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appy Holidays! In this issue of *Children's Sentinel*, you will read about two wonderful young ladies who have been in our care for a number of years and who are now getting an education and working part-time under the loving care of Methodist Family Health foster care parents.

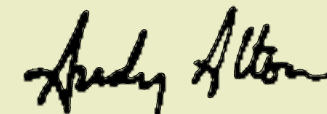
Youngsters come to us with a variety of emotional or behavioral problems or because of turmoil in their lives caused by the very family members who should be giving them love, support and guidance. We take them in and give them love and see that they know they are God's children. Sometimes we fail. But often – very often – the kids ultimately become responsible, caring community members.

This historic ministry has been caring for children since 1902. For many decades, Arkansas Methodist churches have participated in a **Christmas Special Offering** which provides financial support enabling us to help so many children rebuild their shattered lives.

Please consider supporting this wonderful ministry to children to the maximum extent possible through your church's Special Offering or by sending your year-end gift directly to us.

Thank you for your concern, love and prayers for God's children who are in our care.

Sincerely,



Andy Altom  
President and CEO



Ashley Moore (left) and Crystal Collier, close friends and Methodist Family Health success story



# A Christmas Story of Hope

For Ashley Moore and Crystal Collier, Methodist Family Health provided a path to recovery and a future filled with promise

**T**he ties that bind run deep. There are the obvious similarities: seniors in high school, part-time jobs at McDonald's, laughs that are contagious, even a shared passion for Mexican food. Though not connected by blood, few have experienced the sisterhood shared by these two friends.

An even stronger bond links Ashley Moore and Crystal Collier, an uncommon connection most will never encounter and, if given the chance, wouldn't want to. For Ashley and Crystal, what tore them apart from family and friends is what ultimately brought them together and became the pathway to the previously unknown: hope.

"Suicide," Crystal says, when asked to describe her former future goals. "I just wanted to jump out of a building. I thought I was ugly, stupid, no good, useless, a nobody. I felt like everything that happened to me was my fault. I felt like life wasn't worth living. I ended up in the hospital three times because of those thoughts."

Those three hospital stays were at Methodist Behavioral Hospital in Maumelle, the facility within the Methodist Family Health Continuum of Care that treats children and teens dealing with severe emotional and behavioral issues by eschewing the punitive approach – punishing patients for bad behavior – for a model that emphasizes motivation and comprehensive, multi-step care.

In between the hospital stays, Crystal lived and received treatment at other facilities within the Continuum, including stints at the Residential Treatment Center in Little Rock and the Springdale Group Home for girls. It was there where Crystal says she made progress by living and sharing with others haunted by similar demons.

"I thought I was the only one with problems like mine," Crystal says, "until I met the girls at the Group Home. I realized I wasn't alone in dealing with my problems. I made progress by working with some great counselors and met new friends who helped me cope."

Ashley Moore was one of those friends and someone whose life followed an eerie parallel to Crystal's. From the Residential Treatment Center to the Behavioral Hospital to the Group Home in Springdale, Ashley's and Crystal's paths crossed often, eventually leading both to their current and final destination within the Continuum, the Fayetteville home of Charles and Evelyn Vaughn.

"My wife and I had a history of working with foster children in group homes around the state," Charles says. "When our own children became grown and moved away, we decided to open our home and give hope and purpose to children who had never had it before. I will admit, there are challenges. Some of these kids have so many problems to overcome – things they should have worked out when they were very young. But it's rewarding to teach the social and independent living skills that help prepare them to function outside the home after they leave the Continuum of Care."

Like Crystal, Ashley's eyes were opened when she discovered the problems that plagued her weren't unique. She found help in new friends and hope in "having Mrs. Evelyn and Mr. Charles here just to talk to me when I'm having a bad day."

"Before getting help at Methodist Family Health, I used to feel like life was hopeless," Ashley says. "Now, it feels good to live. Crystal and I are so close; we're like sisters. I have seen her grow to become more cheerful, to let people in.

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I like the understanding, caring side of her. And thanks to our foster parents, who we love so much, I've learned to be independent, how to overcome my stubbornness, how to budget money and, most important, to pursue my dreams for the future. I want to go to college and become a kindergarten teacher. I want to be the first from my family to graduate and realize my dreams."

Those dreams – the ones typical for most kids, but for Ashley, Crystal and too many others, not often realized – are nearing reality.

"We've seen both girls grow so much," Charles says when assessing Ashley's and Crystal's progress. "When Crystal started working, she was scared to death of the cash register, because she was insecure about working with numbers. Now she loves it and is the first one out there to help new employees learn the ropes. Ashley's carrying a 3.0 grade-point average, is hard working and dependable ... I could go on forever about all these girls have accomplished since they've lived with us. They've really grown up in front of us to become independent, responsible young ladies."

