

A woman is shown from the back, wearing a black welding mask with green and yellow flame patterns and a white patch that reads "AWS WOMEN IN WELDING". She is wearing blue protective gloves and is in the process of welding a metal structure. A large, bright burst of orange and yellow sparks is erupting from the point of contact between her electrode and the metal. The background is dark and industrial.

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So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 (NIV)



ALISON EVANS
President/CEO
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Growing up takes time, patience and the power of prayer!

The above passage reflects our hope and prayers for the children we serve, especially those who are launching out into the world of adulthood. We have “offered them Christ” in multiple ways and, in many cases, we rejoiced when a decision to receive Christ was made. We nurture them for a season and pray for them daily.

Like your kids, many of our young people just can’t wait to be “grown.” Freedom from household rules seems quite appealing as does the perceived independence from systems, schedules and obligations. But being “grown” is tougher than it seems. In most cases, “I can’t wait to do what I want” is quickly replaced with “this is harder than I thought.”

In those moments of growth and change, we do our best to stand by our kids and point them back to the wisdom written to the Colossians...**live your lives in Christ...rooted and strengthened in faith.**

We encourage them to think about solutions to their challenges, to reconsider impulsive behaviors and to prioritize their time, abilities and resources toward the goals they have in life. They eventually realize the journey is rarely easy and always involves

sacrifice...a genuine reality of “adulthood.” Eventually, most find a path forward and that is when they fully understand what it means to be “**overflowing with thankfulness.**”

The gratitude and wisdom I see in the eyes of our older alumni often comes with the acknowledgement of the foundational truths they learned here as a child...that God is the Almighty Provider, a Protector, a source of strength and a Savior. And many say, “**Thank you! Without The Methodist Home, I don’t know where I would be.**”

Glory be to God for this ministry and people like you who give so generously in support of God’s children in need. **Thank YOU** for your loving and prayerful support.

Warmly,

Alison Evans

Alison Evans
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EARLIER THIS YEAR...



ERIC achieved what he thought was impossible, he earned his GED! As a foster kid, Eric endured the constant moving from home to home most children in foster care experience. When he arrived at The Methodist Home, Eric learned he would not be able to finish high school with the rest of his peers. While he was a bit discouraged by this news, hope was not lost. When he was presented with the option of getting his GED, he immediately said yes. In no time, Eric passed each one of his exams!

Now, Eric is looking forward to attending South Georgia Technical College in the fall where he plans to study Early Childhood Care. "I want to help the community, especially younger kids so they can grow up to be successful. I know when I was younger, I struggled, so I want to help people that need the help," he shared. Eric truly never thought he would make it this far. "I did not think I was going to be successful because I was always doing the wrong thing. Seeing that I can do the

right thing makes me happy and just proves to myself that nothing is impossible," he said. Eric is incredibly grateful for The Methodist Home and the staff who encouraged him and provided him with a safe and stable home. **We are so proud of you Eric! Congratulations!**

GRACILYNN walked across her graduation stage and received her high school diploma. Just a few months before that moment she was trying to figure out how she would get to school every day. Gracilynn came to us towards the end of her senior year. She was in need of a safe, stable and supporting environment and that is exactly what she found at The Methodist Home.

"Just knowing I have a ride back and forth to school and not having to worry about that has been great. Knowing that the people around here actually care and make sure you have what you need to help you with your future has been amazing," Gracilynn shared.

This fall, Gordon State University will have a new student studying Criminal Justice! Gracilynn is excited to attend college and expand her knowledge. She is so grateful for how The Methodist Home was able to help her cross the finish line so she can continue her educational journey. **We are so proud of you! Congratulations, Gracilynn!**



Gracilynn was awarded a scholarship by Vineville UMC member Doris Batts, in memory of her late husband, John R. Batts. Gracilynn shared, "getting that scholarship was a big blessing!"

MACON AWARDS BANQUET

Our Awards Banquet is a special tradition that honors and celebrates our students' academic accomplishments. More than that it recognizes the growth of their character. So often, when youth arrive at our doorstep they have been labeled as a "bad kid". However, we at The Methodist Home know they are usually just projecting the pain and hurt they have experienced. While they are here, they are able to heal, grow, and thrive. Slowly, but surely, they are becoming the best versions of themselves.

During our Macon Awards Banquet, Director of Campus Life Sterling Royster reminded our kids, **"setbacks do not define a person's future"**. This seemed to be the theme of the

evening as Author, Educator, and Motivational Speaker Ronnie "Tre" Lawson, Jr. shared his inspirational story. After a devastating car accident left him paralyzed from the waist down, he defied doctors' prognoses, relearned to walk, and graduated from college. Despite facing a reality he never expected he continued to write his own destiny. **"There is a version of you the world has never fully seen yet . . . a successful version,"** he shared. As our students came up to accept their awards we clapped and cheered for their perseverance, strength, and their joy.

