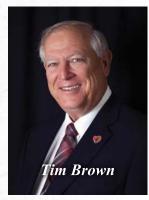
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



I am tremendously blessed at Methodist Children's Home to have the great privilege of serving alongside so many talented, gifted and dedicated people who work in different capacities to fulfill the mission of this transformational ministry of hope. At our recent annual Employee Service Awards, I was honored to hand out recognitions to 70 employees representing a total of 574 years of service.

It was especially poignant to me this year for the fact that I was among those recognized – in 2018 I surpassed 35 years of service to this wonderful ministry. I will complete 36 years at MCH on June 1, 2019, including nine years as President/CEO. This is made even more meaningful in light of the fact that after much thought, prayer and discussion with my family and the Board of Directors in recent months, I have decided to retire on June 30, 2019.

I share this news with a grateful heart, a sense of peace and the satisfaction of seeing so many young lives change for the better, families reunite, and staff members serve, flourish and grow professionally and personally.

I was blessed to begin my career at MCH as a home parent, and I am equally blessed to be ending it as the 10th President of this ministry. I am proud to leave MCH with confidence in our outstanding employees and Board of Directors, who are committed to the vision and goals in our strategic plan. It is my sincere desire that we continue to give God the glory for the success at MCH and build on the legacy of service of past Presidents, most recently Dr. Jack Kyle Daniels and Mr. Bobby Gilliam.

MCH remains committed to our mission as a Christian ministry and to evidence-based practices and trauma-informed care through our partnership with the Institute of Child Development at Texas Christian University. We continue to accomplish the goals of our Waco campus master plan with the construction of new homes that provide greater safety and security for children, and the MCH Boys Ranch which enhances our ability to reach youth through vocational training and animal therapy.

We have increased our MCH Family Outreach offices to 13 locations across Texas and New Mexico to provide in-home preventive services that enable families to care for their children in their own homes. Youth now have the opportunity for numerous educational resources, including our partnership with the University of Texas— University Charter School, transition services, after care, and college or vocational education. I am proud of our full continuum of care that provides normalcy for children through all of our programs and services.

MCH serves more than 5,000 children annually, at little or no cost to families. Individual gifts, endowed funds and prudent management allow us to meet our annual needs. It has been a privilege for MCH to garner the unwavering support of so many generous benefactors who believe in this ministry and collectively provide the necessary funding to serve these children and families.

The Board of Directors, under the sound leadership of Mr. Hank Coleman, has appointed a presidential search committee which will work diligently and prayerfully to select the next leader of MCH. I know they appreciate your prayers as they go about this important duty.

Thank you for the support, confidence and friendship you have shown me and this awesome ministry that offers hope to so many who desperately need it. The future is bright for Methodist Children's Home!

The next issue of Sunshine magazine will highlight Mr. Brown's career and retirement celebrations.

Methodist Children's Home is grateful for our faithful friends who contributed to a season of joy for our children and families. We were blessed to have your support as we celebrated the birth of our Savior and created special memories for our children. Your gifts brought joy to those in our care during Christmas time and prepared us to share that same good news throughout the year.

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RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13

The mission of Methodist Children's Home is to offer hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community. For many residential youth at MCH, the Christmas season can be emotionally challenging as many are spending the holiday away from their families for the first time. However, MCH understands these children need to be shown grace and love. Youth are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas and are able to take in holiday experiences that are meant to build childlike anticipation and joy throughout the season.

As Christmas approaches, youth decorate their homes alongside staff to create a warm and festive environment. Residents show their talents during a Christmas performance and many homes coordinate special outings to look at holiday lights or enjoy other holiday activities. MCH children are able to fill out "wish lists" and are assured that this year, they will most certainly have a gift under the tree.

Staff and residents come together to celebrate during Carols and Candles, a special worship service followed by gatherings in the homes where children are able to spend time together for Christmas dinner and open gifts. Carols and Candles is led by the MCH Spiritual Development team and the praise team, which this year consisted of more than 30 youth who participated through choir, handbells, narrators, Scripture readers, artists, and nativity actors.

"Carols and Candles is so special because the students put their time, energy and creativity into it," said Kim Clark, director of spiritual development. "It is the culmination of hours of rehearsals, preparation and building excitement. I think that level of involvement is what sets this particular worship service apart."

The service brings the MCH community together for a time to reflect and hear a message of hope.

