved before making your gift.

**Questions?** Contact us!  (478) 751-2879

[www.TheMethodistHome.org/Tax-Credit](http://www.TheMethodistHome.org/Tax-Credit)

Please consult with your tax advisor or financial planner.



# DINNER AND A SHOW

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 • 6:00 PM**  
**THE METHODIST HOME, MACON, GA**

Mark your calendars for a fun filled fundraiser featuring the Bee Gees Tribute Band, Bee Gees Now!

"How Deep is Your Love" for our ministry?  
Come show us at Dinner and a Show!

For more information on attendance or sponsorship, please contact JoAnn Roberts at (478) 751-2898 or [Joann.Roberts@TheMethodistHome.org](mailto:Joann.Roberts@TheMethodistHome.org)



# The Road Ahead Looks Bright for Olivia!

Olivia, one of our young ladies at our Americus campus was super excited to get her driver's license this year. She practiced her driving as often as she could with Americus Assistant Director, Mrs. Elizabeth Kloberdanz, who patiently guided her through the process.

When test day finally came, Olivia was nervous but ready. All her hard work paid off when she passed her exam, even surprising herself by acing the parallel parking section. While she feels pretty confident with her new skills, she knows practice will continue to make her stronger behind the wheel.

Learning to drive and obtaining her license was very important to Olivia. She really wanted to have it before going off to college as a step towards independence and adulthood. Now that she is officially licensed, Olivia feels a little more grown up and is already saving up for her first car!

Olivia is incredibly grateful for Mrs. Elizabeth's encouragement and support. "It was very stressful learning to drive, but Mrs. Elizabeth was a very good teacher. She was patient and always knew what to do," Olivia shared, "I know not everyone gets this kind of opportunity. I am just so thankful I had someone there to guide me."

**We are so proud of Olivia for reaching this milestone and we cannot wait to see where she goes from here!**



## BIG IMPACT FROM SMALL HANDS

Earlier this year, the children at Calvary Baptist Church in Macon found a creative way to make a big difference. During their Vacation Bible School, they collected loose change throughout the week, turning it into a friendly competition between the girls and the boys. Everyone participated excited to see which team would collect the most.

At the end of the week, the winning team was announced. The girls took victory and a brave adult church member from the losing team took a pie in the face. Laughter filled the room as the children celebrated not just the competition, but the joy of giving together.

Each year, Calvary Baptist chooses a local charity to receive the funds collected through this tradition. This year, we were honored they selected The Methodist Home. Their gift will directly support our youth, reminding them that

kids in their own community care about their well-being.

What a beautiful way to teach young hearts the importance of generosity while also having fun. **Thank you, Calvary Baptist Church, for choosing our children and showing them the joy that comes from giving!**





2025

# Evening of Hope

**O**ur annual Evening of Hope fundraising dinner was a memorable night filled with inspiration, generosity, and community. Friends and supporters gathered to celebrate the heart of our mission as we continue restoring childhoods, strengthening families, and building brighter futures for the children we serve.

The evening's keynote address was delivered by Jim Morris, former Major League Baseball player and the real-life inspiration behind the Disney film *The Rookie*. Jim shared his powerful story of perseverance, faith, and second chances. His message reminded everyone that no dream is too far out of reach when hope and determination lead the way.



Following Jim Morris, our youth took the stage with cardboard testimonies. The power of their words was felt all throughout the room as people read about each child's life before coming to The Methodist Home AND after. So much healing and growth was shared, but most of all you could see the hope our youth had gained!

We extend our deepest gratitude to the sponsors and supporters who made this special evening possible. Because of your generosity, The Methodist Home can continue providing a safe and loving environment where our youth can not only heal and grow, but thrive! **Your partnership truly changes lives!**

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*Karen C. Shockley was honored as The Methodist Home's 2025 Heroes, Saints, and Legends awardee at our annual Evening of Hope event.*

# 2025 HEROES, SAINTS, & LEGENDS

## KAREN SHOCKLEY

**K**aren's father was serving in WWII when she was born. She was the oldest of four children, and anytime her father had some kind of major action, her mother would take the family back to her hometown of Marianna, Florida. That was home for Karen until she moved to Macon in 1959 to attend Wesleyan College.

She graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in English and married William "Bill" G. Shockley the following year. This year, the two celebrated 61 years of marriage.

After completing her student teaching at McEvoy High School in Macon, Karen was

invited by the principal to stay on as a full-time teacher. Her dedication and leadership quickly stood out, and she was soon promoted to Assistant Principal, an impressive achievement early in her career.