We believe in our children and are so grateful for the community that loves, supports, AND believes in them as well!



OUR STUDENTS WERE INSPIRED BY SPEAKER RONNIE "TRE" LAWSON, JR.



DAVID* EARNED 4 SANCTUARY AWARDS THIS YEAR. WE ARE SO PROUD OF HIM!
*NAME CHANGED FOR PRIVACY

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ERIC RECEIVED THE MULBERRY STREET UNITED METHODIST ROSSER II SCHOLARSHIP. PRESENTED BY NITA SMITH (L) & BRUCE STANFIELD (R).



WE CELEBRATED 8 SENIORS WHO GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR EARNED THEIR GED THIS YEAR ACROSS 3 CAMPUSES! WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL OF THEM!



ANTONIO RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM AN ANONYMOUS COUPLE AT VINEVILLE UMC PRESENTED BY DR. JIMMY ASBELL.

THE CARPENTER'S WAY RANCH

AWARDS BANQUET

"RIDING TALL: CELEBRATING GRIT, GROWTH, & GREATNESS!"

It is so amazing to see our community lift up and support our youth! Midland Church, our wonderful host, was overflowing with friends, family, teachers, and staff who all came out to celebrate our young men at their annual Awards Banquet. It is so important to recognize the hard work our boys are doing academically, emotionally, and spiritually. The progress we see in our residents can be astounding—all because they had a stable environment and caring adults. It made all the difference.

Huge thank you to Midland Church for their kind hospitality. We are grateful for everyone who came out to celebrate our young men! Your love and support mean the world to us!



THE CARPENTER'S WAY RANCH STAFF AND RESIDENTS POSE FOR A GROUP PICTURE AFTER THE BANQUET!



KALEB* RECEIVED THE CHAPLAIN'S AWARD PRESENTED BY REV. LYNN MEADOWS-WHITE (R). HE ALSO RECEIVED TWO SANCTUARY AWARDS AND ONE ACADEMIC AWARD!

*NAME CHANGED FOR PRIVACY.

AMERICUS AWARDS BANQUET

This year the theme for our Americus Awards Banquet was, *"A strong woman stands like the ocean – calm on the surface, powerful underneath."* A beautiful reminder of the strength and resilience our young ladies carry. We had a wonderful time in fellowship as we recognized the academic accomplishments and the overall growth of our girls. In addition, we celebrated two of our high school seniors who were each presented with the Richard E. Robinson, Jr. Scholarship from The Methodist Home!

A special thanks to First Methodist Church for hosting and to United States Army Veteran and guest speaker Lee McVadon who reminded us that broken seashells along the shore are also chosen. We are so grateful to everyone who came out to celebrate our Americus girls and for the support you continue to give them. We are so proud of these remarkable young ladies!



Our staff and residents gather for a lovely group photo. We are so proud of our girls!



Americus Residential Director Ella Jordan (L), President/CEO Alison Evans (C), and Vice President of Residential Services Cassandra High (R) presented our high school seniors with the Richard E. Robinson, Jr. Scholarship!

Celebrating Ethan!

Ethan was showered with love and support by the Cataula Volunteer Firefighters (C) and Pierce Chapel Methodist Church.



Ethan poses at his graduation with Hamilton Fire Chief Matthew McCracken (R).



Commitments!

We celebrated one of our girls at her Promise to Graduate Ceremony! At her 8th grade graduation, she signed a pledge to graduate high school.

What an amazing commitment to make before starting her high school journey! Pictured with Americus Residential Director Ella Jordan (R).



One of our Americus high school graduates on her signing day for Albany State University where she will be majoring in Nursing!



LEARNING TO LET GO AND GROW

A Lighthouse For Families Story

Responsible high school student, hardworking cashier, and loving big sister, these are titles Chloe holds and uses to describe herself. However, if you had asked her a couple years ago the only word she would have given was "survivor."

Chloe started coming to Lighthouse for Families in 2023 for trauma therapy. Her adoptive parents saw her struggling with anxiety and knew she needed additional support. As a young girl, Chloe experienced physical and sexual abuse, leaving her with emotional scars that felt as if they would never heal.

"I thought my past would always haunt me, but counseling taught me to let it go," shared Chloe. During one of her sessions, she had to write a story about a song that reminded her of her trauma. When she finished writing, with the help of her therapist, they safely set it on fire. ***"I felt so much more at peace afterwards,"*** remembered Chloe. ***"It felt really good and helped me let go of the people who had hurt me and the grudges I had against them."*** She realized she was only hurting herself by holding onto those hard feelings.

