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MCH RECEIVES NATIONAL REACCREDITATION FROM COA

Methodist Children's Home President/CEO Tim Brown received notification from the Council on Accreditation (COA) that MCH has earned national reaccreditation.

"This reaccreditation is a testimony to the outstanding service of all our employees as we work together to offer hope to children, youth and families at the highest level," Brown said. "This is a 'job well done' to everyone involved in our organization and serves as an assurance to our benefactors and those we serve that MCH is operationally, programmatically and financially sound and worthy of their trust."

Brown expressed appreciation to the many staff members across MCH who prepared for nearly a year for the accreditation review, which culminated in a COA on-site peer review team which examined nearly 800 standards for accreditation.

The comprehensive accreditation process evaluates in detail all areas of operations, including governance, ethics, policies and procedures, financial practices, fundraising, childcare programs and services, risk management, human resources and many other areas. Information is gathered from direct observation, surveys, policies, practices, licensing compliance, and face-to-face interviews with children, families, staff, board members, local businesses, contractors, and donors.

According to COA, organizational accreditation demonstrates accountability in the management of resources, sets standardized best-practice thresholds for service and administration, and increases organizational capacity and accountability by creating a framework for ongoing quality improvement.

MCH annually serves more than 6,000 individuals through residential programs in Waco and a variety of community-based programs through 13 MCH Family Outreach offices in Waco and other communities in Texas and New Mexico.

COA President/CEO Richard Klarberg commended Brown for the longstanding tradition of excellence achieved by MCH.

"Reaccreditation is a tremendous achievement that demonstrates that your organization is recognized as a provider that continues to successfully implement high performance standards and, as such, is delivering the highest quality services to all of its stakeholders," Klarberg said.

Based in New York, COA is an independent, nonprofit accreditor of the full continuum of community-based behavioral health care and social service organizations in the United States and Canada. COA accredits more than 2,000 private and public organizations worldwide. MCH has been successfully reaccredited by COA every four years since its first accreditation in 1986.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



Tim Brown

I am always inspired and my spirit is lifted when attending Sunday services in the Harrell Memorial Chapel on our Waco campus. In addition to a challenging message from one of our Spiritual Development ministers, I enjoy being led in worship by our young people who take an active role in ministry through singing, playing in the praise band, preaching, reading Scripture, dance, and art.

The expression of worship has certainly evolved over the decades at MCH, but it is a reminder to me of our long history of identifying and meeting the spiritual development needs of those we serve.

Faith and spiritual development have been a mainstay for this organization, ever since the founding of MCH in 1890 by two Methodist ministers. Old black-and-white photographs show us images of sunrise services in the outdoor amphitheater of the Haynie Garden in the 1930s. In addition to on-campus services, older children would attend state assemblies and leadership events sponsored by the Methodist Church.

An emphasis on spiritual community is strong at MCH; today, just as in years past, young people gather for daily devotions in their homes led by staff, home parents or peers. As a staff, our faith carries us in our commitment to offer hope, healing and restoration. We want all those we serve to know they are prayerfully supported by this ministry and the time, talents and treasure of friends like you.

In the last two decades, our young people have had opportunities outside the boundaries of MCH to serve the body of Christ. Each summer, youth participate in mission trips sponsored by U.M. ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth), CTCYM (Central Texas Conference Youth in Mission) and in partnership with great missions-minded Methodist churches that have invested in MCH.

In this issue of Sunshine magazine you will read about the continued growth of certain aspects of spiritual life at MCH and how our Spiritual Development team engages our children. Through creative methods, they create space for them to learn about Christ while also providing avenues for them to mature spiritually and walk out their faith in this nurturing, Christian community.

We are thankful for the opportunities afforded to our youth at MCH. It is a direct testament to the many friends of MCH who believe in our mission and whose faithful support makes it possible for faith and hope to abound. Your support helps us offer life-changing opportunities for children, youth and families to experience God's love in a real and personal way. Thank you!

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From its founding, Methodist Children's Home has provided opportunities for children, youth and families to grow in their understanding of God's love and in the spiritual gifts they have been given.

Through the years as MCH has adapted its programs and services to meet the needs of others, the opportunity for spiritual development through the building of intentional, meaningful and healing relationships has remained a constant.

Pictured here are (back row from left) Armani, Gabi, Nikkie, Camray and Faith who all serve on various ministry teams and are involved in planning and leading services each week.

Cultivating GROWTH

According to Spiritual Development director Kim Clark, the Spiritual Development (SD) team serves as the local church for the MCH community.

"We are equipped to intentionally meet the youth where they are, physically, spiritually and emotionally," she said. "It is my hope that we, as the SD team, are a tangible reminder of God's call and that our actions, words and programs communicate the love and grace of Christ."

Ron Britton, MCH minister, believes that SD can impact every aspect of the MCH organization.

"Spiritual Development strives to remind all people that they have purpose here that is much larger than they know," said Britton. "Students have an opportunity to change their lives, plant faith and let it grow. The staff have a sacred call to be a part of our mission, to show the love of Christ to these students, to the community and to each other. We strive to represent Christ in the lives of everyone we are blessed to meet."

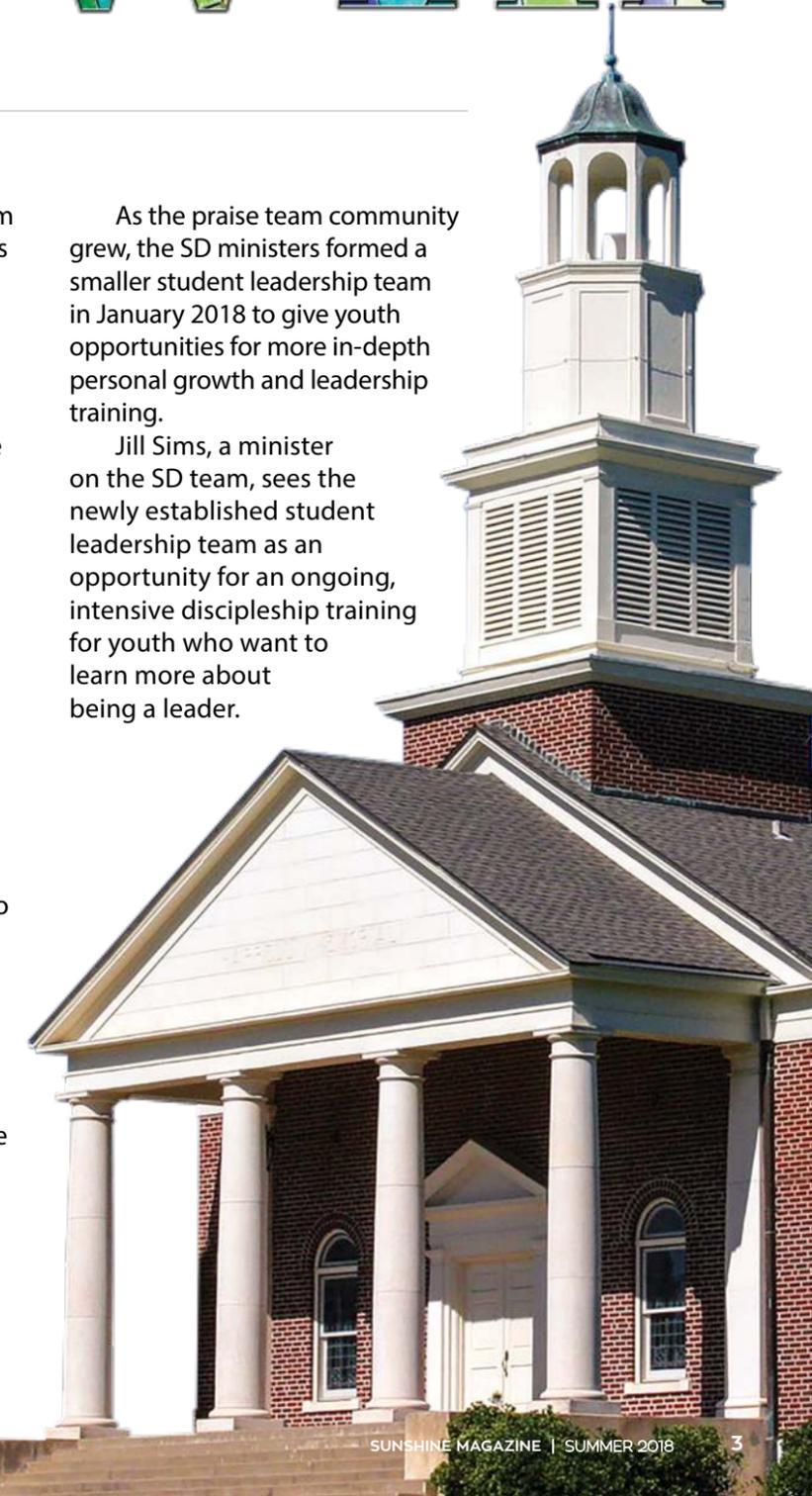
As the team seeks to remind people of their value and potential, new programs have sprouted to allow MCH youth even more involvement with the spiritual development process at MCH.