In February of 1971, Karen became the very first Principal of Springdale Elementary School, in Macon. Karen continued her own education obtaining her Master's in English Education at Mercer in 1976 and studied beyond the Master's level, earning an advanced "Education Specialist" degree at the University of Georgia. She excelled at all this while raising two children, K and Anna. Karen

credits her husband for his support, saying, "I had a good husband who didn't mind keeping the kids busy on the weekends." Today, Bill and Karen are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

**"I fell in love with these kids and everything about The Methodist Home. It's one of the most gratifying things I've ever done. It's a cause that I completely believe in."**

Upon her retirement, Dr. Steve Rumford and Methodist Home Board Member BB Cook invited Karen to visit our new Price Academy School here at The Methodist Home campus. She began volunteering for storytelling events,

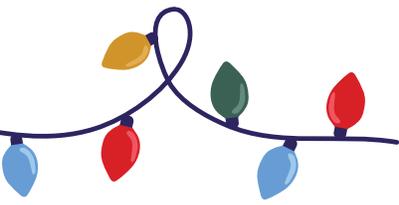
and before long, the children were calling her "Principal." Karen became a vital part of our Admissions team, providing insight and guidance specifically in the educational needs of our kids. When BB moved away, Karen was a natural fit to fill the seat on the Board.

Karen shared, "I fell in love with these kids and everything about The Methodist Home. It's one of the most gratifying things I've ever done. It's a cause that I completely believe in." Karen has served on the Board for multiple terms, she is a faithful member of Vineville United Methodist Church and the Web Sunday School class, which she teaches often. She is a wise advisor, dedicated volunteer, and a generous supporter whose commitment continues to bless the children and families we serve.

**We are deeply grateful to honor Mrs. Karen C. Shockley as our 2025 Heroes, Saints, and Legends honoree! Her lifelong devotion to education, faith, and service truly embodies the spirit of The Methodist Home.**



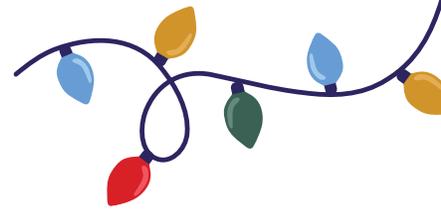
*The Vineville United Methodist Church Webb Sunday School Class with Karen Shockley and guest speaker, Jim Morris pictures third from left.*



# FISCAL YEAR 2025

## The Methodist Home

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Supported **15** young adults in college/tech schools

**165** boys and girls served in residential homes across south Georgia

Served **23** sibling groups through Residential and HOPE Foster Care & Adoption Services

**104%** Residential Achievement in all performance-based contracting standards

**100%** of Price Academy students in 3rd-8th grade achieved regular attendance

**14** youth graduated from high school or obtained their GED  
**2** graduated from college

**HOPE** Foster Care & Adoption  
A Ministry of The Methodist Home

**97%** of youth are stable in placement

**28%** of children served in HOPE were adopted

**104%** Achievement in all performance-based contracting standards



**85** kids served at Eagle's Nest which maintained a 3 star quality rated (highest quality rated score)

**77** church speaking engagements

**33** community speaking engagements

**9,779** hours of staff training

**INFANT & EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**1222 hours** of Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation were provided in the community

Hosted **605** internal and external collaborative gatherings at the Rumford Center



100% of clients treated in Macon reported and 100% of clients treated in Columbus reported *"I would come back if I needed help again."*

**578** clients served

**100%** achievement of Community Behavioral Health Program Key Performance Indicators

**100%** of parents increased parent confidence as demonstrated by the Parenting Task Checklist score

**100%** of clients in the Visitation Program report "gained knowledge skills" through participation in the program



# Serving the Children and Families of Georgia

Nearly 1,000 children, families, and individuals have received various services, including community engagement services, across all locations over the last year.