This symbolic exercise was just the beginning of Chloe's healing journey. In the last two years, she has learned invaluable coping skills with the help of the Lighthouse for Families team. For so long Chloe had blamed herself for what happened to her, but through counseling she learned to forgive herself. Chloe has begun to see changes in herself that reflect growth. She is no longer distant from loved ones or quick to anger, instead, she is happy to socialize and feels a calmness deep within herself.

"I'm looking forward to being truer to myself, getting to know the real me and continue growing. Without Lighthouse for Families I would have been stuck and without my counselor I would not be able to trust anyone," shared Chloe, ***"I used to feel hopeless and abandoned but now I'm happy. Lighthouse is the best place for me."***



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IGNIGHTING HER POTENTIAL!

After two years at South Georgia Technical College Evelyn graduated from the welding program. Walking across the stage to receive her diploma felt surreal to Evelyn. It was hard for her to fathom how she had gotten this far, but despite her bewilderment, Evelyn knew exactly how she had made it to this moment.

"I definitely would not have been able to make it to this point without The Methodist Home. If I was still back home, I cannot even imagine what my life would be like if I had never come here," Evelyn shared. Back when she was graduating high school, Evelyn could not see a clear future for herself. She remembers how she did not take anything seriously and she did not care about anything. "The Home helped me so much and they changed my mind about a lot of things that helped me grow. They made me realize how important it is to have an education."

Evelyn's favorite part of welding is the ending, seeing how the finished product turns out. During her time at South Georgia Tech, she had the opportunity to work on several class projects like building a new grinding table for her class and working on a grill and some trailer hooks. Every time each project was tested and passed it was such a confidence boost for Evelyn. Of course, there were some learning experiences as well, when she did not pass sometimes, but Evelyn says those moments taught her a lot of patience. Now that Evelyn has finished school, she is focused on finding a place to call her own and beginning her career in welding.

Evelyn has spent a lot of time reflecting on the last couple of years of her life. She is very grateful for the opportunities she was provided with at The Methodist Home. Recently she learned only about 8% of foster care kids graduate from a two-

year or four-year college. Immediately, Evelyn felt proud and happy to know she was part of that 8% but she does believe that number can be higher. We agree with Evelyn!

We are blessed to be able to provide our college students with the adequate aid they need for higher education. Whether it is help paying for tuition, books or having a place they can return to during school breaks, it is an honor to be able to continue being a support system for our young adults.

In just a short time Evelyn has experienced so much growth and change, and we are excited to see her continue her journey.



"MY BIGGEST SUPPORT CAME FROM MR. SHERARD AND MS. SHARIA. HE WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME. IF I NEEDED SOMETHING HE WOULD HELP ME GET IT OR IF I JUST NEEDED HIM TO BE THERE, HE WOULD COME. MS. SHARIA GAVE ME A LOT OF ADVICE, IF I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME IN CLASS I COULD TALK TO HER ABOUT IT," SHARED EVELYN.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE!

Earlier this year Janae graduated with a Bachelor of Science from Savannah State University. She plans to continue her education and currently works with people in need. At the heart of this dream is a deep desire to care for others. Janae wants to be someone who brings healing in moments of fear, pain, and uncertainty.

Walking across the stage to receive her degree was one of the happiest moments of her life. The experience reminded her of her high school graduation in 2021, a moment that also felt impossible at the time. Once again, she stood proud, reflecting on how far she had come and all she had overcome along the way.

Janae's journey with The Methodist Home began in 2018, when she arrived at our Macon campus. "When I first came, I was so angry and hurt by what had happened to me and I was taking that hurt out on everybody. Still, the staff and kids were so kind to me. I realized these kids were going through the same thing as me and the staff actually wanted to help me." Slowly, through that kindness and shared understanding, Janae's heart began to soften, and she allowed herself to open up and begin healing.

"WHO AND WHERE YOU COME FROM DOES NOT DEFINE WHO YOU ARE, YOU CARVE OUT YOUR OWN PATH IN CREATING THE LIFE THAT YOU WANT FOR YOURSELF."

"The Methodist Home helped me heal by being the stability I never really had when I was growing up. It was always chaotic, and I never knew what I was going to get when I went to my house. My childhood was not all bad, but I felt so trapped like the walls were caving in on me. Even

when I finally escaped, I was still hiding within myself. It was not until I came to The Methodist Home that I could finally breathe," Janae shared. That sense of safety and consistency gave her the space she needed to grow into herself and begin envisioning a different future.

While working towards her undergraduate degree, it was important to Janae to share her experience with others. Through her university, she served as a lead mentor for the University of Georgia's summer camp for foster youth. Janae also took the opportunity to speak with graduating high schoolers in foster care, giving them tips about college and resources they could utilize. Janae has really enjoyed her college experience and believes all young people, regardless of their circumstances, can reach their full potential. As she says, "who and where you come from does not define who you are, you



carve out your own path in creating the life that you want for yourself."