In recent years, MCH organized a student praise team to encourage youth to claim and grow in the gifts they have been given. Interest grew and this year 60 young people applied to join the team to participate on Sundays during the MCH chapel services.

The group now makes up the worship choir, worship dance team, sound and lighting team, and supplemental vocalists, soloists, instrumentalists, Scripture readers, and rappers.

As the praise team community grew, the SD ministers formed a smaller student leadership team in January 2018 to give youth opportunities for more in-depth personal growth and leadership training.

Jill Sims, a minister on the SD team, sees the newly established student leadership team as an opportunity for an ongoing, intensive discipleship training for youth who want to learn more about being a leader.





MCH Spiritual Development team (from left): Kim Clark, director of Spiritual Development; Jill Sims, Ron Britton, and Ahmad Washington, Spiritual Development ministers.

Student Testimony KIAYANI

My life was once bad. When I was younger I was abused and bullied and was eventually taken from my situation with my younger siblings by CPS. We moved from family to family and eventually were taken by a half-sibling's parent and I was treated like family. After a year of living with them, it became clear that the best thing for me would be to move to Methodist Children's Home due to the trauma I had gone through. At first, it was hard to live at MCH, but it has grown on me. I have had little problems at MCH, though I am not perfect. After coming here, I started going to church. I now listen to what the pastor tells us about God and Jesus. At first, I did not care but then I started to believe that God is my Lord and Savior. Almost two years later, I can see that I might have trouble, but I can learn. I started to practice how to pray. I have started to join activities like the student leadership team, and I go to church on Sundays to worship the Lord. I am glad to be at MCH.

"Our leadership students meet once a week to discuss servant leadership, standards of behavior, the power of influence, and how to encourage others," said Sims. "The group also focuses on exploring different types of leaders who have made a difference in local communities and around the world."

In the summer, youth on the leadership team attended a performance featuring an artist and storyteller who used music to share personal stories of overcoming adversity as well as to advocate for social justice and equality. Youth also watched and discussed a documentary that showed how other leaders have used their God-given creative skills to lead others and evoke positive change in the world.

Providing yet another avenue for youth to be involved in spiritual formation, the SD ministers created a youth-led worship planning team.

"Our goal in building a student planning team was to bring together youth from different backgrounds who have a heart for worship, who care about the worship in our congregation and who want to see growth in our congregation," Sims said.

"We want the students to bring their backgrounds with them to the MCH worship space to create worship that represents all MCH youth."

Once a month, the MCH ministerial team meets for a full afternoon with the worship planning team. The SD ministers bring with them their prepared sermons for the next month while students come prepared to brainstorm and plan the upcoming worship services.

"Each student at MCH has a different background and different story to share," said Sims. "It would be foolish to think that I, from my singular worldview, could plan a worship service for such a diverse congregation."

The monthly planning meetings are a space for collaboration. During the meetings, SD ministers go over the planned Scriptures with the students and youth are encouraged to think critically about the words. The group works together to find sermon illustrations, supporting text, song ideas, and supplemental spiritual expressions for the sermon that they believe will connect and resonate with their peers.

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-JILL SIMS
Spiritual Development Minister

"This is a chance for the whole congregation to say something to God," Sims said. "This group gets to act as the voice that leads our congregation by the planning they do. We strive for worship that tells the truth and that accurately represents how our congregation would express it."

Beyond acting as student planners, the youth who have taken on this role grow in communication, critical thinking and relational skills, receive worship

Student Testimony MADISON

I have changed a lot in a good way since being at MCH. I grew up in different homes and it was very hard and I was eventually adopted. In time, my brothers and I came to MCH. When I came here I was a very shy girl but since being here people have helped me not be so shy. I have faced challenges, like no longer being with my brother, and that has been one of the hardest things ever for me. To this day things can still be hard, but while being here I have come to realize even during the toughest things ever, we shouldn't give up. It is going to be OK because God is good and He still loves you. I've learned that if God takes people you love out of your life, it isn't because of something you did, that person just might need something else and to heal in a different way. I now see that God wanted me to see what I needed to work on instead of worrying about my brother.



Youth on the worship planning team meet with SD ministers to share ideas about aspects of worship services and draw inspiration from Scriptures that will be shared in weekly sermons (below).



education and form an understanding about how church worship is planned.

"This is a space for youth to grow and foster new relationships, existing relationships and their spiritual relationship," said Britton.

Complementing the process, youth at MCH are also given encouragement from other leaders in the community.

At the end of the spring 2018 semester MCH held a Student Worship Workshop. Individuals from Baylor University, Truett Seminary, Waco School of the Arts, Lake Shore Baptist Church, and MovementUP, an

organization aiming to impact the lives of students, volunteered to invest in MCH youth.

The volunteers spent their time teaching, positively refining and affirming various aspects of worship that would later come together as elements of the first fully student-led worship Sunday at MCH.

Praise team students participated in other classes during the workshop, including preaching and public speaking, rap, spoken word, dramatic Scripture reading, piano, and voice. Rehearsals were held for worship choir, worship dance and the full praise team.



During the Student Worship Workshop, MCH youth learned from ministry leaders in the community about various aspects of worship.



shared their testimonies with the congregation. Words of healing, freedom and growth were proclaimed through song and dance.

Washington believes there is healing found in sharing personal stories, for the storyteller and for the people who receive the story.

"It is evident that God is moving here, and there is light that is available along this journey for our youth," he said. "We do not need to look for the light at the end of the tunnel at MCH. There is light now, where our youth are. God is here. He is sprinkling His love and grace now, giving glimpses of His glory."

The MCH Spiritual Development team works year-round to facilitate opportunities for youth to explore and grow in their faith in new and engaging ways. Summers at MCH are full of mission trips, outings, classic recreation activities, and camps. This summer, SD also provided piano basics, preaching group, visual art as worship, music production, creation care, and mini praise team retreats.

"Our youth are capable of so much," said Sims. "It is amazing to see our students' grit because of the places they've been. When they come together, they are a community. When they work together to show God's love, it is powerful. There is so much hope."

Looking past all the programs and opportunities happening at MCH, it is clear to the ministers that God is present in this organization.

Student Testimony AKIA

In my life I've faced many struggles and insecurities. There have been times where I questioned my worth and my life. In the 8th grade I had bad mood swings and eventually decided to stop going to school which led me to MCH. At first I didn't want to go, but I just wanted to get away from where I was. Fast forward to now, I've made new friends and I've lost some, but I feel like my life is improving. Before MCH, I only prayed when I was in trouble, but now I pray actually just to feel acceptance. There are staff here that take time out of their day to make me feel wanted, loved and nurtured. I have met a lot of amazing people and I'm working on a gift I did not know I had. I'm just like a normal teenager, still living life and learning. I 100 percent put Jesus ahead in my life. I completely understand life is not easy and it takes time to get better. I am willing to go through it all to be successful in my life.

