

Helping At-Risk Youth Become Responsible
& Productive Members of the Community



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Summer Expressions

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New Beginnings Girls Home

Join us for an Open House!

Sunday, August 14 | 1-3pm

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME
INAUGURAL

BLOCK

party

Friday, Sep 23 11am - 1pm
On UMYH Campus

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New Faces of UMYH

We are so excited to have several new individuals join our team this month! Help us give a warm welcome to Shelby, Laura, Egon and Sara as they dive in to the work of supporting at-risk youth in our community.



Shelby & Laura
DEVELOPMENT TEAM



Egon
RESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR



Sara
DAY REPORTING INSTRUCTOR

United Methodist Youth Home Participates In Governor's Public Health Commission Panel Discussion



Pictured Above: Dan Evans, Rich Lapinski, Sean Mcrindle



The Governor's Public Health Commission just wrapped up its statewide series of listening tours this past March; tours included sector leaders, elected officials, and citizens who examined strengths and weaknesses of Indiana's public health services.

Among several focus-topics discussed was the integration of childhood and health services—an important area to support our young people! UMYH's very own Kelly Salee, Executive Director participated as a thought partner at the March 31 panel.

Thank you, Kelly, for your dedication to the mental health and success of our community's young people!

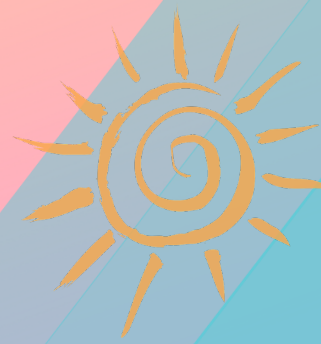




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An important part of our mission is to support young people so they can find a pathway to success—not just during their time in UMYH programs, but as they transition to independence and adulthood. This month, we are proud to feature a young woman who found direction to a brighter future through UMYH.

Tabitha was placed at UMYH in 2017 through DCS and remained in placement for 6 months. During her stay at the girls' home, Tabitha was a role model resident and completed the residential program. After leaving UMYH, she graduated from Castle High School. Tabitha recently turned 22, is now the mother of a 1-year-old boy, works at Premier Tan, and lives in her own apartment with her boyfriend and child. Tabitha still keeps in touch, and even visits us with her baby from time to time!

Congratulations, Tabitha! We are so proud to be part of your progress, achievements, and the beautiful life you are living today.



"UMYH provided me with support during the most difficult time in my life and continued that support after I left the program. They helped me learn life skills and build positive relationships." - Tabitha

**January-May
2022**

Day Education

29 Students

5 Graduates



Residential



**26 Youth
served**

Truancy



59 Students





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Directing memorial gifts to charitable organizations is a meaningful way to share the legacy of a loved one while making a positive impact in the lives of others. This past spring, we had the honor of being chosen to receive contributions to celebrate and remember those who supported the UMYH mission with their time, talents, and financial giving. You can read their stories below.

Leave a Legacy with

MEMORIAL



GIVING

“Joe Mack” Miller gave the majority of his years on this earth to serving. A minister for over 60 years serving six churches, Joe always created and grew the youth program. He and his wife, Janice, were foster parents to more than 50 children throughout their lives. He developed a passion for young people after seeing so many in need who were “turned away” by their parents, churches, and support systems.

Because of this, he was an integral founder of the United Methodist Youth Home. Joe Mack believed in showing the love of Christ through DOING alongside people—not just preaching. After the United Methodist Youth Home was founded, Joe continued to show support by picking up the residents and bringing them to church to ensure they knew they were welcome. One of his final wishes was for everyone to “Cherish Your Family”.

Rev. "Joe Mack" Miller



Pictured is Rev. Miller building the original Girl's Home in 1979.





Joyce Schaar



Joyce E. Schaar lived her life courageously, with integrity, and in service to others. She loved her community—at-risk youth in particular—and was loved in return. Joyce's connection to UMYH spans two generations! Her father, Charles Woodruff, was employed at the Youth Home as a maintenance man during the Home's early years. Joyce grew up witnessing her father's passion for young people in need. This instilled in her a lifelong love for the Youth Home and children.