As Janae takes the next steps towards her career, she is immensely grateful for The Methodist Home. "They have absolutely helped me get to where I am today. Without them, I do not know where I would be. The Methodist Home truly brought the light back to my life. They are truly a God send," she shared.

Janae's story is a powerful reflection of our mission. The love and care a child receives here, at The Home, can make a vital difference. Because she was able to heal, Janae's light shines brightly. It is a privilege to be a part of her story, and we are so excited to see how she will continue to grow into the person she is meant to be.



JANAЕ IS CONGRATULATED BY INDEPENDENT LIVING COORDINATOR SHERARD WHIPPLE! "I STILL RELY ON HIM FOR ADVICE. I AM SO GRATEFUL TO HAVE MET HIM. HE IS LIKE A FATHER TO ME," JANAЕ SHARED.

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“Where are you God? Why aren’t you listening to me? Why aren’t you helping me?”

These are questions Kiamber would ask herself over and over when she was growing up. Eventually she stopped asking. Kiamber was 14 years old when she lost her faith. At the time her circumstances had brought her to the point where she felt all hope was lost.

However, those same circumstances would also bring her to The Methodist Home in Macon. After two years on our campus, Kiamber found she could once again put her faith in God. Not only had hope risen but she realized God had always been there all along, right beside her.

There was no big event or epiphany that brought Kiamber’s hope back. Rather, day by day and little by little her faith was being restored through the word of God and His church. Kiamber reads her Bible every morning and every night. She also attends Martha Bowman Church with her peers and staff on Sundays. It was these

two consistent acts that over time led to her realization, “God may not answer your prayers right then and there, but He will always be on time.”

This spring, Kiamber renewed her relationship with Christ by getting baptized. It was a special moment filled with joy and hope. **“My faith is important to me because I’m always going to lean on God. Having faith in God is what is going to get me through anything, any challenges in life. He helped me be safe through what I’ve been through. He has always protected me,”** Kiamber shared.

It is such a privilege to help bring God’s children back to Him, to remind them they are worthy and loved by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Kiamber now knows that God has never, and will never, abandon her. It is our prayer that all the children in our care come to see His light and faithfulness. Amen!



Dr. Josh Gale
Chaplain
The Methodist Home

A Message from Chaplain Dr. Josh Gale

Kiamber’s baptism was a special time. She has lived with us for a few years now and has participated in Bible study along the way. She has had a complicated family relationship with her own family, but I have been touched by the many ways she has created and found family here at The Home. One aspect on her journey has to do with the church family she has found, both here and at Martha Bowman Church. She was sure to invite Laura, a singer from Martha Bowman, to come and see her baptism at The Methodist Home.

In our doctrinal document about baptism called *By Water and the Spirit*, we see these words:

In baptism, God bestows upon baptized persons the presence of the Holy Spirit, marks them with an identifying seal as God’s own, and implants in their hearts the first installment of their inheritance as sons and daughters of God (2 Corinthians 1:21-22).

It is a special thing to watch Kiamber decide for herself through God’s grace not only who she is but also whose community she belongs to: God’s. Even through difficult circumstances in her life, with the Spirit’s help, she has already beginning to experience her heavenly inheritance, and what an amazing gift that is!



Direct Care Staff Member Daniel Davis (L) assisted Dr. Josh Gale (R) with Kiamber’s baptism!



Kiamber with Program Manager Sharia Colson and Chaplain Dr. Josh Gale right after her baptism!

A Heart that Made Room for More

A HOPE Foster Care Story

Becoming a foster parent came naturally to Rachel Graham. She grew up watching many of her aunts' foster children. "I saw how they gave love to those kids, and I felt like that was something I also wanted to do," Rachel shared.

Since she began fostering in the fall of 2024, Rachel has been able to provide compassion and understanding for five kids so far. Her first child was reunited with her family and her second placement, a sibling group, is still in her care. Teagan, nine years old, is loving and kindhearted. Her brother Xander is seven years old, and Rachel describes him as an old soul and a sweet little kid.

After giving them a home for nearly a year, Rachel made the decision to make it their forever home. This past June, Teagan and Xander officially

became a part of her family. "When I went into fostering, I did not plan on adopting. But I fell in love with these kids, and I could not imagine life without them," she expressed. Rachel could have stopped her fostering journey there. After all she had two adult children of her own, four grandchildren and now two more kids to love. However, Rachel's heart had room for more.

"...That's what my heart is leading me to do, so I'm going to continue to do it as long as I can, whether it be fostering or adoption."

"I still feel like there are other kids out there who need a home and need the love as well. I have the means to do it and the ability for them to be here. That's what my heart is leading me to do so I'm going to continue to do it as long as I can whether it be fostering or adoption."