Student Testimony CAMRAY

I was born and raised in church but at the age of 8 God shined in me and came into my life. He even begun my dance ministry and over the years I've had a lot of growth. God has given me many opportunities here at MCH. I have learned that the devil always expects me to fail, but God has always had a plan. There are days I question everything, but I know in my heart that there is a God who has much more for me and He's even broken chains of ungodly things. It is because of God that I am here today. The devil tries to make you fail and get you to believe that you are less than you are, but I know that I am not less than what I am. I thank God for the confidence He has given me. I enjoy being here today and I praise God.

According to SD minister Ahmad Washington, the Student Worship Workshop was a success as the youth left the day with lasting excitement and takeaways for the future.

"God has given our students glimpses of the possibilities of what they can do," said Washington. "It appears like there is so much we cannot do, but through Christ, our students can share their story."

When the time came for student-led Sunday, the words, "It is a new day at MCH" resounded through the Harrell Memorial Chapel on the MCH campus. The youth who had prepared the service went into action and managed all worship elements.

Additionally, leadership team students inspired by an earlier sermon series on the book of Acts and the story of The Early Church

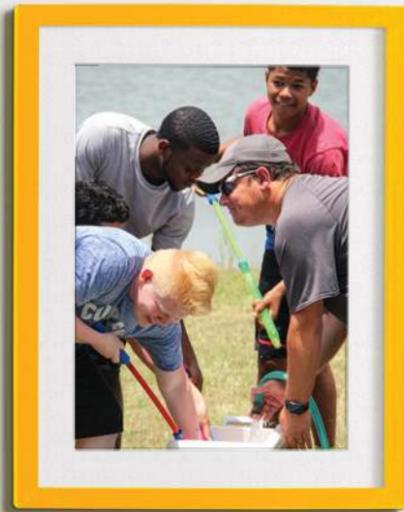
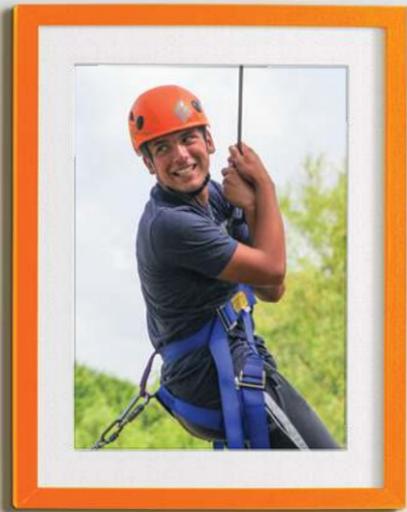
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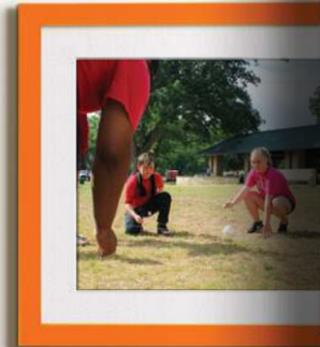
"God is at work in this place," said Clark. "It takes the entire village of MCH to create Christian community. What an amazing picture of the kingdom of God: people with all different backgrounds, cultures and skill sets working together for the glory of our Creator. My hope is that in every aspect of our agency, it would be clear that we function because God has placed a call on the lives of His people to serve, love and care for others." •



Youth at MCH are involved in services through a variety of outlets, including singing, rapping, playing instruments, and preaching.



2018 Summer FUN



SURVIVING STORM

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With a name like “Sunshine” who would’ve thought her life would be filled with storms and turmoil? But the thing about storms is that they clear up and soon the sun shines again. Sunshine has survived turbulent times and is now able to share her story of renewal as a member of the Family Solutions Advisory Board for MCH Family Outreach in Houston.

Sunshine grew up on a farm in Texas where she learned from her father how to care for the land. Her father was well-respected in their community but at home, Sunshine suffered abuse at the hands of a very different person.

“Between farm life and school, that’s all I knew,” Sunshine said. “I didn’t know the difference between [my parents’] right from wrong to the world’s right from wrong.”

When word got out about the abuse she had endured from her father, it tore her family apart. The trial was difficult, and after it ended Sunshine was shocked to find that her mother had accepted her father back into the home. Sunshine said she was scared for her life, and asked her sister to pick her up so that she could live with her and start over in a new town.

Sunshine’s teenage years were hard and she struggled with depression. When she was 15, she learned her mother was terminally ill. She is thankful that she was able to see and forgive her before she passed away. However, her other family relationships were falling apart.

Her sister kicked her out of her home, and Sunshine bounced from house to house during high school. After graduation she lived with her brother and the two spent a lot of time drinking and partying. Sunshine had her first drink at the age of 7 to cope with the abuse, and her poor habits escalated into drugs. When her brother decided to clean up his act, Sunshine’s addictions continued and their relationship suffered. She landed in prison for drug possession, and her brother, bitter about her behavior, never wrote or visited her while she was incarcerated.



Sunshine’s son, Doce, gave her a reason to pursue a better life. He inherited his mother’s love of music, and the two frequently play guitar together.

After her release Sunshine found a job and finished her parole, but all the while she was still an addict and selling drugs. One night after a party at a friend’s house, she woke up in different clothing and couldn’t remember what happened.

“Seven months later, I found out I was pregnant,” she said.

She didn’t tell anyone that she was pregnant. Even though she continued her heavy drug use, the baby survived. Sunshine had an emergency C-section, and her lungs and the baby’s lungs both collapsed during the process. They were both fighting for their lives, and her brother and sister came to the hospital to see her and “clean their slate.”

“My brother told me I needed to get rid of this kid because I was not mother material,” Sunshine said. “That hurt me. I was already in a state where I didn’t know what to do.”

She planned to give up her baby for adoption, but when a priest at the hospital showed her a picture of her son, she made the decision to clean up her life.

“I said, ‘That baby is beautiful,’ and I started crying,” Sunshine said.

She named the baby “Doce Anjo” which means “Sweet angel” in Portuguese in honor of her heritage.

“In the first six months he was going through withdrawals and I faced myself,” she said. “When things got hard, all I knew was to drink or use drugs. But that gave me a big reality check that I needed to get it together because I needed to be there for my baby.”

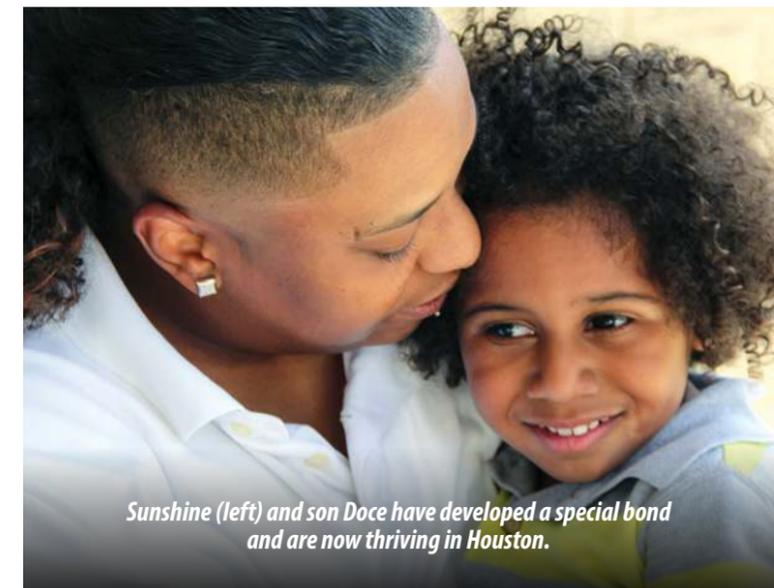
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-SUNSHINE
MCH Family Outreach Client

Sunshine worked with Child Protective Services to provide a good home for her son. She had her ups and downs and even lost custody for two months, but she fought to get back on track. She started praying and reading the Bible.

“I made a pact with God that I would give Him my sobriety if He would give me my son back,” she said.

In December 2015 she got clean and enrolled in an inpatient substance abuse treatment center where Doce could live with her. She began to learn about her disease and face her issues and emotional struggles. It was there that she first came into contact with MCH Family Outreach.



