

We Want to Say...



In 2021, we continued to persevere and move forward at UMYH to support our youth both on and off campus. We couldn't do all we do without the support of community members like you! The ways that you continued to step up for our organization not only in monetary support, but with efforts like catered dinners for the youth, AmazonSmile donations, and campus clean up truly made a difference! These kind gestures, along with so many others, have shown our youth that they do matter, not only to us, but to you as well.

While many of our youth do not know what it feels like to be loved, supported, or appreciated for who they are, they continue to be amazed by your generosity and the love you show to them in various ways. They are beyond thankful for you! You help to give them the confidence to believe in themselves. Even through the ups and downs of 2021, we still managed to come out with some major wins, not only with the efforts of our youth, but with your continued support!

From all of us at UMYH, we couldn't have done this without you! We look forward to an even better year in 2022!



UNITED W Year S Forumad La 1979 How StillServing

Issue 1 | Spring 2022

Youth Success!

Spring is here! New blooms are emerging around us. At UMYH, a former resident, too, is embarking on a new beginning.

Recently, we had a young man spend 881 days in our residential program. That amounts to nearly two and half (2.5) years! His time at the Youth Home was beneficial-- he obtained his driver's license and graduated from high school! Neither was easy for him because of his lived experiences. And his hard work did not end there. After graduation, he secured a full-time job at a local factory. This new job allowed him to set new goals and achieve them. One of his goals was to save enough money to buy his first car. It wasn't easy, but he did it! His next goal was to be able to live on his own. This young resident saved and was determined to learn life skills to live on his own. Soon after his 19th birthday, he moved into his own apartment! We are very proud of him and his hard work to become a responsible and productive member of our community.

Thank you for cheering on and supporting this young man as well as all the youth we serve! Your prayers and gifts mean the world to our young people. Thank you, thank you!

Celebrate Good Times!

Last year, 2021, showed itself to be a big year. Here are several successes we would like to spotlight:

Our Day Education program is going and growing! We continue to see more youth choosing to prioritize their educations and joining our amazing Day Education instructors in the classroom! In 2021, **9 youth obtained their high school equivalency in our Day Education Program. That's a total success rate of 75%!**

Our Truancy Intervention Specialists continue their hard work in the community. These amazing members of our staff helped support the academic improvement of 103 students!

Did you know Residential Counselors support youth in the Resident Programs around the clock? We put in work 24/7 to **support 38 at-risk youth** to graduate from our program and go out into the community as capable and strong individuals!

Thank you to all of our staff and community members who make these wins possible!





Issue 1 | Spring 2022





The "New Beginnings" for our Girls Home!



This past September, we broke ground for the build of our new Girls Home. Brian Stevens and his team took this new addition to our campus from the ground up and literally raised the roof in a matter of days!

Even after all of the setbacks due to the pandemic, the girls are getting more and more excited as they watch the new build take shape. They are anticipating the day that they'll get to officially move in!

Not only have we seen major moves with construction, but, after being voted on by our Board of Directors and staff, we officially have a name for the home: *New Beginnings*! This is an exciting advancement for our campus expansion and makes this new home even more of a reality! **This expansion is all because of your support, and we are so grateful for you!**

Follow us on social media to see more updates on "New Beginnings"!











2521 N. Burkhardt Road Evansville, IN 47715 www.umyh.org



Calling All Volunteers!

UMYH would not be able to continue to support at-risk youth without the amazing efforts from our committed volunteers!

We had over 50 individual volunteers come out to our campus in 2021 and helped make it a beautiful place to be both on the inside and the outside.

We are always looking for volunteers to come to our campus. If you or your organization are interested in finding a way to make a difference in the lives of our youth and our campus, reach out to our Development Team at 812.479.7535 for more information! Or, follow us on social media.

Earbuds, MP3 Players
\$10-\$25 gift cards
Recreational gift cards
Hoodies: M-XL
Basketball shorts: S-XL
School Supplies
Basketballs & Air pumps
outdoor storage bins
House Shoes: Male & FM
umbrellas
Individual breakfast items

If you would like to make a gift in honor or memory of your loved one, make a note on your remittance envelope or as part of your online donation.



Gary Schaar William & Lyn Penland

Beth Storms, Naomi Cook, Julia Georgesen, Mary Ann Walther, Diane Schroeder, & Patti Sensmeier Jo Anne Furniss

> **George Purnell** Joe & Eugenia Groves

Keith & Naomi Petteway Xina Leggett

> **Lewis Plane** Leah Bossart

Jarmon & Pat Perkins Jim & Margie Smith

Pastor Suzie Hemmer Fletcher Chapel Church



Adam Wade Pamela Wade

John W. Engle Janice Engle

James B. Herrington Philip Herrington

Sean D. Weigand Mary Alice Weigand

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Crawford Jane & Dennis Glancy

> **Jan Smith** Joyce Smith

Rev. Al & Pat Hawkins Chester & Darlene Rycroft **Logan Gentry** Butch & Gayle Thorpe

Jim Prickett Harriette G. Alley

Dorris Lagow Sally & Larry Pack

Jim & Emily Fowler Catherine & Dennis Renner

> Kay Klipsch Jim Klipsch

Class Members Trinity UMC - Altha Plane Bible Study Class

For gifts received Nov. 2021- Jan. 2022 Issue 1 | Spring 2022





GREAT GRANT-ITUDE

One positive thing about difficult times is the opportunity created for heroes to emerge. We're blessed to serve in such a caring community full of people, businesses, and foundations who see the value in the youth we serve and services we provide. Thank you to all of the grantors who swooped in and helped save the day!









United Methodist Youth Home 2521 N. Burkhardt Rd. Evansville, IN 47715 www.umyh.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NONPROFT ORG. U.S. Postage PAID Evansville, IN Permit # 3014

The United Methodist Youth Home, Inc., and its employees do not discriminate against youth or employees because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, disability, citizenship status, or any other basis prohibited by law.



