



# Connections

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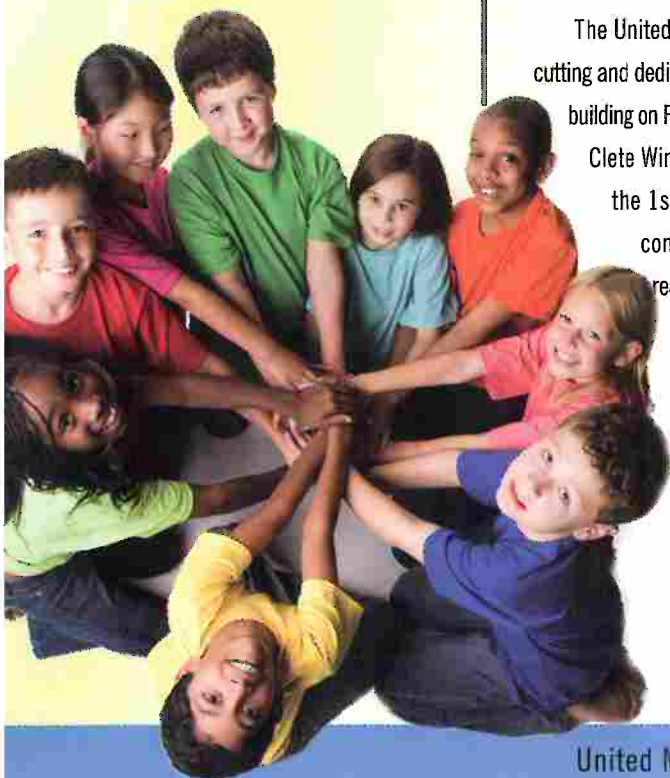
## Healing Today for a Brighter Tomorrow



### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS DEDICATION

The United Methodist Children's Home held a ribbon cutting and dedication for their new Community Connections building on Friday, November 14th. UMCH CEO/President Clete Winkelmann and Reverend David Eadie from the 1st United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon conducted the dedication which included a reading from Psalm 24 and the consecration of the new facility. Winkelmann referred to Mathew 28:18-20 and shared that Jesus wanted his disciples to go out to those around them and make connections. The new facility enhances the UMCH mission to minister to the needs of children, families and the community.

The Community Connections office is located at 201 North 27th Street in Mt. Vernon. This facility will house several of the UMCH community based programs including: Nurse Family Partnership / Best Beginnings, Family Centered Services, Adoptions and Professional Foster Care. These programs are serving upwards of 200 children and families throughout Southern Illinois. UMCH continues to also operate services from their main campus at 2023 Richview Road in Mt. Vernon.





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## BY CLETE WINKELMANN

CEO/PRESIDENT ■ ■ ■



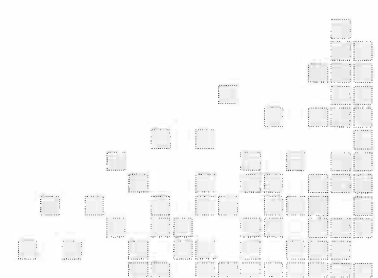
As we look into the rear view mirror at the year 2008 it is hard to get excited about many things in our world today. I hope that as you review our *Connections* publication you will find that even though things around us appear to be gloomy, we are working hard to assure that the children and families we serve are filled with the love of Christ. So many of you have given of your time, talents and gifts to make sure the mission of our agency continues strong into the future.

The year 2008 was a visionary year for UMCH with many plans coming to fruition. We successfully accomplished our goal of adding more space to UMCH to serve more individuals. We opened *Community Connections* which houses all of our community based programs that reaches out deep into our surrounding area (pictured on page 1). We expanded *Quest School* allowing them better facilities to educate those children we serve more effectively. We opened our *YouthBuild* campus in Centralia so that those young adults will have adequate space to accomplish their goal of becoming productive adults.