**Residential Campuses**

- 1 The Methodist Home in **AMERICUS** can be home to 10 girls. 102 Mill Creek Rd, Americus, GA 31709 (229) 924-9550
- 2 The Carpenter's Way Ranch in **COLUMBUS** can serve 19 boys. 1645 Hunter Road, Cataula, GA 31804 (706) 322-5406
- 3 The Methodist Home in **MACON** is the original campus and is available to serve up to 70 children. 304 Pierce Avenue, Macon, GA 31204 (478) 751-2800
- 4 The Methodist Home in **ST. MARYS** can support 10 boys. 3296 Winding Road, St. Marys, GA 31558 (912) 882-7770
- 5 The Methodist Home in **VALDOSTA** can serve 10 girls at a time. 2545 East Park Avenue, Valdosta, GA 31605 (229) 347-1800

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS

The Methodist Home of the South Georgia Conference Inc.  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

REVENUES	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Fees for Services	\$7,817,042	47%
Contributions & Grants	\$5,507,625	33%
Other Revenue	\$1,133,680	7%
Endowment & Trust Revenue	\$2,171,099	13%
TOTAL	\$16,629,446	100%
EXPENDITURES		
Program Services	\$11,987,266	79%
Administrative Support	\$2,513,899	17%
Fund Raising	\$678,291	4%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,179,456	100%
NET OPERATING SURPLUS	\$1,449,990*	

\*Based on Unaudited Financial Statements at time of publication. \*\*Excludes Depreciation Expense estimated to be \$727,921



Hannah Allen accepting a statue with President/CEO, Alison Evans.

**G**rowing up in the Methodist Church, Hannah has always known about The Methodist Home for Children & Youth. Her personal involvement with the organization began when she was an adult and began making regular financial contributions to support the work of The Home. A former pastor invited her to join the Board of Trustees of The Home many years back, however, at the time she was unable to commit to that level of responsibility. A few years later, when approached again about serving in this capacity once more, she eagerly accepted. Since then, Hannah has become more familiar with the work of The Home and the impact of our ministry. Having no children, nieces or nephews of her own, Hannah feels as though The Methodist Home children are her children. She has felt inspired to make a financial gift to support the work of The Home now and in the future and has included The Methodist Home in her estate plans. Because of this commitment, we recently welcomed

Hannah into The McIntosh Society and presented her with a special statue. We are grateful for Hannah and for her choice to be a part of our legacy of love. **If you would like to learn more about making a legacy gift of any type, please reach out to Diane Gilliam at (478) 751-2879.**

# YOU ARE A BLESSING!

## DUNLAP MEMORIAL FUND



Albert Reichert Jr. (center) presented The Methodist Home with a gift on behalf of the **Dunlap Memorial Fund**. Thank you so much for supporting our children! Chief Development Officer, Diane Gilliam pictured left and President/CEO, Alison Evans pictured right.

## LIVING GRACE GMC



Sue Horne from **Living Grace Global Methodist Church** delivered welcome gifts to all of our new residents at Carpenter's Way Ranch. We are so thankful for these continuous acts of kindness!

## CENTRAL GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF MOTORCYCLISTS



Members from the **Central Georgia Association of Motorcyclists** gave an incredible donation of school supplies for our kids! Thank you for making sure our youth were prepared for another amazing school year!

## KIRBY SMART FAMILY FOUNDATION



We are so thankful for the **Kirby Smart Family Foundation** and all they do for our children at The Methodist Home! Pictured: (L-R) Mary Beth Smart, Diane Gilliam, Dennis and Staci Vickers, Coach Kirby Smart, and Lonnie Bivins.

## MOSAIC UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



We are so grateful for **Mosaic United Methodist Church** and their members! Jeanne Lindsey generously donated a basketball goal for our young ladies in Valdosta to enjoy!

## THE BROOKLET COMMUNITY CHURCH WOMEN OF FAITH

The **Brooklet Community Church Women of Faith** blessed our children with school supplies and 121 handmade pillowcases! Thank you to the amazing Pillowcase Angels for sewing every pillowcase with love and care!



## MERCER LAW SCHOOL



Thank you to the **Community Outreach Committee at Mercer Law School** for visiting and spending time with our kids! Our boys and girls had a blast playing games with everyone!

## THE NORTHEAST AND COASTAL DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH



The **Northeast and Coastal District United Women of Faith** gathered at Jesup First UMC to learn and celebrate the ministry of The Methodist Home! Thank you for joining us in sowing the seeds of God's love in the lives of our children! Pictured: (L-R) Rev. Lynn Meadows-White and District President, Kathy Harrell.

## MOMCO OF MACON & FORSYTH



Thank you to **MOMCo Macon/Forsyth** for their generous donation of toiletry items for our youth! Chaplain Josh Gale pictured receiving the gift.

## MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thank you to **Mulberry Street United Methodist Church** for the generous donation of school supplies for our kids! We are so grateful for your support!

## IRWINVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

Recently, **Irwinville Methodist Church** hosted their Annual Quilt Show. They generously gifted us 37 quilts for our children and youth! Thank you for putting so much care and love into these quilts for our kids. Pictured: Candy Sangster delivering the quilts to Macon.