Sunshine (left) and son Doce have developed a special bond and are now thriving in Houston.

MCH Family Outreach provided parenting classes for the treatment center and Sunshine became their star student. She was always raising her hand and asking questions that sometimes even stumped the instructors. Sunshine missed the last two classes when Doce became sick, and her absence was noticed. Veronica Whalon-Peters, director of MCH Family Outreach in Houston, ran into her weeks later and offered to help her finish out her course.

At that time, Sunshine was living at a transitional living facility. Whalon-Peters told her about a program to support families at MCH. Through the program, called Family Solutions, case managers meet with clients on a weekly basis to help them develop goals and strategies to achieve them.

“The weekly interaction with Family Solutions helps a lot,” Whalon-Peters said. “It really works for people who are invested and want to make a change. Sunshine was always determined to make a change.”

Whalon-Peters worked with Sunshine from September 2016 through January 2017. Through the program, she helped Sunshine get connected with local resources and provided her with encouragement as she settled into her clean, sober life as a new mother. Sunshine received training in an employment program for young mothers through a partnership between University of Houston and Project Row Houses, an internationally known art institution. She also completed outpatient substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, and her CPS case came to a close.

“Because of the love for her son, Sunshine remained positive and determined to complete services even though she had a lot of obstacles

stacked against her,"Whalon-Peters said. "Due to her great attitude, she had a lot of people in her corner advocating for her and supporting her."

Sunshine expressed appreciation for the support she found through MCH Family Outreach.

"They saw something different in me. They stuck with me," she said.

Sunshine and Doce, now 3, have their own apartment in Houston and are living a stable and happy life. The love between the two is special, and Sunshine is working hard every day to be a good mother for her son.

"It's been hard to not just throw everything away, because that's what I've been used to," she said. "But I have a better support system now that I can call and they walk me out of it."

Sunshine has built a strong network and become a known advocate in her neighborhood. She is a community liaison and researcher conducting a community needs assessment for residents and is also an ambassador for Project Row Houses. She has also returned to the treatment center as chair of a Narcotic Anonymous (NA) group and spoken about her disease several times.



Veronica Whalon-Peters (left), director of MCH Family Outreach in Houston, felt Sunshine would be a great asset to the Family Solutions Advisory Board due to her experience.

"I feel like this is my life's purpose," she said. "When I was a kid, I wanted to change the world. I found out that being in this neighborhood, I've changed more people's lives. In NA we call it giving back. I was a big dope dealer and I feel bad for that. This is a way for my redemption. It makes me feel good doing service work and giving back to people in this community who need help."

Although Sunshine's case has been closed with MCH Family Outreach for more than a year, Whalon-Peters said she still hears from her regularly, mostly to

get advice about how to help other people. Because of her success and desire to help others, Whalon-Peters asked Sunshine to become part of the Family Solutions Advisory Board for the Houston office. The board consists of community members and like-minded agencies who meet to network and discuss new and better ways to help families.

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-VERONICA WHALON-PETERS
Director of MCH Family Outreach in Houston

Traci Wagner, program administrator for the Eastern region of MCH Family Outreach, said advisory boards first began when Family Solutions was implemented at MCH in 2012 and have recently grown to include all outreach programs. Outreach offices build relationships with community partners through collaborations, marketing efforts and memberships in local coalitions serving children and families.

"These working relationships not only serve to facilitate referrals and service collaboration, but they also give information and insight about life within the community and the daily experiences of families," Wagner said. "They are an invaluable part of our work and help us continue to stretch and grow in offering hope to children, youth and families in our 13 areas."

Whalon-Peters said Sunshine provides valuable insights to Houston's Family Solutions Advisory Board as a former client.

"She's been a wonderful advocate for the program," Whalon-Peters said. "When she was in the program, it was really just about getting her connected to resources in the community and empowering her to make those lasting changes in her life to improve her situation. She is an example of paying it forward by the way she is helping other people."

Although she knows she will still face challenges, Sunshine is more confident in her ability to persevere and give her son a good life.

"I've got to do everything right to be a great role model for him," she said. "I know how strong I am now." •

YOUTH PROFILE

ARIANNA

STRENGTH FROM THE STRUGGLE



Arianna has persevered. She is resilient. She didn't let her struggles bring her down but has used those experiences to lift herself up.

Arianna, or "Ari" to her friends, lost her mother in a car accident when she was only 7 months old. After her mother's death, she was placed into the care of her father, a situation later discovered to be abusive. She was removed from the home at age 8.

Ari's grandmother took her in, but after her grandmother suffered strokes and her health deteriorated, Ari, only 10 years old, assumed the role of caretaker.

"I had to grow up fast," Ari said. "I didn't talk about it with anyone, because for me it was embarrassing."

Ari was removed from her grandmother's home and went through several foster homes before being adopted at age 12 by a family friend. She said even though the relationship with her adoptive mother wasn't perfect, she yearned for stability. But they continued to fight and Ari became very depressed, especially after her grandmother died. As her situation worsened, Ari said she knew it was time to leave. After meeting with Child Protective Services to determine her options, Ari discovered an opportunity for a fresh start at Methodist Children's Home.

Ari moved to MCH in 2016. Marchelle Sabido-Villa, unit manager at Ari's home, said Ari has had a drastic transformation.

"Ari is a testimony to our MCH mission," Sabido-Villa said. "When I first met Ari, she was a fragile young lady in pain, afraid to make connections with people and feeling hopeless. With time, the hard work of our staff and the use of TBRI*, I am proud to say Ari has developed healthy, trusting connections with staff and peers."

"Coming here gave me a new outlook," Ari said. "I feel like I can talk about my problems without being judged. Instead of sitting back and watching stuff happen, I'm able to step up and act."

At the MCH charter school, Ari earned all A's and became active in athletics. This fall she will begin her senior year and study design and construction through the Greater Waco Advanced Manufacturing Academy (GWAMA), a dual-credit program through Waco ISD. She also balances a part-time job at a retail shop.

"Ari is a child who has found hope," Sabido-Villa said. "Her purpose is coming to fruition."

After high school, Ari hopes to work as a certified project manager in design, while simultaneously working toward a degree in social work so she can help others.

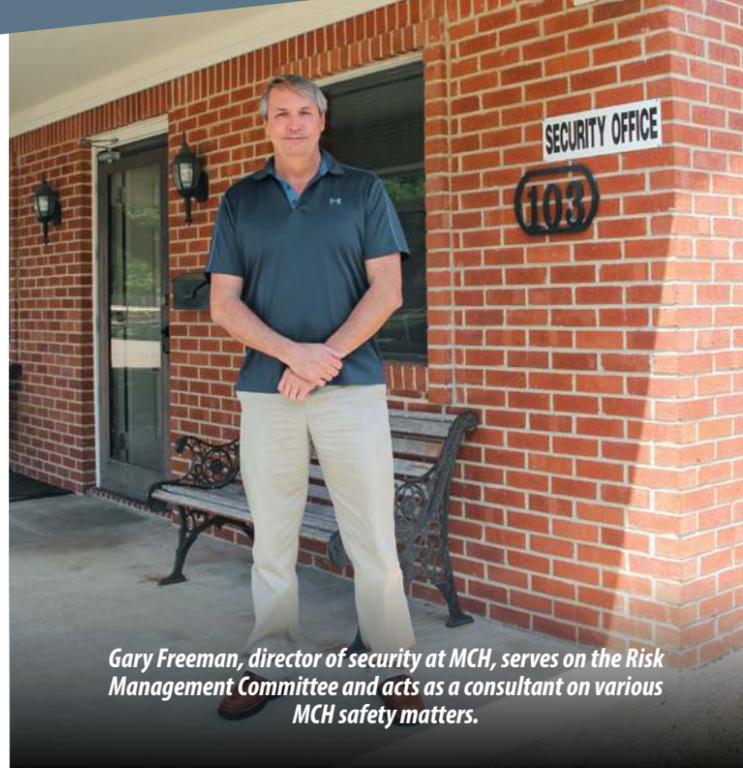
"I've learned so many skills here," Ari said. "I've been opened up to different things that, had I been at home, I would have never thought about or experienced."