We have seen growth in most of our programs speaking to the tremendous need in our community. We have seen our *Friends of UMCH*, the women's auxiliary, grow to greater numbers. We had a successful year with our golf outing and we have grown our staff from 94 to 105 to better serve our clients and to produce better outcomes. We accomplished a major priority that we have desired for several years by hiring a *full time staff person focusing specifically on the spiritual development of our youth* and staff. We have been more active as leaders in our community serving others and living our mission. We had more visitors on our campus during our *Live Nativity* this past December demonstrating our commitment to faith based values.

All of this occurred in 2008. What a year to celebrate! I don't expect to see the pace of growth to continue in 2009. We are submitting a grant to continue *YouthBuild* into 2011 for both Jefferson County and Marion County. We will continue to grow our community based programs and hope to add some resources around Autism. We will focus on client outcomes making sure we are doing everything we can to provide them a chance at a successful adulthood. We hope to open the door to therapeutic day placements for emotionally disturbed youth at *Quest School* demonstrating to local school districts the value of our specialized educational program. I would like to thank you for your unwavering support of the United Methodist Children's Home. Each one of you is very important allowing us to fulfill our mission helping others and doing God's work by helping the least of these. As we head into 2009, I ask each of you to *prayerfully consider what you will do for UMCH* this year. I know there are many competing interests for you to consider but I can assure you that UMCH will continue to *carry out the mission of healing children's lives as we move through 2009*.

For the Kids, 



# Brighter Tomorrows



The youth entrusted to our care in our Transitional Living Program come from all over Illinois, from different backgrounds, but they share similar stories. Their successes vary from getting their high school education to performing simple tasks like buying groceries and preparing their own meals. We are proud of them when they accomplish what would not have been possible in the environments they came from.

Emily (not her real name) came from an abusive home. Through her childhood, Emily was placed from one family member's house to the next and eventually from one foster family to the next. She had been suspended from high school before, and suffered from anxiety. She remembers trying to do the right thing and get a job, but she was not able to maintain stability.

Like Emily, Jacob's (not his real name) life was also filled with instability. His parents neglected him. He was eventually removed from his home and started using drugs. Although he was in special education classes at his last school, Jacob is an intelligent person. The environment he was in did not allow him to grow and challenge himself positively.

Emily and Jacob now live in our Transitional Living Program. They are following the steps to become independent through the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS). The United Methodist Children's Home works closely with DCFS to provide a stable environment with mental, emotional, and spiritual guidance. They are both continuing their education at the local high school. Jacob played football in the fall. He is currently on the wrestling team and plans to run track in the spring. Emily is on the basketball team, and wants to join the soccer team this spring. When asked about playing sports, Emily states, "I have to play sports and keep busy. It gives me direction."

They don't let sports get in the way of their studies. Not only are they passing their classes, but they have been on the honor roll the past two quarters. Jacob is particularly proud that he has been getting straight A's. Emily says that she too enjoys school, "I like to learn new things and know what is going on around me."

Living in the Transitional Living Program has been easier on Jacob and Emily. Jacob says that it is "better than where I was before" and "there are opportunities." They know that their future depends on the choices that they are making right now. Jacob hopes to go to an Illinois university, study criminal justice and play football. Emily has her eyes on universities in Missouri and Illinois, and is interested in majoring in journalism.

We are truly proud of Emily and Jacob. Their accomplishments in the relatively short time they have lived at UMCH would likely not have been possible in their prior living arrangements. They have hope, they want to succeed, and we will work hard to help them achieve their "Brighter Tomorrows".



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# We Are Blessed

Photo: Bobbi

Opening presents this past Christmas.



In our last newsletter I shared that we were in the process of forming a new Development Team and to stay tuned..... Today I am excited to introduce you to our new team!

**Marcus Holland** joined UMCH in October as the **Development Coordinator**. Marcus' responsibilities include assisting with all aspects of fund development, public relations, marketing and church / community connections. He is also responsible for developing our newsletters and publications, maintaining our website, and scheduling tours of our facilities. Marcus has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mass Communications from Southeast Missouri State University.