"One of the most important things about the season of Advent in general we want everyone to understand is the magnitude of what God provided for us in Jesus, the divine coming to live with us and ultimately die for us," Clark said. "In the midst of the hustle of the Christmas season, it is nice to slow down and focus on what Christ's birth meant, what it means for us today and what His second coming means for humanity."











FAMILY OUTREACH

And He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." – Luke 10:27

Staff in our 13 MCH Family Outreach offices walk alongside families in their communities throughout the year to give them support and help them stabilize their lives. During the holidays, many families face financial pressures, schedule interruptions from holiday demands, new childcare demands with children out of school for the holiday, and other challenges.

All MCH Family Outreach offices host Christmas parties for families they serve to celebrate them and give them time for fellowship and to enjoy time with their families. Many local churches and community partners generously donate spaces for the parties, food, gifts for children, and their time in order to provide families with a special experience.

Many of the parties feature craft stations for children to create Christmas ornaments, Christmasthemed games, cookie decorating, and other treats. Children are surprised with a visit from Santa complete with an opportunity for pictures.

Julia Burris, director of MCH Family Outreach in Albuquerque, said her favorite moment was surprising the children at the conclusion of the party with a gift such as a stuffed animal, book, board game, or toy.

"Every child's eyes lit up with excitement," she said. "It was a joy for us to see our families filled with happiness and cheer. We all had a wonderful time at the Christmas party and are already looking forward to next year." •











Thank you to all those celebrations this year:

- St. James UMC (Abilene)

- First UMC (Bryan)
- Port of Corpus Christi

- Journeymen (Dallas)
- First UMC (Killeen)
- Home Depot (Killeen)
- Marvin UMC (Tyler)
- Central UMC (Waco)

who sponsored our MCH Family Outreach Christmas

• Christ UMC (Albuquerque) • St. John's UMC (Albuguergue) Chick-Fil-A (Albuquerque) • Civitan Group (Albuquerque) • Home Depot (Corpus Christi) • First UMC Richardson (Dallas) • First UMC Coppell (Dallas) • Deer Park UMC (Houston) Westminster UMC (Houston) University UMC (San Antonio) Westwood Baptist Church (Tyler)









FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. - Romans 12:10

Children and families at Methodist Children's Home are blessed by devoted benefactors who give generously during Christmas and throughout the year. Many friends of MCH work hard every year to make sure those we serve feel special during the holidays.

Several churches have a tradition of giving to MCH, including First United Methodist Church of Grapevine, whose members donate bicycles and helmets to every child who desires one. Friends at First United Methodist Church in Mansfield sponsor gifts for children and travel to Waco each year to help wrap presents for residents. First United Methodist Church of Rockwall continues to coordinate with staff members each year in making sure every child has a gift purchased especially for them under the tree.

Along with these examples, countless churches and individuals donate to the MCH Christmas

Offering or participate in the Secret Santa program to make sure youth know that someone cares about them during the holiday season. In our communities, church partners, local agencies and businesses sponsor Christmas celebrations for MCH Family Outreach families to give them the opportunity to enjoy the season with their loved ones. More than 60 percent of donations in support of the daily needs of our children are received during the Christmas season.

"We are grateful for the support from our faithful benefactors," said Trey Oakley, vice president for development. "We know there are many worthy charitable organizations out there and for them to choose to support us is an honor. It is exciting to see how these gifts are blessing those we serve." •















NOW OPEN

HOPE IN ACTION

NEW MCH FAMILY OUTREACH CENTER IN WACO OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

After months of planning, design work and construction, the innovative MCH Family Outreach Center in Waco opened its doors on Jan. 7, 2019. The center is located at 524 West Waco Drive.

The center includes second-floor office space for the Waco MCH Family Outreach team and features several work and meeting areas, a conference room and a sensory room for staff to engage with children and families utilizing trauma informed-techniques. The building also has a large collaborative community space for outreach programs, trainings, meetings and community events.

The MCH Family Outreach team welcomed guests to an open house celebration on Feb. 15 and shared its community space for a Pathways to Permanency course for kinship caregivers led by Child Protective Services. Additionally, the center hosts scheduled Family Solutions, Gap and Parent Education programming organized and taught by the Waco MCH Family Outreach team.

The second phase of construction will build-out the first floor of the 10,000-square-foot facility to provide room for even more services to the community.