Today, Joyce's family honors her memory by continuing this multi-generational tradition. When Joyce passed this February, it was a natural decision for her husband, Reverend Dr. Gary Schaar, and family to request memorial contributions to support the mission of the United Methodist Youth Home.



Aleta (Apple) Ritchey

Aleta Fern (Apple) Ritchey of Evansville was an inspiration to all whose lives she touched. As a member of Aldersgate UMC for 45 years, she served on several committees to make a difference for others. She loved Sunday school and bible study classes, which helped her grow in faith and friendship. It was through these groups that Aleta became connected with United Methodist Youth Home, first volunteering on campus and later giving back to the youth programs financially. Aleta believed deeply in the United Methodist Youth Home's mission. Through her work and volunteerism, she was a living example of servant leadership. In memory of Aleta and her love of the outdoors, UMYH has planted two apple trees in the campus garden where young people learn how to grow, harvest, and prepare fresh produce, as well as the importance of healthy eating.





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In Memory of

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Given By

Thelma & Eddie	Charis Foundation- Charley & Beth Storms
Sylvia Stewart	Beverly Emjoff
Sean D. Weigand	Mary Alice Weigand
Sandy Melton	Deshay Melton
Majorie Harry & Bette Keasling	Cristie Harry
Linus & Helen Schenk, Betty Messersmith	Ron Messersmith
Libby R. & Eloise S. Burress	Kent Burress
Jerry & Esther Mohr	JoAnn Davis
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Chieng Cun	Va & Doug Cun-Howie
Donald Carroll	Misha Engleman
David J. Dixon & Carol Joyce Dixon	Kathy Ellerbrook
Charlotte A. Thompson	Richard & Jeannette Oakley
Cameron Foster	Kelly Foster
Bob Bromm	Diane Bromm
Billy L. Kruse	Beverly Kruse
Alice & John Walton; Mabel & Niels Georgesen	Julia & Steve Georgesen
Nathan Gentry	George Thorpe

This year, we invited you to consider giving in honor or memory of your loved ones with a contribution to our Annual Fund. The United Methodist Youth Home is open every day of the year; our staff members are here around the clock to serve children whose needs are just as great in May as they are in December. These gifts help sustain our programming and exceptional service during a time of the year when giving is not as strong.



Ephesians 6:1-3

In Honor of

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Given By

Sue Hollen	Melissa Hollen Gaines
Ron & Joyce Messersmith; Gary & Jennifer Salee	Gary Salee, Ron Messersmith, Kelly Salee
Douglas, Sr. & Pat Howie	Va & Doug Cun-Howie
Allison & Austin Harrison	Ruth Laney
Diane & John Schroeder	Tom Heaton

*For gifts received
April 2022- June 2022*





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While financial giving is important, personal contributions of time and resources can be just as impactful for nonprofits! In-kind services, goods, and volunteerism allow us to continue supporting at-risk youth: from donations of snacks, hygiene items, and clothing, to help with campus gardening, landscaping and home economics sessions for young people—there is something for everyone at UMYH!

- Indoor/Outdoor Needs
- Media Kit Assembly
- Landscaping
- Pressure Washing
- Painting

**Volunteer
on
Campus**

**Organize a
Supply Drive**

**Live and Learn
Workshop/Talk**

- Job / Expertise
- Hobby
- Art techniques
- Life Story

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Supply Drive

NEEDS

Items Needed:

- ✓ Boys & Girls Slide sandals
- ✓ Boys and Girls Ankle/Crew socks
- ✓ Boys Belts
- ✓ Art Supplies all types
- ✓ Books- Teenage level
- ✓ Mp3 Players
(no camera or internet access)

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In 2021, over 50 individual volunteers visited our campus and helped us make UMYH even more beautiful—both inside facilities and outside on exterior and landscaping.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you or your organization are interested in making a difference for young people or improving our campus, contact our Development Team at 812.479.7535 or follow us on social media.





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