**Joan Minor** also joined our team in October as the **Spiritual Life / Volunteer Coordinator**. Joan's primary responsibilities include providing spiritual life activities and programming for our youth and staff. Joan also oversees all aspects of volunteer recruitment, training and support. In addition, Joan will also be spending a lot of time in churches and community organizations throughout the conference to share our ministry with others. Joan has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English / History from Northern Illinois University.

**Glenda Phillips**, our **Administrative Assistant**, has been with UMCH for 8 years. Glenda is instrumental in assuring that the donations we receive are recorded and promptly acknowledged. In addition



**BY KAY ZIBBY** ■ ■ ■  
*VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT*

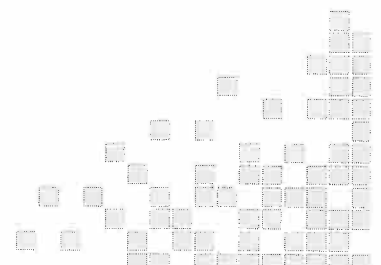
to her daily job responsibilities, Glenda provides each of us with a tremendous amount of support and ensures our team has the resources needed to carry out our work.

UMCH is also very blessed to have an abundance of people that support our mission through their donations of time, talents and resources. I continue to be in awe of the outpour of care and concern that is shown to our children throughout the year, particularly over the holidays. **THANK YOU** for helping us ensure our organization is sustained and that quality services are offered to those in need.

In a thank-you note for gifts purchased by a church group, one of the youth, who lives in our Residential program said it most eloquently, ***"Thank you for taking the time to think about me. May God bless you for helping others."***



Santa rode in on his motorcycle with the Southern Illinois ABATE Chapter 27 to give gifts to all of the UMCH kids.





BY JOAN MINOR ■ ■ ■



*VOLUNTEER AND SPIRITUAL  
LIFE COORDINATOR*

"We have a great friendship and are both growing in the areas of patience and unconditional love." This is a quote from United Methodist Children's Home's Visiting Resource Lisa Thatch. Lisa, a local optometrist, has been volunteering at the children's home since last April. Once a week, she comes over and mentors a 14-year old girl named Amber (not her real name) who lives in the Residential program on campus.

Before Lisa started coming to see Amber, the young girl was more withdrawn and kept things to herself. Since she formed this relationship, Amber has been able to communicate better and Lisa's influence has benefited her simply because Amber now knows someone cares about her.

"I listen and encourage," said Lisa. "We laugh, talk, sing along to music, and play soccer." The two are often seen on campus chasing a soccer ball or just sitting and talking to each other.

"I give a small piece of my time each week," said Lisa. "God has done so much in my life. He has saved me, sustained me, filled me with such a peace and a joy that I know that I need to pass that love on," she noted.

We at the United Methodist Children's Home know how priceless a volunteer like Lisa is. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her love, her listening, and her dedication to Amber. We are so appreciative of all our volunteers for their tireless support. The children benefit so much from knowing that there are people out there other than our staff who care about them. Our volunteers are very special people, and we are blessed to have them partner with us.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved at United Methodist Children's Home. There are so many opportunities, whether it's as an individual mentor such as Lisa; a church youth group planning a social activity with our youth; or groups to come in and help with landscaping or small maintenance projects. United Methodist Children's Home even has a special group of volunteers - our Friends Ladies Auxiliary organization. This group meets the 1st Monday of the month to plan events for the children. Our Friends ladies are invaluable - from planning birthday parties, picnics and helping with our community events. We are also in the process of developing another Friends Group in the Centralia area. This group will include men and women who will also help raise awareness and support of our ministry.

Anyone interested in learning more about volunteering or about joining the Friends group in Mt. Vernon or Centralia should contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Minor at 618-242-1070 Ext. 240.

"You can be the difference in someone's life," Lisa said.