Moe Dozier, vice president for programs at Methodist Children's Home, said the new center helps MCH fulfill the commitment the organization made to the community at its founding nearly 130 years ago. **6** The new center is a space we hope will be seen as welcoming. safe, available and approachable to all families. As we serve children, youth and families and host others in the center, we will work to honor this space and be good stewards of this opportunity to expand as an outreach team. 娟

-**BROOKE DAVILLA** Director of MCH Family Outreach in Waco "MCH has and continues to actively serve children, youth and families at the highest level," Dozier said. "Our dedication has led MCH to diligently review, analyze and improve all areas of the organization through the years. This expansion is a reflection of our response to offering hope to the communities we serve."

Traci Wagner, program administrator for the Eastern region of MCH Family Outreach, said the center helps outreach achieve their primary goal of strengthening families to help them provide a safe, stable and healthy family environment.

"We believe families are the strength of our communities and the natural place to help children develop to their fullest potential," Wagner said. "We are continuing to partner with families to help build safe and healthy children and communities. This new space is in the center of the Waco community and provides us with the space and resources to creatively meet needs."

Brooke Davilla, director of MCH Family Outreach in Waco, said she and her staff are excited about working from a new location that is easily identifiable in the Waco community.









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Dozier said he is grateful for the opportunity to serve the community in new, creative ways.

"We are thankful for this opportunity and we are thankful for the hard work and time that has been invested in the MCH Family Outreach Center so far," he said. "This center will have long-lasting impacts on the Waco community as MCH continues to proactively put hope into action." •

For more information about MCH Family Outreach programs held at the new MCH Family Outreach Center in Waco, visit **MCH.org**, click on the **Locations** dropdown menu at the top of the page, and select **Waco**.

Lending A Hand

GAP PROGRAM STRIVES TO PARTNER WITH FAMILIES

Allen and Misty, married for 22 years, received a life-altering call late one evening in spring 2018. Their oldest daughter and her husband had been arrested and would be unable to care for their two young children, Josiah and Clay. After a long night of worrying and waiting, Allen and Misty received word they could take the boys home. That was on April 1, 2018, and their grandchildren have been with them ever since.

The family found themselves in a challenging situation that many grandparents are experiencing today as they suddenly become the primary caretakers of their grandchildren. According to census data gathered in 2017, 11.7 percent of children under 18 in Texas live with grandparents or other relatives. In New Mexico, the number of children living with grandparents or other relatives is 12.7 percent.



From left to right: Raymond, Allen, Josiah, Clay, Misty and Joseph

Methodist Children's Home recognized this growing trend back in 2006 when it discovered a large number of children in the MCH residential program were coming from homes led by grandparents. As a result, MCH began a program for grandparent caretakers through its community services department. Since then the program has grown to become the Gap program, offered through all 13 MCH Family Outreach offices in Texas and New Mexico. It was recently adjusted in 2017 to include evidencebased practices and expand its reach beyond grandparents to other relatives and kinship caretakers.

"We wanted to match our expertise and resources to the need we were seeing in the community," said Moe Dozier, vice president for programs at MCH. "Through this program, we are able to give these caretakers hope that they can handle their situation by providing them additional skills, a support system, or even just an encouraging word. Essentially, as the name indicates, we want to stand in the gap with them during this challenging time."

Grandparents and other relatives can face unique challenges in raising children such as limited financial resources, health issues or complex family relationships. Through the Gap program, case managers work alongside them as they adjust to their new roles by identifying their strengths, assessing their needs, and developing goals to stabilize the situation.

"We can assist in navigating complicated systems such as education and community services that are available," said Traci Wagner, program administrator for the Eastern region of MCH Family Outreach. "We can also be instrumental in connecting families with others who are walking similar paths. We all want to feel loved, included and know that we have a safety net of people who know what we are going through. MCH can be that and so much more to children and families who are in need of a glimmer of hope in a hurting world."

Allen and Misty were connected to LaKiesha Chatman, case manager at MCH Family Outreach in Tyler, in June 2018. They had been through some tough months adjusting to having the boys, now ages 2 and 1, along with their own sons Raymond, 18, and Joseph, 17. They moved to a larger house in a new neighborhood in order to accommodate their growing family. Then their financial situation became dire when Allen was hospitalized with heart issues. He was laid off from his job, leaving the family suddenly with limited income.