Ari said she is grateful that she found a "brick foundation to build upon" at MCH and is grateful for the opportunities, growth and healing she has experienced. Although she has dealt with a lot of adversity, Ari used those experiences and her time at MCH to become a stronger person.

"Before coming here I didn't care; I was very angry," she said. "But now I am able to feel compassion and love. Somebody who is sitting there saying, 'You're doing a good job – keep going,' brought those emotions back to me. I've been able to excel in these programs. Being here has actually made me a happier person." •

*Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. – as defined by the Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University.

KEEPING OUR CAMPUS SAFE



Gary Freeman, director of security at MCH, serves on the Risk Management Committee and acts as a consultant on various MCH safety matters.

Many come to Methodist Children's Home in search of safety and stability. By having a secure environment, children and families are able to focus on healing and rebuilding their futures.

Safety is an agency-wide effort, and MCH leadership and staff work together to maintain high standards and stay up-to-date on the latest methods of risk prevention. MCH recognizes the need to make safety and security a priority in all programs at the Waco campus and Boys Ranch which provide a home for youth, and the 13 MCH Family Outreach offices.

Leading the charge to examine safety and develop strategies for improvements is the Risk Management Committee. The emphasis was started more than 25 years ago by Judy Broadway, vice president for human resources. The current group consists of representatives from Human Resources, Technology, Plant Services, Waco campus and Boys Ranch administrators, Training, and Security who meet quarterly to discuss safety concerns and issues. All staff are encouraged to report any safety concerns to a Risk Management Committee member so it can be addressed in a timely manner. During the meetings the committee reviews any incidents, safety risks, audits or inspections, and emergency preparedness.

"The Risk Management Committee does an amazing job of evaluating potential risks and defining safety issues with regards to our staff, visitors and children," Broadway said. "We depend on this committee to remain sharp, well informed and committed to these responsibilities, and we take pride in the contributions, dedication and dependability of all our members."

Recently the Training department and Risk Management Committee implemented an extended safety training that is required annually for all MCH staff. During the training, staff learn about emergency plans and procedures, conducting drills, and how to use fire extinguishers. Also, a new video provides unknown intruder training for all employees so they can feel better prepared to handle a situation if needed. MCH Family Outreach staff receive training on home visit safety and boundaries with clients. Several outreach locations have also hosted unknown intruder trainings.

Members of the Risk Management Committee continue to work closely with representatives from the Waco Police Department as well as other local experts and consultants in order to find the best options to prepare staff and create a safer environment for all.

MCH Director of Security Gary Freeman is a retired Waco police officer and part of the Risk Management Committee. His team of security officers are all current Waco police officers who work for MCH on a part-time basis. Police officers patrol the campus, check buildings and attend special events. They also may be called upon to help with situations or conflicts involving youth should they arise.

Freeman said his officers understand they may need to handle these scenarios differently than they would on the streets by giving youth more grace. He hopes for youth, who may have had a bad experience in the past, to see them as their ally.

"They equate us with authority and I want them to know that they don't have to be afraid to come up and talk to us," Freeman said.

Freeman conducted a safety survey for the MCH charter school at the end of the 2017-18 school year with the help of other police officers and members of the Risk Management Committee. He was able to provide several recommendations that would increase the security of the building. He also worked with campus administrators and school staff in performing a lock down drill in May.

Jeff Creel, program administrator for school and transition services, said the students handled the drill well and teachers discussed school safety and drill procedures with students throughout the school year.

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-JUDY BROADWAY
Vice President for Human Resources

"With all the things that have been happening in schools across the country, this is a reality that we are concerned about," Creel said. "We have an interest as a community in being more prepared. As a school we are becoming more proactive in talking about ways to make our community safer. This is an area to emphasize and is an important part of our safety. It should be as routine as anything else."

In addition to the lockdown drill, the school also regularly performs fire and weather-related emergency drills. The school utilizes surveillance cameras as well as restricted access to the building throughout the day.

MCH staff on both residential campuses, MCH Family Outreach offices and foster care homes are also required to undergo regular drills. Plant staff are in charge of performing safety inspections at campus facilities for fire extinguishers, lighting, playground equipment, elevators, vehicles, and other maintenance needs. Staff are encouraged to report any areas needing attention.

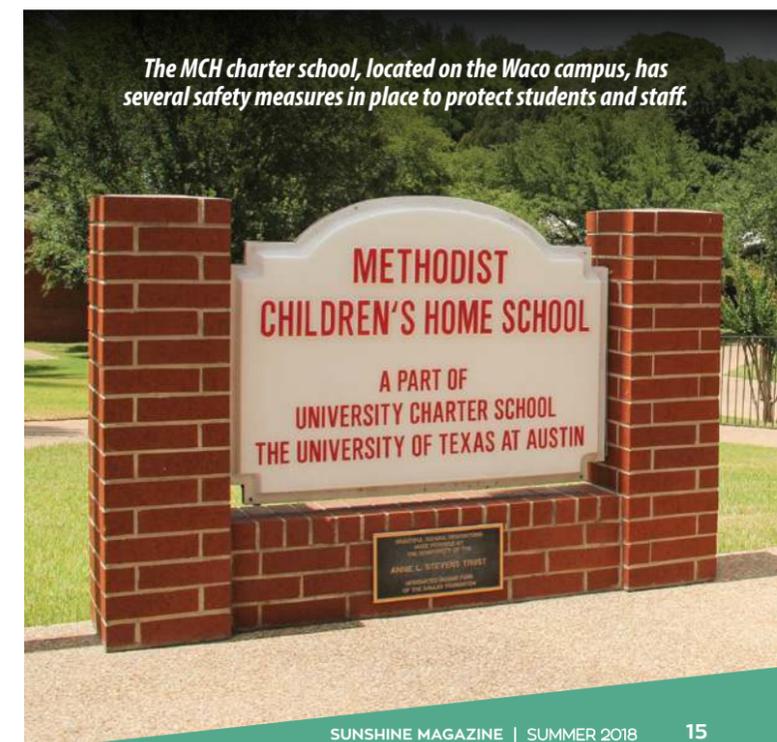
Freeman also assisted with a safety audit for MCH Family Outreach offices. The office spaces at each location are different, but MCH incorporated security and safety measures into each design to better protect staff. Locations are, or will soon be, equipped with secure lobbies and shatterproof glass at entrances. All office spaces include at least two exits.

MCH leadership also set up a confidential reporting hotline where employees can call through a third-party provider about any concerns so that all employees feel safe in the workplace. When introducing the service, leadership stated: "It takes all of us working together to build and maintain a strong and positive organizational structure." The hotline is meant for the overall protection of the agency and its employees by giving them an option to voice concerns anonymously.

MCH residential and Family Outreach programs analyze service delivery and client outcomes regularly as part of a continuous quality improvement (CQI) process "to promote organizational and program service excellence through data analysis, evaluation and performance and quality improvement planning and implementation." The goal of this process is to create an environment where staff are constantly trying to find new and innovative ways to better serve children, youth and families.

The MCH annual report for 2016-17 reported that 98 percent of youth are safe in care. In addition, 90 percent of youth are safe by avoiding high risk behavior. In foster care, 100 percent of families report being treated with dignity and respect by staff, and 88 percent were satisfied that MCH met all their child's needs while in foster care.

Children, youth and families served at MCH can feel confident they are receiving support from an agency who makes their needs for a secure environment a priority. MCH is committed to continuously examining risk and understands that safety is an ongoing process. •



The MCH charter school, located on the Waco campus, has several safety measures in place to protect students and staff.



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Rainn Jaelyne

Class of 2018

Congratulations to our 29 MCH students who earned their high school diplomas on May 25! We are very proud that all 29 graduates have been accepted to two- or four-year colleges or vocational/technical schools, where they will be further supported by scholarship funds made possible by our generous benefactors.