▲  
Volunteer Lisa Thatch



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**Thomas & Hannah Cima**  
By Larry & Mary Ellen Shultz

**Lavonne Clark**  
By Alice Marie Benton

**Edelle & Joe Coffey**  
By Russell & JoAnn Schirmer  
Wilma Westerfield

**Ada & Larry Coffman**  
By Scott Coffman

**Fred & Freda Colwell**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Don Colwell

**Robert Combs**  
By Larry & Lori Rase

**Gene & Dixie Compton**  
By Tom, Angie & Michael Compton

**Hazel Constant**  
By Beverly Fisher

**Ella Cook**  
By Eugenia Zibby

**Kathleen D. Croan**  
By Melvin & Doris Croan

**Wave Deahl**  
By Fern Russell

**Cathy Dickey**  
By Rev. & Mrs. Earl Dickey

**Ron Dix**  
By Linda Dix

**Durwood**  
By Nina Plew

**Richard Dykes**  
By Phyllis Dykes

**Nancy Ferguson**  
By Larry & Mary Ellen Shultz

**Frank & Sylvia Foor**  
By Chris & Donna Boyd

**Julia & Ward Fountain**  
By Shirley Newlin & Keegan

**Helen Burchell Friedewald**  
By Beverly A. Ruser

**Ciara Frost**  
By Janet Noblitt  
Maggie Rumler

**Bobby H. Fry**  
By Ms. Janet L. Fry

**Steve Galey**  
By Merle Freeman

**Robert R. Gates**  
By Mrs. Ellen B. Gates

**Florence Gerling**  
By Alice Marie Benton

**Grandma Rose & Grandpa Bill**  
By Jordan Noblitt

**Grandma Rose**  
By The Smith Family

**Grandpa Mark**  
By Terry & Janet Noblitt

**Our Grandparents**  
By Gary & Sue Gower  
Carl & Kris Tingley

**Clifford & Eileen Gray**  
By Carol & Bernie Gray

**Scott Grimes**  
By Jimmie & Marcella Grimes

**Ava Hayes**  
By Ms. Shirley Diggs

**John A. Helm**  
By Marian Stuckey  
Joe & Elaine Housley

**Edw. H. Hemmer**  
By Shirley Hemmer

**Trevas Henry**  
By Glenda Phillips

**William "Bill" Hewitt**  
By Mark & Mary Miller

**Virginia Hill**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Dailey  
Mr. & Mrs. Jerrold Whitchurch  
Dr. & Mrs. Bill Lindenberg  
Ms. Eppie Nell Sharp