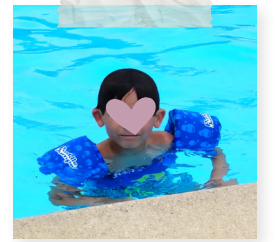
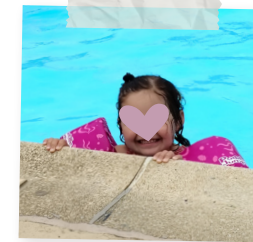
Rachel recently got her third foster care placement, Aiden* (seven) and Kayla* (four), another sibling group. They are in the "getting to know each other" stage, Rachel is still figuring out their do's and don'ts, their likes and dislikes. "The challenge is getting them to the place they need to be, where they are not afraid anymore because of the environment they were in," she explained. Rachel still remembers how scared Teagan and Xander were when they first arrived. For the first week they would not talk or even eat. However, pretty soon they realized they were safe and started to open up to her.

Having patience is key. "The kids often come from trauma, it's not their fault," Rachel shared. Even though Teagan and Xander are living in a healthy and stable home, they still have scars

from their past. But Rachel understands healing takes time and she will be with them every step of the way. A while ago, Rachel noticed Teagan's eating habits. She ate like she didn't breathe, rushing to finish her meals. When asked, Teagan explained that her and Xander used to be put on a time limit and whatever they did not finish was put in the trash. Rachel's heart hurt for her, but she knew what Teagan needed was comfort and time to heal. So, she continues to remind and reassure her there is plenty of food always and when Teagan has nightmares at night, Rachel is there to hold her.

"Seeing them grow is one of the biggest joys," Rachel exclaimed with a warm smile. "To see where they came from to where they are now is incredible." Rachel's hope is that all children in foster care receive the love they deserve and need. She prays for reunification and for safe and loving homes. Her advice is, "if you have the room in your house and the love in your heart, give it. There are so many kids out here that need it and aren't getting it. Listen to your heart because these children need you."

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Kayla & Aiden love to swim!



Teagan, Xander, and Rachel's two grandsons enjoying family vacation!



Xander, Teagan, and Rachel pose together as a family!



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BACK TO SCHOOL!

When Lindsey* was little, she often went to bed with a head full of worries and an empty stomach. As she tried to sleep, she would think to herself, "will I have food tomorrow?"

Lindsey did not have a typical childhood. Like a lot of our children who come to The Methodist Home, her focus was survival. School was the last thing on her mind when her most basic needs were uncertain.

For children in foster care, the road to education is filled with obstacles. Lindsey experienced deep trauma that led to anxiety, exhaustion, depression, and overwhelming stress. Her mind and body were constantly on high alert, leaving little room to concentrate or learn in the classroom. Eventually Lindsey stopped going to school altogether.

After entering foster care, Lindsey tried to return to school, hopeful things might be different. But she still found herself scattered, unsteady, and unable to give school the energy it required. Lindsey had not healed... yet.

When Lindsey arrived at The Methodist Home, she initially resisted the encouragement to return to school. It was not until she started going to counseling that she began to come around. For the first time in her life, Lindsey was living in a safe, stable, and caring home. She was supported. She was healing.

After years of abuse and neglect, Lindsey had started having panic attacks. When she had her first one at The Methodist Home she was surprised by the response. "I was scared, and I had so many feelings rushing through my body, but staff were able to help me calm down, they were there for me and they were very careful with me." It was after this moment Lindsey realized

things could be different. Suddenly, school did not seem so daunting anymore.

Lindsey had a support system, resources, and so many opportunities all because of The Methodist Home and she took advantage of it all. Lindsey was able to finish school and is now working towards earning a higher education. Today, Lindsey no longer lies awake worrying about her next meal or whether she will feel safe through the night. She is enjoying the present and finally looking forward to the future with hope and confidence.

Lindsey was able to focus on her education again because she had a strong support system. YOU can be part of that support system. She had access to resources and opportunities like tutoring, technology, books, etc. YOU can help provide resources that every child deserves.

Soon, our kids will be heading Back to School for a new school year, carrying hopes as well as fears. You have the power to change the course of a child's life. Give them hope, not just for a new school year but for a new life. A life filled with caring and compassionate adults changed everything for Lindsey. With your help, it can do the same for other children. Please give generously today and help restore hope and childhoods for the young people who need it most.