The **Kings Bay CPO Mess** served our kids by coming out and beautifying the St. Marys campus. They did a ton of landscaping and even some painting! We are so grateful for your time and service!



## HINESVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STARS & STRIPES QUILTING GUILD

We are so grateful for **Hinesville First United Methodist Church Stars & Stripes Quilting Guild**, who lovingly created 162 Christmas stockings for our boys and girls at The Methodist Home! Their kindergarten and pre-school kids prayed over each stocking, asking God's blessing for every child who will receive one. Pictured: Pastor Tony and Kim Caldwell delivering the stockings.

# CELEBRATIONS & TRIBUTES

## ANNIVERSARIES (6/01/25 - 9/30/25)

**CHARLES & JEANETTE MCADAMS 58TH**  
Charles & Jeanette McAdams

## RETIREMENTS (6/01/25 - 9/30/25)

**HAZEL HAMILTON**  
Alison Evans

## BIRTHDAYS (6/01/25 - 9/30/25)

**JANICE BARFIELD**  
Sandra Shumate Barfield Williams

**CALVIN COLLINS 40TH**  
Toby & Cecilia Eisentraeger

**KARLYN FIVEASH 98TH**  
Susan McCullough

**LYNDA HARBUCK 91ST**  
Ann Lanter

**EUGENIA "ROCKETT" HENDERSON 90TH**  
Shirley Lanford

**CHARLOTTE HINSON**  
Joyce E. Tucker

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Ann Lanter

**BARBARA LAWSON 84TH**  
Stephen & Nancy Remler

**JEANETTE MCADAMS 80TH**  
Charles McAdams

**KELLY MCADAMS**  
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**SAVANNAH MCADAMS**  
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**SHANA MCADAMS**  
Charles & Jeanette McAdams

**JEAN MCKENZIE 96TH**  
Ann Lanter

**MRS. ELOUISE MITCHELL 95TH**  
Al & Margaret Rogers

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Ann Lanter

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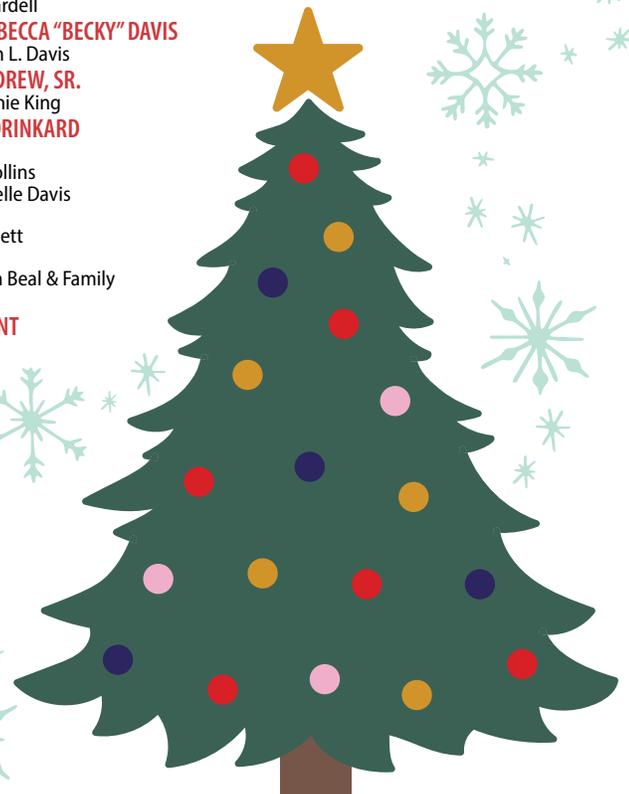
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HOPE is the private, faith-based foster care and adoption program of The Methodist Home.

Our goal is to recruit, train, and support caregivers as they provide children and youth with emotional and physical safety. The experienced, professional team of case workers at HOPE are available 24/7 to offer support and encouragement.