**Mr. & Mrs. O. J. Hill**  
By Mr. & Mrs. William Hill

**Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hintz**  
By Patty James

**Irene Hirsch**  
By Gary Hirsch

**Stephen Hodgeman**  
By Fred & Vivian Hodgeman

**Catherine Hoffman**  
By Alice Marie Benton

**Andrew & Mary Howard**  
By Larry & Mary Ellen Shultz

**Pauline Howard**  
By Builders Class of  
Litchfield St. Timothy UMC

**Ben & Lydia Huck**  
By Alice Marie Benton

**Oliver & Rosalie Huck**  
By Alice Marie Benton

**Ray, Esther & Jo Ann Hunsdorfer**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Carl Quayle

**Audrey Ikemire**  
By Noel Ikemire  
Greg & Susan Ikemire

**Myrtle Irvin**  
By Lee & Norma Johnson

**Raymond James**  
By Patty James

**Darrell Johnson**  
By Lorraine Johnson

**Erma Johnson**  
By Lee & Norma Johnson

**Dusty & Floyd Jones**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Stanley F. Jones

**Henrietta & Preston Jones**  
By Mike & Sharon Jones

**Brent Judge**  
By Mrs. Norma Bunting

**Roscoe & Jessie Kibler**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Kibler

**Brigitte & Christopher Klee**  
By Gail Wyatt

**Mae Lampley**  
By Lee & Norma Johnson

**Peggy Land**  
By Thomas Land

**Vivian Lofland**  
By Brownstown Emmanuel UMC

**Virginia Lucille Luke**  
By Benton 1st UMC

**Frank & Selma Malone**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Moyer

**Bobbie Manhart**  
By Greg & Sue Gower

**H. Edwin Marks**  
By Patricia Marks

**Maxine R. Massie**  
By Mr. Dwain Massie

**George Mathis**  
By Alice M. Mathis

**Marilyn McCorkle**  
By Charla Midgley

**John McCreery**  
By Dr. & Mrs. John D. Woolley

**Corey Dale McNear**  
By Chris & Donna Boyd

**Charles & Stella Mitchell**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Stanley F. Jones

**Clyde & Gladys Mitchell**  
By Virginia Anderson

**Caroline Moberly**  
By Janet Sutter

**Mom**  
By Rick & Mary Lewis

**Mom & Dad**  
By Janet Noblitt  
Sharon Adkins

**Ross Moore**  
By Carol & Bernie Gray

# Memorials & Honorariums



## **Mother & Father**

By Dorothy McColly

## **Rev. & Mrs. N. D. Motzer**

By Rev. & Mrs. Paul D. Motzer

## **Jason E. Mowrer**

By Curt & Sharon Mowrer

## **Audrey Moyer**

By Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Moyer

## **Martha J. Mundy**

By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Mundy II

## **Jerry & Hazel Musgrave**

By Carol & Bernie Gray

## **My Parents**

By Pat Thompson

## **Nicci & Noah**

By Rick & Mary Lewis

## **Melba Niehaus**

By Alice Marie Benton

## **Melinda Page**

By Larry Page

## **Carl Palmer**

By Ms. Susan Brinkmeyer

## **Mary Palmer**

By Robert Boester  
Jack & Gayla Harting  
Linda Phee  
Susan Brinkmeyer  
Emma & Tony Gockel  
Mary Echols

## **Our Parents**

By Cecil & Thelma Jones  
Carol & Dorothy Tingley  
Greg & Sue Gower

## **Parents & Grandparents**

By Chris & Brad Gurley

## **Fern Peters**

By Lowell & Joyce Stout

## **Helen Pierce**

By Kenneth Bird

## **John & Myrtle Pierce**

By Mrs. Katherine L. Prior

## **Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Poirot**

By Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Poirot

## **Ronald Prior**

By Mrs. Katherine Prior

## **Kenneth Ridley**

By Olliebelle Ridley

## **Robert H. Ritchason**

By Ms. Violet Machura

## **Roy Rogers**

By Bernice Rogers

## **Dorothea A. Moschen Rose**

By Ms. Mary Crawford

## **Mahlon & Lois Rumler**

By The Rumlers

## **Dee Russell**

By Fern Russell

## **Alan Dale Rupprecht**

By Ms. Vivian Rupprecht

## **Dale Arthur Rupprecht**

By Ms. Vivian Rupprecht

## **Colby Sims**

By Ms. Marilyn Faulkner

## **Trevor Siverly**

By Greg & Sue Gower  
Sharon Adkins

## **Darrell O. Smith**

By Mrs. Norma J. Smith

## **McKenzie Smith**

By Bob & Barb Richardson  
Glenda Phillips

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By Dr. & Mrs. John M. Snodsmith

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By Mrs. Irlene Stolle

## **Emily Stotlar**

By Rindy Eisenhauer

## **Mr. Todd Thompson**

By Mark & Mary Miller

## **Dean Thompson**

By Pat Thompson

## **Marland Tucker, Sr.**

By Mrs. Norma Tucker

## **U. S. Troops**

By Bennie Greenwalt

## **Emma & Marshall Westbrook**

By Virginia Aud

## **Naoma & Archie Williams**

By Russell & JoAnn Schirmer

## **Gerald Willm**

By Brownstown Emmanuel UMC

## **Jacqueline Wood**

By Linda Monge

## **David Wright**

By Mr. & Mrs. William Wright

## **Karl Wright**

By Mrs. Evelyn Wright

## **Elmo Young**

By Ms. Sue Odum

## ■ ■ ■ HONORARIUMS

(10/1/08-1/31/09)