Alexis Hunter



Chris Layla



Trent Alexis



Leah



Soleana



Tayshawn



Damonte



Josh



Nicole Edgar



Xavier*



Suncerea*



Chandler*



Aimee*



Marisa Galen



Tremya Jacobi



Ladarian Julio



TRANSITION SERVICES

SAMRAWIT

A JOURNEY TO HOPE

Samrawit came to Methodist Children's Home at the age of 15 searching for normalcy, security and support. Upon graduating from high school, Sam, as many of her friends and staff call her, said she was "determined to make something of her life." To her, advanced education was a path to a bright future.

Through scholarship funds made possible by generous benefactors committed to helping MCH alumni, and with the support of MCH Transition Services, Sam attended Kilgore College in pursuit of an associate's degree.

While at Kilgore, Sam's life changed. During her second semester of college, she was invited to attend a church service with a friend.

Sam said in the service she felt the weight of the hurt from the past she had been carrying.

"My life felt chaotic because of my anger and it was then I knew I needed to get my life under control," she said. "I had hit rock bottom and I needed hope. It was on that day in 2015 that God found me as I was, and I received salvation. It was a work in progress but since making that decision, I've been full in Christ."

As Sam grew in her new faith, she also grew in her education. After receiving an associate's degree she moved on in 2017 to pursue a bachelor's degree in business at the University of Texas in Arlington.

Since her move, Sam has found a church community and served as a college intern for her church. This summer, she was promoted to the role of a pastoral assistant.

"When I look at my life today, I feel very blessed," she said. "I want people to know that there is not

anything I did that got me to this place. I believe God's hand has been in all of it, even while at MCH."

Throughout her studies and seasons of life, MCH has remained a constant in Sam's life. Crystal Anthony, transition services coordinator, has managed Sam's scholarship and assistance and has met regularly with her for nearly four years.

"Sam is a loving and caring person," Anthony said. "She is a hard worker and is passionate about the work she does. It is my hope that she continues to grow in her faith and use that as her passion in life."

Sam plans to graduate in 2019 from UT Arlington. It is her dream to continue into full-time ministry, sharing with others the Good News of Jesus that has transformed her life.

Looking back at her journey, Sam recognizes that MCH provided her the support she originally sought out when she first came to MCH years ago.

"MCH gave me great real-world experiences," she said. "While living at MCH I learned how to communicate with different kinds of people, learned about finances, how to cook and even learned how to fix a car. MCH has invested in my future and my education. I wouldn't have anybody if I didn't have MCH. I am so grateful for MCH and God's goodness."

Sam carries hope in her heart and clings to the promises of God.

"It took me a little while to realize God's goodness," she said. "In this world you can feel very alone, but I know God is with me. All of our lives are in His hands. We must remember that through it all, God is in control no matter life's circumstances."

*December 2017 graduates

■ LEGACY LUNCHEON CELEBRATES ESTATE GIFTS

Methodist Children's Home showed its gratitude for estate gifts during the 2018 Legacy Luncheon held on June 22 at the Johnson Student Center. Two families were honored during the ceremony and received bronze plaques that will be placed in the Mulkey Memorial Heritage Garden to mark their generous contributions to the children, youth and families of MCH.

The garden, located next to the Administration building on the Waco campus, honors those who have contributed to MCH through estate gifts with plaques commemorating gifts of \$125,000 or more. The garden is named in memory of Abe and Louisa Mulkey, evangelists who were instrumental in keeping the doors of MCH open during its early years.

The Legacy Luncheon is attended by representatives of the family estates, MCH Board of Directors, MCH staff members and special guests. Trey Oakley, vice president for development, introduced this year's special benefactors by sharing about their life and dedication to children. **The 2018 honorees were:**

NANCY J. BOWEN (CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS) – Ms. Nancy Bowen was born in Corpus Christi where she later worked for her father's real estate business. In a time when this business was often dominated by males, she was known to be able to hold her own and negotiate with the best of them. After her father's death, she took over the business and ran it until it was sold in 2002. She was very active in her community and an avid traveler. Ms. Bowen was a longtime supporter of Methodist Children's Home, giving every year at Christmas for almost three decades. She was also known to be well-informed about the ministry of MCH through reading Sunshine magazine and being a part of the Sunshine Club and Heritage Club. Friends and loved ones shared many stories of how she often passed up personal purchases in order to give to others. She was a friend to MCH and through her faithful support, will bless the children for years to come.

PEGGY JUNE CROOKE FRY (DALLAS, TEXAS) – Dr. Peggy Crooke Fry was born in Conroe. She and her brother enjoyed telling stories of their childhood in a small oil boom town where her grandfather was one of its founders. She became a nutritionist, receiving her bachelor's degree in science from the University of Texas, master's degree from Harvard University, and Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. She met her husband Edward, an anthropologist, while studying in Austin. The two enjoyed travel, study and working in their respective fields. They received Fulbright Fellowships that took them to the Cook Islands, New Zealand, and Hong Kong before accepting positions at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Fry later worked at UT Southwestern's Children's Medical Center of Dallas in the Nutrition Clinic until she retired. After her husband's death, she continued to travel and throughout her life demonstrated dedication to others through her work and charitable contributions. She was a member of Highland Park United Methodist Church. •

■ BUILDING HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Construction has begun on two additional state-of-the-art homes, the Nancy J. Bowen Home and the B.R. and Helen Greathouse Home. Fundraising for these homes has been fulfilled to complete Phase Two of the Building Hope Capital Campaign. These homes follow Daniels, Ashcraft and Hilliard homes built as part of Phase One of the campaign.

The Bowen and Greathouse homes will be located along the circle around Harrell Memorial Chapel in the former locations of Bridwell and Williams homes. The homes are expected to open in summer 2019 and will follow the same design as Daniels, Hilliard and Ashcraft.

The new home design takes into account the latest research obtained in part through the partnership with Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University and other best practices and licensing standards. Homes have several new features including an open concept, home parent apartments, and individual bedrooms and bathrooms for residents.

Steve and Debbie Callison, home parents for the Daniels

Home, previously worked at an older home on campus and said they have seen many benefits from the new design.

"The girls seem to interact more with the open space," said Steve Callison. "If we have a game going on at the table, eventually everyone will come out and get involved."

Debbie Callison added, "The kids have taken ownership over their own room and things. They really take pride in being able to live in a home like this."

The Callisons also said they enjoy having their own space with the home parent apartments. The new homes also have an updated alarm system to provide more security for the home, a feature that Debbie said is a great asset in helping them monitor the home.

"It is less stressful. I can go to bed at night and not worry," she said.

"The amazing success of this campaign thus far is a testimony to the generosity of our benefactors and value they see in this new design," said Trey Oakley, vice president for development at MCH. "We spent three-plus years planning and producing the new design with hopes to better meet the needs of today's youth.

The feedback from our staff and residents in the newest homes affirms that we are achieving these goals."

Because of the success, the MCH Board of Directors has authorized plans for fundraising for Phase Three which will produce three more homes bringing the total to eight when completed.

The goal of the Building Hope Capital Campaign is to construct 11 new homes on the Waco campus. This effort started as part of a strategic initiative in 2011 that challenged MCH leadership to address the quality and effectiveness of an aging facility infrastructure. The Bowen and Greathouse homes have been named accordingly to honor contributions from Nancy J. Bowen of Corpus Christi, Texas, and a legacy of support from B.R. Greathouse Trust of Midland, Texas. A significant portion of the Bowen gift will also be used as a matching gift program in the near future.

To learn more about supporting this Building Hope Capital Campaign, contact Trey Oakley at **1-800-853-1272** or **TOakley@MCH.org**. •



Representatives of the Peggy June Crooke Fry estate attended the Legacy Luncheon along with Hank Coleman, MCH board chair (far left), Tim Brown, president/CEO (center), and Les Leskoven, board member (far right).