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-TRACI WAGNER

Program Administrator for MCH Family Outreach

The family was referred to MCH Family Outreach through their grandchildren's CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) representative. Chatman was able to guide the family as Allen, now deemed unable to work due to his health issues, applied for disability. During the waiting period, Chatman connected them to food and rental assistance resources in the community. She also referred them to a home speech service to help Josiah, who seemed to be experiencing speech delays.

Chatman has also been a knowledgeable advocate for the family as they navigate the social services system on behalf of their grandchildren.

"LaKiesha has been great," Allen said. "We really appreciate everything she has done. All my life I never had to depend on anyone. It got me down having to depend on someone, but we really appreciate it and we probably couldn't have made it without her." "Life has a way of putting you into check sometimes," said Misty. "This is new to us. We raised our three kids and never had to deal with any state agencies. She has been very insightful and helpful."

Chatman said the couple has great parenting skills and a lot of love for their grandchildren.

"They are very resilient and are great problem solvers," she said. "As a case manager, I love working with this family because they are so humble and always aim to do the right thing. I enjoy being an advocate and helping link them to the appropriate and needed resources in the area."

Allen and Misty said despite their challenges, it has been wonderful having the young boys in the home, and their older boys have been very helpful and understanding of the situation. Josiah and Clay have adjusted well and are happy with their grandparents.

"Who doesn't love having babies in the house?" Misty said. "They have given me a sense of purpose again."

"They bring a lot of happiness and joy to the house," Allen said. "I would do anything for them. These are my grandbabies – they are a part of me. I'll go to my grave trying to take care of them."

The couple plans to adopt Josiah and Clay if the parents' rights are terminated. Chatman said she will continue to support the family through the process.

"I enjoy being an ear to listen to the adjustments, rewards and challenges this family and so many other grandparents face by taking on the role of parenting their grandchildren to avoid further outof-home placement of the children," Chatham said. "I feel that grandparents just need empowerment and, most of all, the time and space to talk about how they are feeling when parenting their grandchildren."

Wagner said the Gap program has been successful due to the relationship that is built with families as well as the focus on identifying and building on the family's strengths.

"Families in crisis or families who find themselves in new and frightening circumstances don't need to be told what they are doing wrong – we are all usually well aware of our areas of growth and

shortcomings," she said. "What families need is someone to jump in alongside them in their journey and listen to their concerns, help them identify achievable goals and develop a roadmap to get there. The Gap program is about relationships, advocacy and hope."

MCH EMPLOYEE 2019 SERVICE AWARDS



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BRITTANY completed a certificate program for dental hygiene at the Texas Academy of Dental Assisting on Oct. 15. She finished the certificate program in 12 weeks, and took the state test to become a registered dental assistant. She is now working in Fort Worth

MARTHA attended Richland College and earned an associate's degree in science. She then worked for five years before returning to college to pursue her Bachelor of Science in Nursing at West Coast University - Dallas where she was on the Dean's List and graduated Nov. 3. She now works in home healthcare while

ALFONSO graduated on Dec. 13 from The University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History. He is applying for the master's program for global and international studies through the Universidad de Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain. He applied for the Fulbright study grant and is meeting with the committee advisors there on campus to help improve his application to secure his spot.

ANDREW graduated Dec. 7 from Texas State Technical College with an associate's degree in welding. After graduation, he plans to move to Grand Prairie for a

NEWS & NOTES

EMPOWERING CAREGIVERS THROUGH SUPPORTIVE GROUPS

MCH Family Outreach brings caregivers from the community together for a time of support and connection during Caregiver Empowerment groups. Groups can consist of parents, grandparents, relatives or fictive kinship caregivers and are led by an MCH team member.

"We started the group because we felt Spanish-speaking moms in our community could benefit from having a space where they could build friendship and share experiences about parenting and other topics," said Ana Chatham, case manager in the Waco office. "Late last year an

They are intended to provide support to all caregivers in their roles by enhancing their knowledge, helping them cultivate new skills, providing them with access to community resources, and providing a space where they can receive support and encouragement from peers. Topics discussed include financial issues, legal matters, children's behavior, self-care, advocacy, and family bonding.

MCH Family Outreach in Waco currently facilitates a Caregiver Empowerment Group for Spanishspeaking families. It has been running for more than a year and meets twice a month.

agency here in town that used to serve Spanish-speaking families closed, and we thought we could help fill in the gap for a space such as this."