This December, Crystal is moving out of the Vaughn's home, a place where she's found comfort, guidance and love. But this move is different. It's not a transfer to another home for troubled kids. Crystal is reuniting with her mother, where they will spend this Christmas together, enjoying the greatest gift of all – a life full of hope. And Ashley? She's taking her SAT and deciding which college to help her fulfill her dreams.

Through it all, one constant has seen them through: Methodist Family Health.

"It's a great program," Ashley reflects.

"It's made me realize there's a life worth living," Crystal adds.

And there lies the most important similarity between these two.



Maggie Beeler, director of special programs for Methodist Family Health (center), enjoys a laugh with Crystal Collier (left) and Ashley Moore (right)

# Building Relationships

## Springdale church enjoys special bond with Girls Home

Recently, my wife, Karen, and I experienced an incredibly special evening at the **Springdale Girls Home**. For several years now, the young ladies residing in this Methodist Family Health Therapeutic Group Home have had a close relationship with **First United Methodist Church of Springdale**. They are an integral part of our church family. A Sunday rarely goes by without the girls present in worship. As the senior pastor of First Church, it was an honor to be invited to dinner by these young ladies.

The girls served a delicious meal consisting of Latin American fare. The food had been carefully prepared by both young ladies and their Teaching-Parents, **Corey and Karen Paulos**. While the enchiladas were the best I have ever eaten, it was the atmosphere at the dinner party that impressed me most. An attitude of love and respect permeated the air. Good conversation, laughter and genuine caring were the order for the evening. Karen and I were so impressed with both the Teaching-Parents and the girls. We talked about the event for days after it was over.

My sincere appreciation is extended to Methodist Family Health for the quality care that is being provided through the leadership of committed professionals like Corey and Karen Paulos. You are making a real difference!

Britt Skarda  
Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church  
Springdale, Arkansas



The Reverend Britt Skarda

# Donor Spotlight

## Walter and Agnes Huff

Contributing a lasting legacy  
for the children of Arkansas

**I**t was a gift of love to both his family and to the Methodist Children's Home that Walter Huff of Newport arranged well over a half century ago as he and his attorney prepared his will.

Mr. Huff wanted to be certain that his wife, Agnes, and his daughter, Dolly, had adequate financial resources for their lifetimes. But as an active Methodist and supporter of the Methodist Children's Home, he also wanted to create a way to help the future generations of children at the Home.

Mr. Huff died in 1954, but his legacy lived on. He gave his farm in Jackson County to the Children's Home with his wife and daughter each retaining life interests in the farm, where they could live and keep any income generated by farming. In 1985, at the age of 91, Mrs. Huff retired from managing the farming operation and passed away five years later.

Since that time, the Huff's beloved daughter, Dolly Huff McClanahan of England, Arkansas, has leased the 900 acres to other Jackson County farmers.

Walter Huff was born in McCrory, Arkansas, on March 8, 1893, and Agnes Barbara McGehee was born in New Edinburgh, Arkansas, on July 12, 1894. They met at Henderson-Brown College in Arkadelphia, where he graduated in 1912 and she a year later. After graduation, Walter attended law school and Agnes began a career in teaching.

Just a few months shy of earning his law degree, Huff felt compelled to join the military and defend democracy in World War I. After Officers Training School, he shipped overseas and saw extensive action in six battles. Returning safely from the war, he proceeded to McCrory where his college sweetheart, Agnes McGehee, was teaching, and, in 1919, took her as his bride.

The young couple moved to Beedeville, Arkansas, where Mr. Huff's uncle farmed and had business interests. The Huffs developed their own farming and business interests and moved to Newport in 1940. As they became increasingly active in the Methodist Church, they supported a number of church ministries and became very concerned for the plight of children who had no home or who needed a safe and loving environment in which to live. Thus, their support of the Children's Home began, and that support has continued through Mrs. Huff's life and now through their daughter.

"Daddy had seen what happened to a lot of kids who didn't have the chance to live in loving homes, and he wanted to help them," said his daughter, Dolly Huff McClanahan, during a recent visit with Children's Home staff. "Many children will grow up with love and more positive experiences because of his foresight."

Walter Huff, thanks to his vision and concern almost 60 years ago, has accomplished his desire: he has provided for his wife and his daughter while providing a legacy of support for children of future generations. Fifty years later, he still provides an example for us all.



(left) Agnes and Walter Huff with their daughter, Dolly Huff McClanahan, on her wedding day

# Methodist Family Health Foundation



## THE CHARITABLE IRA ROLLOVER An Unprecedented Opportunity During 2006 and 2007

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 includes a long-awaited provision which enables taxpayers, age 70 1/2 or older, to make charitable transfers from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA).