MCH hosted a luncheon for churches of the Texas Annual Conference on May 29 at The Loft Worship Center of The Woodlands UMC. Our staff shared about all the wonderful things happening at MCH and also took the opportunity to thank the top-giving churches of the conference, including St. Luke's UMC in Houston, which was second in giving to MCH among all churches in the six UMC conferences of Texas and New Mexico. •



■ MCH YOUTH RECEIVE AWARDS FOR ACADEMICS, ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to students at the Methodist Children's Home charter school who were recognized for achievements during the 2017-18 school year! Students were celebrated with certificates, letter jackets, patches, and other items during a school awards ceremony on May 18 and an Activities Banquet on May 22. Below is a list of recipients:

CHARTER SCHOOL AWARDS

BULLDOG PRIDE:

Middle school – Lacey-Ann, Lucas, Dathan, Blake, Christina, Brittney

High school – Nikkie, Julianna, Emily, Josh, Faith, Kameron, Charles, Madison, Jaelyne, Marisa, Galen, Dina, Dominic, Synia, Alexis, Soleana, Jasmine, Daniel, Nebiyat, Arianna, Deborah



ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL:

Middle school – Alin

High school – Noah, Chandler, Rainn, Jaelyne, Marisa, Galen, Duane, Dina, Selam, Julio, Alexis, Soleana, Jasmine, Daniel, Nebiyat, Arianna, Deborah

SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS:

Noah, Dan'tavion, Jaelyne, Marisa, Galen, Tremya, Amashia, Julio, Alexis, Adrianna, Damonte

ART AWARDS:

Kelsey, Soleana, Tremya, Daniel, Lacey, Faith, Alayah, Jasmine, Deborah, Selam, Emone, Alexis N., Abigail, Charles, Alyssa

ENGLISH AWARDS:

English 3 – Deborah, Nebiyat, Arianna

English 4 – Rainn, Dan'tavion, Soleana

FFA AWARDS:

Ag Mechanics Design and Fabrication – Noah

Diversified Livestock – KK

Ag Mechanics Repair and Maintenance – Galen

Vegetable Production – Jaelyne

Wildlife Production – Ladarius

Star Green Hand – Duane

Chapter Star Farmer – Galen

Chapter Star in Agriscience – Galen

Ag Education and Placement – Julio

Chapter Discovery (best 8th grader) – Sam

CREW CHAMPIONS:

Beef production – Marisa

Swine production – Roger

Sheep production – Layla

Goat production – Dustin

The charter school, located on the MCH Waco campus, is operated in partnership with the University of Texas – University Charter School system. Thank you to all our supporters and staff who contributed to another successful year for our students! •

ATHLETICS AWARDS

FOOTBALL:

Co-MVPs – Julio, Damonte

Most Improved – Kendrick

VOLLEYBALL:

MVP – Amashia

Most Improved – Armani

BOYS BASKETBALL:

MVP – Sir Dautrel

Most Improved – Xavier

GIRLS BASKETBALL:

MVP – Emone

Most Improved – Ari

BOYS TRACK & FIELD:

MVP – Sir Dautrel

Most Improved – Dremon

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD:

MVP – Justine

Most Improved – Rainn

BOYS GOLF:

MVP – Angel

Most Improved – Daniel

GIRLS GOLF:

MVP – Dina

BOBBY GILLIAM LEADERSHIP THROUGH ATHLETICS AWARD:

Tayshawn, Soleana

FINE ARTS AWARDS

THEATRE:

Most Valuable – Lacey

Most Improved – Juliana

CHEER/DANCE:

Most Valuable – Jaelyne

Most Improved – Christina

CHOIR:

Most Outstanding – Layla

Most Improved – Faith

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Most Outstanding – Alexis T.

Most Improved – Lauren

■ BRYAN MOTHER FINDS FINANCIAL STABILITY WITH HELP OF MCH FAMILY OUTREACH

Kerrianna is a single mother of six children, ages 3-16, and was doing her best to make ends meet working as a substitute teacher. However, with limited financial means and transportation, she could only accept jobs at schools close to her home. As a necessary solution, she accepted full-time employment at a local pizza chain near her apartment so she could walk her younger girls to child care before work.



Kerrianna learned about MCH Family Outreach in Bryan/College Station through a local childcare and educational program and hoped they could help her find a solution to her challenges. She began working with MCH case

manager Susan Hays in February 2018 as part of the Family Solutions program.

Through the program, Hays was able to assist Kerrianna with identifying her goals and developing strategies to meet those goals. Kerrianna desired financial stability and also wanted to increase healthy experiences for her family. Hays provided her with support and encouragement through her journey and connected her with resources in the area to assist her in gaining financial stability.

"I think the program was very helpful," Kerrianna said. "Since starting the program I have developed a ton of self-worth."

Hays knew that a reliable vehicle would be a crucial part of Kerrianna's goals. She nominated her to a local nonprofit called OnRamp that assists hardworking families in need with vehicles. She learned about the organization through friends and thought Kerrianna would be a great candidate for the opportunity.

Through this partnership, Kerrianna received a 2005 Dodge

Caravan in June that is able to accommodate her six children. She is now searching for full-time employment at College Station ISD and will no longer have to worry about limiting her search to schools within walking distance. Kerrianna said she has also seen improvements in her relationships with her children.

"It has helped us become closer," she said. "It's given me the strength to listen to my kids more and we go and do a lot more now. I'm feeling happy and overjoyed that my family and I are closer and we can now travel more."

Hays said she enjoyed working with Kerrianna and is impressed by her ambition to do whatever it takes to support her family.

"Kerrianna has persevered through a lot of stress and hardship," Hays said. "I don't know many people who would walk their kids to child care and then walk to a job they don't like every day in hopes of providing a better future for their children. She continues to move forward and do the 'next right thing.'" •

■ NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

In honor of National Foster Care Month in May, MCH Family Outreach in Houston celebrated by providing foster parents with baskets of goodies for the entire family, along with a personalized gift card. Also enclosed were notes of appreciation to the families for their time, service, and dedication to the children they foster. •



MEMORIAL GIFTS AND GIFTS OF HONOR

GIFTS MADE FROM MARCH 2018 THROUGH MAY 2018

Honorariums

Charles Allen
Kenneth Lawson

Reverend Mary Delmore Balagia
Suzy Delmore

Pastor Danny Barrett's Birthday
Jim and Barbara Brown

Jill Beam
United Methodist Women
Spring Valley UMC – Dallas, TX

Kyle Bear
Kay Clipp

Mouzon Biggs
Kenneth Lawson

Grace Elizabeth Bissing

Whitney High School Graduation
King Memorial UMC – Whitney, TX

Norbert Blohowiak
James and Laura Milam

Mother's Day
First UMC – Carthage, TX

Madison and Duncan Clipp
Kay Clipp

Evie Coats' 1st Birthday
Alice Sappington

Pastor Linda Elford
Bob and Betty Boyer

Sharon Felts
Martha Stultz

Reverend Randy Fitzgerald
Texas Conference North District
Chuck Huffman – Longview, TX

Our family in Christ at FUMC – Waco
Cogdell Memorial UMC – Waco, TX

Hazel Fletcher
Mr. Shane Jackson

Diane Gillet
Bonnie L. Saltzman

Jack and Janet Golden
Harold and Carol Cain

Edna Greenwood
Ms. Janice Smith

The Marriage of Kellie and Ed Haram
Martha Pickering

Shirley Hayworth's Birthday
Wanda Langston

Nelda Hazlewood
Steven and Tere Garlington

Nelda Hazlewood and Daughters
Bobby Vance

Regina Henley
Pathfinders Sunday School Class
First UMC – Childress, TX

Michael Hewitt
Mr. Ed Hewitt

Joy Jones
Emily and R.J. Claassen

The Justice Family:

Mark, Angela, Adley and Cole
Alice Sappington

Keith's Birthday Fundraiser from Facebook
Donna Nelson
First UMC – Sweeny, TX

Reverend Richard Laster
Texas Conference North District
Chuck Huffman – Longview, TX

Kelly Lawson
Frank and Edna Greenwood
United Methodist Women
First UMC – Brenham, TX