Chatham leads the participants along with fellow case manager Sara Beth Stoltzfus. They recently hosted a gathering where the participants brought their children together to play, sing holiday songs in Spanish, and shared a potluck lunch. The suggestion for the party came from the participants themselves and provided an additional opportunity for bonding. They also suggested topics that have been discussed during meetings such

as sibling rivalry, online safety, communication, and how to increase their family's connection.

"Our main role is to provide the space and some structure, but the richness of the experience really comes from each woman opening up and sharing of themselves," Chatham said. "As we asked the participants to reflect on what has been most impactful to them, several of them mentioned how they experience our time together as self-care, an opportunity to pause, even if it's just for an hour every couple of weeks, and think about how they are going about their parenting role as well as other areas of their life."

Other examples of groups in Waco and elsewhere include a monthly gathering for adoptive parents in Waco, a long-standing group in Corpus Christi that has separate spaces for caregivers and children, and a group in a maternity home in Bryan for homeless women.

Caregiver Empowerment Groups are open to any caregiver in the community, regardless of whether or not they are a client of MCH. Attendance is free of charge and all MCH Family Outreach offices across Texas and New Mexico offer these services. If you are interested in joining a Caregiver Empowerment Group, please visit MCH.org, click on the "Locations" tab, and contact the nearest MCH Family Outreach office.

BICYCLE GIVING TRADITION KICKS OFF CHRISTMAS SEASON AT MCH

Thanks to the generosity of First United Methodist Church of Grapevine, children and youth at Methodist Children's Home were blessed with bicycles for Christmas. The annual donation is a long-standing tradition at MCH, dating back to the late-1980s.

Whether they are served on the Waco campus, MCH Boys Ranch or through one of the 13 MCH Family Outreach offices, First UMC Grapevine makes sure every child that wants a bicycle

will receive one in time for the holidays. This year 114 children received a bicycle and helmet. The churchwide campaign begins each year in October when the church contacts MCH to determine a number of desired bicycles. First UMC Grapevine then negotiates costs with local retail stores and purchases the bicycles. On a Friday in early December, church members spend an evening putting together the new bicycles by



MCH YOUTH GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

During the season of giving, students at the MCH charter school collected food as a way to give back to others. The students delivered 407 pounds of food to Caritas, a local nonprofit working to combat hunger and poverty, and saw firsthand how their efforts are benefiting their community. MCH boys from the Slator home at the Boys Ranch also sponsored a child from the Angel Tree, and boys and girls from six homes on the Waco campus spent their Saturday afternoon ringing a bell outside of Walmart for the Salvation Army. •





hand and loading them into a moving truck. The following morning several members drive to Waco to deliver the bicycles and are met by grateful MCH youth and staff for unloading.

"The arrival of new bicycles is one of the most joyous events of our year!" said Allison Crawford, director of benefactor relations at MCH. "Seeing the looks on our students' faces as bikes are delivered is the very picture of Christmas joy. We are grateful to each person at First UMC Grapevine for carrying on this tradition for so many years." •

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

BUILDING HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: PHASE THREE CONTINUES

Construction is steadily moving forward on the Nancy J. Bowen Home and the B.R. and Helen Greathouse Home, the fourth and fifth new homes on the Waco campus. These homes are part of the Building Hope Capital Campaign, a fundraising effort to provide new homes to better meet the needs of today's residential vouth.

The Building Hope Capital Campaign began in 2015 with the groundbreaking for the Dr. Jack Kyle and Evelyn Daniels Home followed by construction of Margaret Ann Yates Ashcraft Home and John E. Hilliard Home, both of which were completed in 2018. The Bowen and Greathouse homes are slated to open this summer. Each home can house up to 10 children, with a target of eight, and two sets of homeparents.

The decision to launch the capital campaign stems from a strategic initiative that challenged MCH to develop a new home design that considers the current

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and future population of residents, cost and maintenance efficiencies, and the expertise that MCH has gained through cutting-edge methods of care.

The campaign has now entered Phase Three which will fund three additional homes of the same design. The total campaign goal is to raise \$23,720,000 to complete 11 homes in four phases. "We will continue soliciting

the gifts needed to complete all

the new homes for our young people on the Waco campus," said Trey Oakley, vice president for development. "This is truly an exciting project for our ministry and we are grateful for the way our benefactors have responded to this opportunity to bless those we serve."

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

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