Warmly,

Alison Evans

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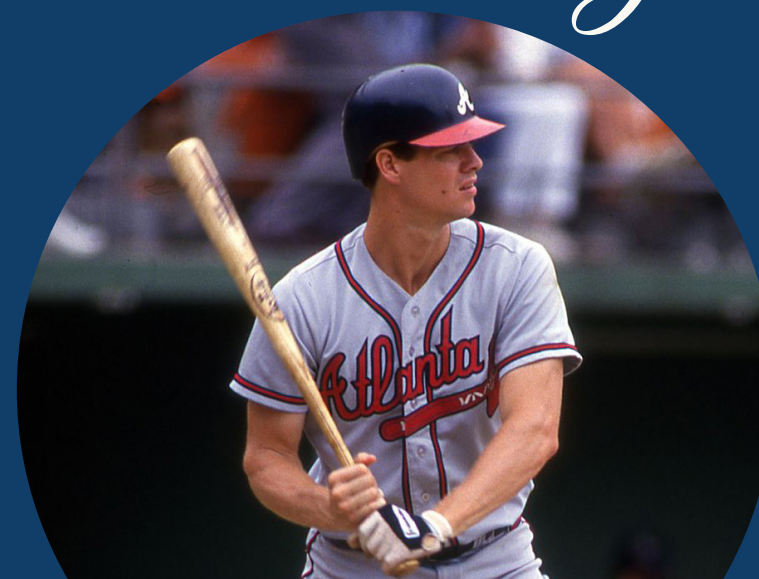
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14TH ANNUAL AMERICUS HOMERUN 5K & FUN RUN IN MEMORY OF JAY WILLIAMS



The Americus Auxiliary Board, staff, volunteers, and residents pose for a group photo after the race!

The 14th Annual Homerun 5K took place in early June. This year we had our biggest turnout yet at First Methodist Church in Americus. Our Americus Auxiliary board, volunteers, and staff worked hard to put together another fantastic race! We are so grateful for the runners who came out bright and early to support our young ladies at The Methodist Home. Each year, it is always so heartwarming to see how the community shows up for our girls. From our faithful sponsors to our dedicated runners, it is easy to see our residents in Americus are cared for and loved. Thank you for helping us restore childhoods one step at a time. We will see you at next year's Homerun 5K on June 5, 2027!



John and Cindy Williams, Jay's parents, participated in the Fun Run!



Every year, our girls hand make awards given out to the runners! What a special gift of appreciation!

HOLY SMOKE BBQ 🍖

Earlier this year, Macedonia Baptist Church hosted the 22nd annual Holy Smoke Christian Grilling Competition in Preston, GA. Once again, a new all-time donation record was set with a total of \$26,850.40 raised! This donation, equally divided between the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Meansville and The Methodist Home in Americus, is a true blessing to our girls. Thanks to the hard work of Macedonia Baptist Church, volunteers, and 17 church teams came together to make this wonderful event happen in support of God's children!



Vice President of Church Relations Rev. Lynn Meadows-White (Front L) with our friends from Macedonia Baptist Church!

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"I just wanted to see if I could write a story," shared Allen Levi at our 2026 Giving Childhood A Chance Luncheon. Allen is a gifted songwriter, musician, and a best-selling author of his first novel, *Theo of Golden*. We were honored to welcome him as our guest speaker at our annual luncheon benefiting our boys at The Carpenter's Way Ranch.

Listening to Rev. Lynn Meadows-White and Allen's conversation, we were moved by the heart he has for our boys and our mission. For some time, Allen has been helping lead Bible study at The Home in Cataula. He has come to know our boys well and continues to support them. **"They have so much potential and if we stand with them, they might realize their potential . . . we never know how much some small little thing we do in life will change the trajectory of a young soul,"** he shared.

We are thankful for Allen's commitment to our boys and blessed to have a community that shows up for them. From our Columbus Advisory Board and the volunteers who helped bring our event together to the sponsors and generous donors who support our young men, together we are giving their childhoods a chance!



Allen Levi poses with boys from The Carpenter's Way Ranch and Residential Director Kerry Glenn!

Dinner & A Show

With disco balls shimmering and bell bottoms swaying, we had an unforgettable evening filled with music, community, and purpose. The Bee Gees Now!, an incredible Bee Gees tribute band, transported us back to the golden era of disco with all the iconic hits that had everyone singing along and dancing the night away.

Some of our youth joined the celebration, sharing their stories and experiencing the joy of a community that believes in their future. Every dance and every song helped support our mission of restoring childhoods and strengthening families. Thank you to our incredible community for putting on your disco best and making a lasting difference in the lives of our children!



Rev. Lynn Meadows-White (L) with The Methodist Home Board Chair Staci Vickers.



The Bee Gees Now! put on a great show!



Some of our kids joined our friend's on the dance floor!

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Eagle's Nest Children's Center Pre-K Graduation!



The graduating Pre-Kindergarten Class of 2026!



Each Eaglet gets to pick out their own quilt to receive at graduation presented by President/CEO Alison Evans (R) and Eagle's Nest Director Christina Chambers (L)!