Leslie LeGrande
Kenneth Lawson

Debbie Louder
Martha Stultz

Reverend Mike and Susan Love
Lonnie and Derilda Jones

Connie Mathews
Mary Carolyn Dye

Reverend Don McAvoy, Jr.
United Methodist Women
First UMC – Brenham, TX

Daniel and Blaine Moore
Kay Clipp

Pastor Scott and Tom Pace
Kenneth Lawson

The Phelps Family:

Theodore, Ethel and Donald
Family of Kathy Franco

Bruce Pruett
James and Laura Milam

Virginia Renfro
Charles and Sue Heaberlin

Briana Roberson's 15th Birthday
Granddaddy and Nana Elaine

JoAnn Rotermund
West District – Texas Conference UMW
College Station, TX

Rose-Mary Rumbley
United Methodist Women
Spring Valley UMC – Dallas, TX

Reverend Doug Smith
Texas Conference North District
Chuck Huffman – Longview, TX

T.J. and Dena Stankiewicz
Bobby Vance

Danny Steere
Kenneth Lawson

Wanda Stone
Charles and Sue Heaberlin

Lee Ann Shoaf Vigil
Allie M. Davenport

Patricia Wallace
Bobby Vance

John R. Warren
Becky and Quentin Warren

Steve Wende
Kenneth Lawson

Judy Wilson
Leslie and Candy Mallonee

Memorials

Ann Cox Alexander
Jeff Leahy

Clyde Allen
Janice and Wenzel Williams

Shirley A. Allen
Kenneth H. Allen

Dawnyce (Martin) Anderson
Arledge Brashers
Genevia Hendricks
James and Laura Milam
Tim and Joyce Woodlock

Katherine Anderson
Kerry and Charlie Kasparian

Rosemary Atkinson
Danny and Jackie McSpadden

Mr. Jim Barker
John Hicks

Inas Barton
Mary Barton

Dr. Roy T. Bassett
Mrs. Mary Bassett

Cleve Batson
Jack and Margaret Gressett

Evelyn W. Bauman
Marjorie Garey

Kassidy Bear
Kay Clipp

Sara Shaw Bell
Mr. Brad Smith

Mary Lou Berry
Rebecca and Dub Narramore

Joe Bertino
Charles and Carol Brown

Joyce Herbert Biggers
Dwain Cannon

Gloria Jean Bittle
James and Laura Milam
Tim and Joyce Woodlock

Beulah Blair
Reverend and Mrs. Earl N. Blair, Retired

John Blankinship
Ann Blankinship

Lynn Lovell Bleeker
T.G. Mercer

Brad Bolton
Frank and Kim Vanpelt

Dee Anne Boyd
Barbara Cole

Charles Brakensiek
Jane Sisler

Peggy Brashers
Arledge Brashers

Patricia Brittain
Bette Samford

George William Brown
Karen Brown

Lloyd Brown
Roy and Becky Kemble

Clyde Brownlow
Chelsea Y. Read

Leslie Brumley
Joe and Corliss George

Jean E. Bunge
Ewald W. Bunge

Ed Cabell
Judith Caswell

Tally Anne Calvert
Shirley Windsor

Larry Dan Campbell
DeDe Cooper

Johnnie Chancellor
Blanche Turner Hext

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Clark
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mayer

Gretchen Zentner Clegg
Hunter and Totsy Cunningham

Dr. Jack Cockrill
Dr. Elaine Free-Roberson and
George Roberson

Billy Eugene Cogswell
Bette Samford

Mrs. Martha Coleman
Barbara Cole

Ray Coleman, Jr.
Richard and Kay W. Davis

Dena Cornelius
Santo UMC – Gordon, TX

Dr. Dan J. Craig
Genevia Hendricks

Mr. Orga Virgil Craig
Ann Smith-Wilson

Miss Daisy Daniel
Pete and Darlene Smith

Keven Davis
Larry McCord

Mamie Day
Sandra Day-Morgan

Leon Denena
Reverend and Mrs. Kenneth R. Byrd
Flossie and Peter Gibson

Christina Renee Diaz
Joel, Sami, Dani and James Grochoske

Marjorie Dickey
Jane Brooks

Reverend Scott Dornbush
Jan and William McPike

Bettye Dunbar
David Dunbar

Carlton Edwards
James and Laura Milam

Sydney Emmitt
Barbara Cole

E. Jean English
Anonymous

Ann Bettis Enloe
Martha Eiland Martin
Nanette Cluck Schumacher

Mazie Farmer
Margie Berger

Barbara Mounce Fisher
Arledge Brashers

Sandra Fisk
Kerry and Charlie Kasparian

Ella Jane Ford
Maris and Arnie Binder
Albert and Linda Ford
Poppy and Allen Ford
Kelli, Rich, Casey, Scott and
Bradley Kahalas
Darthie Kees

Louise Foster
Charles and Carol Brown

Dorothy Fourmigue
John and Janet Scarcella

Harry L. Frankson
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bubenik & Family
Courtland and Marie Frankson
Jim and Diana Frankson
Lynda Frazier
Stan Garrett
Dana S. Morgenroth
Rolando and Rosie Rodriguez

Shirley Frederick
James and Doris Long
Danny and Jackie McSpadden

Mildred Frieze
Santo UMC – Gordon, TX

James E. Fritz Jr.
Vivian Fritz

Betty Gant
Charles and Carol Brown

Myron Gantt
Jack and Margaret Gressett

Virginia Garlington
Steven, Tere and Will Garlington

Chad Garren
Mr. and Mrs. Luther Garren

Doris Gibson
High Questors Sunday School Class
First UMC – Graham, TX

Juanita Gilbert
C.W. and Bonnie Arnold
Della Baker
Prinny and Doug Ham

James Gilliam
Kerry and Charlie Kasparian

J.D. Gilliland
Glenn and Kay Furman

Dr. William Ginn
Reba Weesner

Mary Joy Graham
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Stanley

Primrose Ehlers Green
Susan Beatty
Joel, Sami, Dani and James Grochoske

James Gunter
Anonymous

Reverend Julie Hay Halstead
Marc and Becky Clark

Raymond Hamilton
Blanche Turner Hext

Jan Johnson Hanysak
Denny Hanysak

Cliff Hazlewood
Genevia Hendricks

Jackie Hoenig
Bette Samford

Julia Parks Holloway
Christine Williams

Reverend D. Jack Hooper
Mrs. Helen Hooper

Mary Howard
Lily Beth and Melinda Chollar
Daniel Heath
Yolonda Howard
June, Gail Hulsey and Jeanine
Mike King and Families
Dennis and Lynn McKinney
Betsy and John Roof
Mary Beth Zumwalt

Charlsie Evans Huffmyer
Ruth Kindl

Ollie Inmon
Tim and Joyce Woodlock

Pat Jackson
Ms. Connie Smith

Robert and Boyd (Buddy) Jackson
Ms. Connie Smith

Larry James
Martha (Marty) Maxwell

Mary M. Jennings and Richard A. Jennings
Dr. and Mrs. William Jennings

Bob Jewel
Charles and Carol Brown

Jean Paul Jipp, Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. William F. Herbert
Charles and Sonja Ikerman, Jr.
Barbara Lively
Dr. Gordon B. Pye
Shirley Rice and Family
Gene and Lo Schell
Jane and Charles Stephenson
Brenda Truitt
Family of Mom and Pop White

Martin S. Jones
Donald G. Jones

Mitchell R. Jones
Tom and Janelle Brinck

Gary Dale Keener
Joe and Corliss George

Elwood Kettler
Joe and Corliss George

Mr. Lawrence Henry Kissell
Judge Lloyd W. and
Mrs. Dorothy O. Perkins

Mildred Geddes Langford
Mr. Harmon Langford

Nina Langford
Maggie Davis

Kevin John Leininger
James and Laura Milam
Tim and Joyce Woodlock

Jimmy (Jim) Wayne Leskoven
James and Laura Milam
John Milam

Weldon Leuschner
James and Laura Milam
Tim and Joyce Woodlock

Constance Joan Wrestler Storm Liner
Mr. James J. Liner

Jim Lowe
James and Laura Milam

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