# CAPITAL NEEDS LIST

## MACON CAMPUS:

Social Services Bldg Windows Replacement .....	\$50,000
Landscaping, Shrubs and Trees .....	\$25,000
Vehicle for Church Relations Department .....	\$42,000
Cottage Furniture - Sofas and Chairs .....	\$10,000
Sullivan Cottage Kitchen Renovation .....	\$45,000
New Furniture for Spiritual Life Center .....	\$12,000
Remodel Laundry Room Cabinets and Counters .....	\$10,000
Bedroom Furniture Smith Cottage .....	\$15,000
<b>MACON TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$209,000</b>

## COLUMBUS CAMPUS:

Maintenance Truck .....	\$45,000
Lighting at Basketball Court \$5,000 each .....	\$10,000
New Fence around swimming pool .....	\$10,000
Sofas and Chairs for Cottages .....	\$10,000
Conference Room Table and Chairs .....	\$7,500
<b>COLUMBUS TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$82,500</b>

## ST. MARYS CAMPUS:

Fence around Basketball Court .....	\$6,000
New picnic tables 4 each at \$1,000 .....	\$4,000
<b>ST. MARYS TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

## VALDOSTA CAMPUS:

Furniture for Regional Office Foyer .....	\$3,000
Concrete Driveway Replacement .....	\$15,000
<b>VALDOSTA TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

## AMERICUS CAMPUS:

New Gutters around Cottage .....	\$8,000
New Flooring in Bathrooms .....	\$10,000
<b>AMERICUS TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

## LIGHTHOUSE FOR FAMILIES:

Paint wrap-around porch Vardeman .....	\$5,000
Stripe Parking Lot at Vardeman .....	\$3,000
Renovate Client Bathroom Downstairs 116 .....	\$10,000
<b>LIGHTHOUSE FOR FAMILIES TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$18,000</b>

## HOPE FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION:

Transportation Vehicle .....	\$42,000
<b>HOPE FOSTER CARE &amp; ADOPTION TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$42,000</b>

<b>ORGANIZATION TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$397,500</b>
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## ALLEN CHAPEL

Allen Chapel donated some toiletry items for our girls in Americus! We are so grateful, thank you for thinking of our youth!



## HOST A TOILETRY DRIVE!

By hosting a toiletry drive at your church, school, or civic club, you can help provide our youth with the essential items they use every day!

**1. CONTACT US FOR A LIST**

**2. COLLECT DONATIONS**

**3. DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS!**

For a current list of our highest need toiletry items, email [Sydney.Walker@TheMethodistHome.org](mailto:Sydney.Walker@TheMethodistHome.org)

## MILLER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961

The Miller High School Class of 1961 donated some essential toiletry supplies for our children. President/CEO, Alison Evans (left) helped receive them. We are blessed to have such a wonderful community!



# BUBBA'S NEW SEASON WITH THE FOUNDATION

**W**e are thrilled to welcome Ronald Lee "Bubba" Green to The Foundation of The Methodist Home for Children & Youth as the Executive Vice President!

The southern nickname "Bubba" was affectionately given to him by his father when he was just a young boy. The name has stuck with him throughout his life even in the business world, you can find "Bubba" on his business card.

Bubba and his wife, Jennifer, have been married for 34 years. Together, they have two children: their son Hunter and daughter Hailey. Hunter and his wife, Taylor, are expecting their first child, making Bubba and Jennifer soon-to-be grandparents, a new chapter they are thrilled to begin! Hunter works as a Project Manager for a general contractor in Columbus, Georgia, while Hailey is a CPA based in Birmingham, Alabama.

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After graduating high school, Bubba attended Columbus State University and began working just one month into college. He remained with his employer for 37 and a half years.

After years of prayer and reflection, Bubba felt the Lord calling him toward a new season, he wanted to do something with a deeper purpose. Bubba recalled how the Lord aligned so many things and opened the doors that led him to The



**RONALD LEE "BUBBA" GREEN**

Executive Vice President, The Foundation of TMH

Foundation of The Methodist Home. "What really hit home was when I would think about my own two kids, they have never had to want anything. They have never had to worry about clothes or where they are going to sleep. Every kid deserves that," he shared.

In his new role, Bubba is eager to cultivate and build relationships with current and future donors while getting to know the children and families whose lives are being transformed through The Home. "This ministry has been changing lives for generations," he said. "If I can play even a small part in that legacy, it would be such a blessing. It's fulfilling to see someone's life change for the better, and to know that, through this ministry, they're also experiencing the love of Jesus."

Outside of work, Bubba enjoys spending time outdoors. He loves hunting, fishing, exercising, and playing golf, and makes an effort to stay active every day. He and Jennifer also look forward to traveling, whether it's a trip to the beach or the mountains, and they are especially looking forward to their next big adventure, welcoming their first grandchild.

**We're excited to have Bubba as part of The Foundation team and cannot wait to see the incredible impact he will make as he helps continue the mission of restoring childhoods and strengthening families.**



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