Families and friends gathered to cheer on our little ones as they walked across the stage to receive certificates, awards, and handmade quilts to commemorate their Pre-K Graduation. We are so proud of our Eaglets and will cherish every moment we spent together. May God bless them and watch over them as they spread their wings and fly!

Coming Home Again

Methodist Home Alumnae Angela (Angie) and Wanda attended Dinner & A Show this year. They enjoyed the event and relished being back where they grew up. In 1966, Angie (6) and her siblings Wanda (5), Randy (4), and Beverly (3) came to live at The Home in Macon. Their mother had several medical conditions making it difficult to care for them. More than anything she wanted all her children to be together and so she brought them to The Methodist Home. As the oldest child, the absence of their mother affected Angie greatly. However, 60 years later she still remembers the comforting words of her staff as they held her in their arms, "you're just going to be alright."

In 1970, after their mother's health improved, Angie and her sisters and brother stayed with their mom for a while. In 1974, their mother passed away and they came back to The Home.

For Wanda especially this felt like a huge relief, if she could not be with her mom she wanted to go "home".

To this day they still reminisce about their childhood. They remember the staff who taught them to embroider and how they learned to swim. They spent their days and nights skating and riding bikes with other children. Christmas time was always a joy filled with presents and traditions. The Home holds so many special moments in their hearts. Angie even came back and got married at the chapel on the campus. So many memories were made! They both agree, "I felt blessed that I lived here."

Through countless generations The Methodist Home continues to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Big Henry Golf Classic

The Big Henry Fund Board recently held their annual Big Henry Golf Classic for their 14th year! The tournament honors the life and legacy of Henry Leslie, affectionately known as "Big Henry" and raises funds for the children and youth at The Methodist Home. We are so grateful to everyone on the board, along with the dedicated volunteers and faithful sponsors, who came together and raised \$28,500 for our young people this year! Thank you for continuing to walk in Big Henry's footsteps upholding the kindness and care he had for our children.



Big Henry volunteers!



Some of our golfers on the green!



The Big Henry Fund Board presents President/CEO Alison Evans (L) a check for the children of The Methodist Home.

PROM NIGHT!



Prom is more than a school dance; it is a highly anticipated milestone for our high school students. Prom night is typically one of the last events a student will experience during their senior year. The last hoorah before graduation. Years later our young people will reminisce about getting dressed up and dancing with their friends. They will remember the pure youthfulness of those memories they created. We look forward to Prom night every year just as much as our young people do. It is a profound delight to help them with their hair, makeup, or corsages and boutonnieres, to be part of such a magical day. The best part is getting to see their wholehearted joy when they smile for a photo, their earnest jubilation on full display.

We are so grateful for the community that comes together every year to ensure our teens will arrive safely and in style! We appreciate how you care for our young people!



Thank you to Bentley & Sons Funeral Home for driving our youth to prom in style and to Dress You Up Formals for providing the tuxedos!



Campus Activities



Some of our boys from The Carpenter's Way Ranch enjoyed a Columbus Clingstone's game!

Catch up with what our kid's did this summer!

SUMMER FUN!



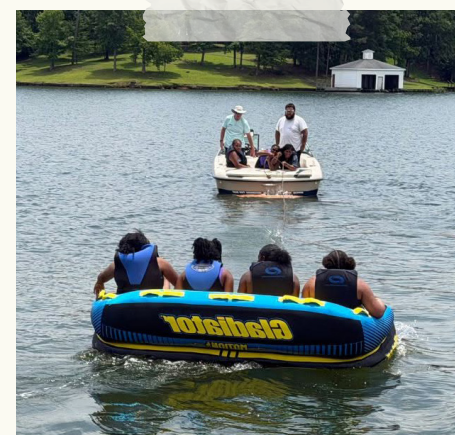
Our girls in Americus had a great time strawberry picking!



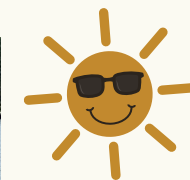
Two of our Price Academy students showing off their tie dye projects!



Our kids enjoyed the great outdoors on some fishing trips this summer!



Tubing on Lake Tobesofkee thanks to Rev. Mark Magoni of Martha Bowman Church!



A group of our youth had a great time enjoying their childhood's at Six Flags this summer!

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The Heart of Georgia Quilt Guild hosted their Biennial Quilt Show at The Methodist Home and donated quilts. Thank you for pouring countless hours of love and care into special gifts of quilts for our kids!



D&D Energy Group gives their employees \$1,000 on their birthday to donate to a charity of their choice! Angela Johnston chose to donate to The Methodist Home! We are so grateful! Pictured with Candy Sangster (R).



Al Stewart on behalf of Trinity UMC dropped off items collected in a toiletry drive for our girls and boys. Thank you! Pictured with Chaplain Dr. Josh Gale (R).