### **Jane Abel**

By Carol & Bernie Gray

### **Brandon & Amanda**

By Chris & Brad Gurley

### **The Browning Family**

By Janet Noblitt

### **Lisa Dickey**

By Rev. & Mrs. Earl Dickey

### **For the Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren**

By Emma Lewis

### **Evan, Drew & Reece Gray**

By Dorothy Hacker

### **Dr. & Mrs. Roger Grimmitt**

By Mark & Mary Miller

### **Elouise Hahs**

By Betty Stoltz  
By Pauline Stoltz

### **Kayla Hale**

By Pat Thompson

### **Art McGehee's 100th Birthday**

By Fairfield First UMC

### **My Family**

By Ms. Marjorie K. Martin

### **Olmsted UMW**

By Olmsted UMW

### **Our Children & Grandchildren**

By Mr. & Mrs. Charles O. Hooks

### **Our Children & Grandchildren**

By Greg and Sue Gower

### **Our Children & Grandson**

By Terry & Janet Noblitt

### **Our Family**

By Jane Meeker  
Tom, Angie & Michael Compton  
Shirley Newlin & Keegan  
Carl & Kris Tingley

### **Our Grandchildren**

By Neil & Joyce Conklen

### **Olliebelle Ridley**

By Bill & Brenda Rendleman

### **Carol Ritchey**

By Mr. & Mrs. David McNabb

### **Kenzie Thompson**

By Pat Thompson

### **UMCH Management Team**

By Kay Zibby

### **Ellen Walker**

By Susan Champiin  
By Michael Walker

### **John Westphal**

By Dorris Heights UMC

### **Gina York**

By Joetta York

*Romans 12:13 -*

*"Share with God's people  
who are in need. Practice hospitality."*



# Planned Giving Opportunities

## PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES ■ ■ ■

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The Pension Protection Act of 2006 was extended through 2009 by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008. One focus of this legislation is the planned giving from an IRA. An owner of a Traditional or Roth IRA can donate up to \$100,000 tax free directly from an IRA to a nonprofit charity.

To make a distribution you must be 70 ½ years old. This can be a benefit, because each year you must take out a distribution from your IRA. A portion or all of this distribution, up to \$100,000, may be designated by you to go directly to a nonprofit charitable organization, and you will not have to pay taxes on this distribution.

The law states that this planned gift must go directly from your IRA to a charity and the charity must be an IRS tax-qualified, nonprofit organization. Make clear instructions to your IRA custodian to distribute the funds directly to the charity. The charity can write a letter acknowledging the gift, with the date, amount, and that the gift was from your IRA for tax purposes.

United Methodist Children's Home Foundation will acknowledge you as a member of our Heritage Builders when you make a planned gift(s). These types of planned gift could also include bequests, IRA/retirement plan beneficiary, life insurance beneficiary, stocks, or real estate. If you have more questions regarding planned giving to UMCH, please contact your personal financial advisor and/or attorney.

If you have made provisions for a planned gift to UMCH, please contact Kay Zibby, VP of Development, at (618) 242-1070 ext. 255, or e-mail [kayz@umchome.org](mailto:kayz@umchome.org).

## HERITAGE BUILDERS ■ ■ ■ *SUSTAINING THE MISSION & MINISTRY OF UMCH*

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The following individuals have joined Heritage Builders by making provisions for a gift to United Methodist Children's Home Foundation in their estate plan.