Thank you to our friends from Striplin Terrace UMC who brought Easter baskets for our Carpenter's Way Ranch boys!



Osprey Cove Women's Club of St. Marys raised \$7,000 to support our ministry! Pictured with Brian Yarbough (C).



Thank you to Women In Grace Ministries Inc. who donated socks and a cash gift for our kids! Pictured with Jennifer Tomberlin center (L).



Thank you to The Community Foundation of Central Georgia for a grant to help support the training and educational needs of our staff! (Pictured L-R) TMH President/CEO Alison Evans, CFCG Executive Committee Member Cass Hatcher, CFCG Executive Committee Member Myrtle Habersham, TMH Board of Trustee Chair Staci Vickers, The Foundation of TMH Board of Trustee Member Jan Tripp, TMH Board of Trustee Member Hannah Allen, TMH Chief Development Officer Diane Gilliam, and CFCG Executive Committee Chair Steven L. Kruger.



Thank you to the Nomad Mission Volunteers for volunteering on our Macon campus. This year, along with many other helpful jobs, they restored some of our gazebos around campus!



CEO Alison Evans (L) and Americus Residential Director Ella Jordan (R) received gifts for each graduating senior from Board Member Loida Waters (C), representing Cordele First Church Christian Women's Fellowship.



Neighbors at Wesley Glen Ministries Inc. hosted a drive to provide necessary toiletry and hygiene items to our youth. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

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For a list of our highest need items, email
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CAPITAL NEEDS LIST

MACON CAMPUS:

Landscaping (Shrubs and Trees)	\$25,000
Young Cottage Laundry Room Renovation	\$10,000
Rumford Center Carpet Admin. Suites	\$12,000
Peyton Anderson Cottage Roof Replacement.....	\$45,000
Peyton Anderson Cottage Kitchen Renovation	\$60,000
Collum Cottage Kitchen Renovation	\$45,000
Sullivan Cottage Bedroom Furniture	\$15,000
Smith Cottage Bedroom Furniture.....	\$15,000

MACON TOTAL\$227,000

COLUMBUS CAMPUS:

Lighting at Basketball Court	\$10,000
Conference Room Table and Chairs	\$7,500

COLUMBUS TOTAL\$17,500

ST. MARYS CAMPUS:

New Picnic Tables 4 each at \$1,000	\$4,000
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ST. MARYS TOTAL\$4,000

VALDOSTA CAMPUS:

Furniture for Regional Office Foyer	\$3,000
Concrete Driveway Replacement	\$15,000

VALDOSTA TOTAL\$18,000

AMERICUS CAMPUS:

New Gutters for Cottage	\$8,000
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AMERICUS TOTAL.....\$8,000

LIGHTHOUSE FOR FAMILIES:

Stripe Parking Lot (Columbus)	\$3,000
Waiting Room Furniture (Columbus).....	\$10,000
Renovate Client Bathroom Downstairs (Macon)	\$10,000
New Flooring Upstairs (Macon)	\$30,000

LIGHTHOUSE FOR FAMILIES TOTAL.....\$53,000

HOPE FOSTER CARE:

Transportation Vehicle	\$42,000
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HOPE FOSTER CARE TOTAL\$42,000

ORGANIZATION TOTAL \$369,500



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BUBBA GREEN
Executive Vice President,
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Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

Mark 12:43-44 (NIV)

As I get the opportunity to meet with donors and hear their stories, and how they learned about The Methodist Home, I find that folks are devoted and passionate about the mission of The Home. It reminds me of Acts 2:44-45 (NIV): *"All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need."* In essence, the believers were a community. A community with a common purpose. Our donors are a similar community with a common purpose, the mission of The Methodist Home.

As a support function of The Methodist Home, The Foundation has multiple purposes: financial stability, asset protection and operational flexibility. As a permanent endowment with Trustee Stewardship, The Foundation provides resources for new services, emergencies, and economic downturns. For instance, in 2025 the Rumford Center HVAC system needed to be replaced. The Foundation was able to provide the financial resources to complete the job. The Foundation was established to aid the ministry of The Home in perpetuity.

Donors can support The Foundation in multiple ways. Some gifts have an immediate impact today. However, some gifts provide a future impact. Furthermore, some gifts provide income for the donor.

All gifts matter and are needed to help grow the endowment of The Foundation. I'm reminded of the widow's offering described in Mark 12:41-44 (NIV). In the temple that day, there were large and small gifts offered. Jesus valued both but highlighted the greater sacrifice.

It always takes a community of donors to continue the ministry of The Home, which impacts children for years to come.

If you would like to learn more on becoming a supporter of The Foundation of The Methodist Home, please contact Bubba Green, Executive Vice President, at (706) 536-1070 or Bubba@FoundationMCH.org.

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