Phillip "Mike" Beard

Sharon S. Benke

Glen Brasel

Marjorie Brooks

Robert P. Coats

Don & Norma Fairchild

2 additional members wish to remain anonymous

Peggy Hester

Fern Leslie

Gordon & Gretchen Roberts

Rev. Dr. Joe Scheets

Jim & Ellen Walker

Darla Wexstten

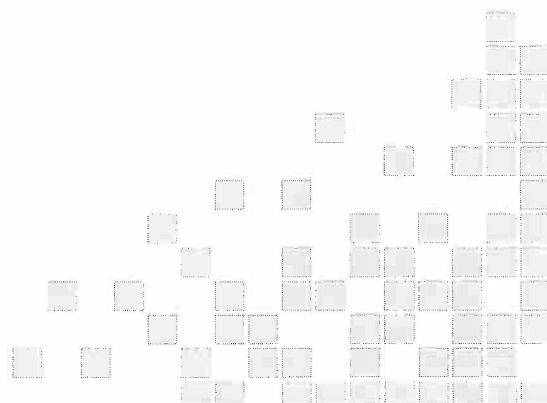
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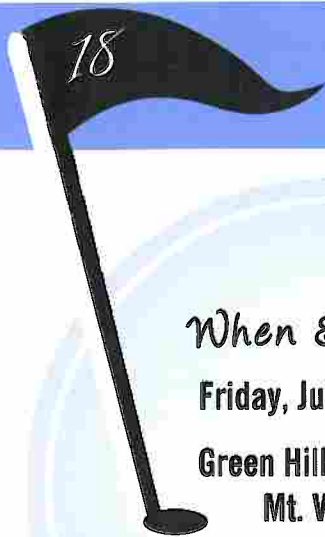
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Randy Winn

Viva Wright

Kay Zibby





# United Methodist Children's Home 14th Annual Charity Golf Classic

## When & Where:

Friday, July 17, 2009

Green Hills Golf Club  
Mt. Vernon

10:00am—Registration

11:00am—Shotgun Start

### Details:

4-Person Scramble - Cost \$80 per person / \$320 per team

Entry includes: 18 holes w/ cart, lunch on the course,  
19th hole Hors d'oeuvre, & lots of door prizes

### Prizes awarded for:

1st Place A & B Flight

1st Place Women's Division  
(Must be an all women's team)

Various hole games

### SPONSORSHIPS

#### Platinum Sponsor: \$1000

Benefits include business / person name on the Tournament Platinum Banner. Donors at this level will also be recognized prominently on golf brochure & all event publicity. Also receives one complimentary 4-person team in the tournament.

#### Gold Sponsor: \$500

Benefits include business / person being listed on the sponsor board and acknowledged in event publicity. Also receives 2 complimentary players in the tournament.

#### Hole Sponsor: \$125

Your name / business will be recognized at a tee box.

#### Cart Sponsor—\$25

Your name will be recognized on a golf cart.

UMCH is a 501c(3) non-profit agency.  
100% of sponsorships and 50% of golfing fees are tax deductible

YES! I would like to support the UMCH Golf Classic

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register a person / team to play in the tournament. I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to provide a sponsorship for the golf tournament (please circle the sponsorship level above). I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Kay Zibby (618-242-1070 ext. 255 or [kayz@umchome.org](mailto:kayz@umchome.org)) with questions /information  
UMCH Foundation, P.O. Box 611, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

# Mission Statement

*"Healing Today for a Brighter Tomorrow"*

The United Methodist Children's Home strives for excellence in helping individuals, families, and communities **grow** through services provided in a safe nurturing environment of trust and open communication.

## *Memberships*

Illinois Child Care Association  
United Methodist Association of  
Health & Welfare Services

## *Licensed by*

Illinois Department of  
Children & Family Services

## *Certified by*

Illinois Department of  
Human Services  
Department of Public Aid (Medicaid)  
Individual Care Grant (ICG)  
Illinois State Board of Education



## *Accredited by*

COA - Council on Accreditation of Services for  
Families & Children, Inc.



EAGLE - United Methodist Association of  
Health & Education Ministries  
Education Assessment Guidelines  
Leading toward Excellence



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