The new law provides an exclusion from gross income for otherwise taxable IRA distributions of up to \$100,000 per year from both traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs for gifts to qualified charities during 2006 and 2007.

The amount that can be excluded from a plan owner's income is limited to \$100,000 per taxpayer per year. The exclusion applies to individuals who have reached age 70 1/2 by the date of contribution.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a major gift to the United Methodist Children's Home or the Methodist Behavioral Hospital. For more information, please contact Bill Patterson by phone at (501) 661-0720 (ext. 7300) or by e-mail at [bpatterson@methodistfamily.org](mailto:bpatterson@methodistfamily.org).

## SUGGESTED WORDING FOR BEQUESTS

### 1. UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Methodist Family Health Foundation Inc. the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars (or the following described property), the principal and income to be used in such manner as its Board of Directors deems best."

### 2. UNRESTRICTED RESIDUAL BEQUEST

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Methodist Family Health Foundation Inc. all the rest of my property and estate, real and personal, the principal and income to be used in such manner as its Board of Directors deems best."

### 3. BEQUEST FOR DESIGNATED PROGRAM

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Methodist Family Health Foundation Inc. the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars (or the following described property) for the benefit of the (United Methodist Children's Home, Methodist Behavioral Hospital, etc.)."

### 4. BEQUEST FOR DESIGNATED PURPOSE

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Methodist Family Health Foundation Inc. the sum of \_\_\_\_\_dollars (or the following described property) to be used in accordance with my gift agreement on file with the Foundation."

## THE JAMES M. WORKMAN SOCIETY

Reverend James M. Workman, while pastor of Asbury Church in Little Rock, served as the first Agent of the Methodist Orphanage, beginning in 1899. In that role, he was responsible for soliciting, managing and distributing funds for the creation and opening of the Orphanage.

Membership in the James M. Workman Society recognizes an annual gift of \$1,000 or more to the Methodist Family Health System.



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## THE GEORGE THORNBURGH SOCIETY

Colonel George Thornburgh, Methodist layman and successful businessman, is generally regarded as the founder of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage. Beginning in 1909, while serving as the third superintendent of the orphanage, he led one of the earliest fund drives in Arkansas, an ambitious and successful \$25,000 campaign to erect a new facility to serve as a modern new home of the orphanage.

Membership in the George Thornburgh Society recognizes gifts of \$25,000 or more to the Methodist Family Health System.



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## THE COY-ROOTS-TABOR HERITAGE SOCIETY

Mrs. L.W. Coy, Mrs. L.H. Roots and Mrs. E.A. Tabor were three of the earliest benefactresses of the Methodist Orphanage, jointly donating a building and property at 15th and Commerce Streets in Little Rock, which became the first home of the orphanage, opening in 1902.

Membership in the Coy-Roots-Tabor Heritage Society recognizes a commitment to a future gift through trust, bequest or other means to the Methodist Family Health System.



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# Providing for the Children

## Searcy Girls Home Welcomes New Teaching-Parents

**Bryan and Michelle Hobbs** were warmly welcomed recently by **Rev. Mike Morey** and the congregation of the **First United Methodist Church in Searcy**. Bryan and Michelle are the new Teaching-Parents at the **Searcy Girls Home**.

This was the perfect opportunity for Bryan and Michelle, the girls and the congregation to meet and get to know each other. The Hobbs come to us from the Batesville area and have the heartfelt ambition to care, teach and guide the youth in their care.



Reverend Mike Morey (right) welcomed Michelle and Bryan Hobbs (left), new parents to the Searcy Girls Home.

## Mason's Challenge 2006 Golf Outing

The annual **Mason's Challenge 2006 Golf Outing** took place on Friday, September 15, at Stonebridge Meadows golf course in Fayetteville. For many years, the **Mason Memorial Foundation** has hosted events to help improve the quality of life for many children by ministering to their educational and spiritual needs, including Methodist Family Health. The love and care they provide for youngsters is in memory of **Michael and Debbie Pianalto's** grandson, **Mason Young**.



The players won the trophies, but the children were the real winners.

## Magale Manor Group Home

The Methodist churches in Magnolia and El Dorado continue to support the **Magale Manor Group Home** by singling out large-need special projects and carrying out those projects from inception to completion.

**The First United Methodist Church of El Dorado** recently created a recreation room for the boys. The remodeling project transformed an old, run-down garage into a much-needed room that will now provide the boys with unlimited recreational possibilities for years to come.

On September 12, the church also honored the boys by introducing them during the church service and treating them to a delicious fish fry afterward. The foresight and creativity of these community groups provide increased quality of life for our youth and demonstrates the community's concern for their well-being.



Volunteers from First United Methodist Church of El Dorado paint Magale Manor Home, creating the boys a new recreation room.



Melba Ainsworth (left), Teaching-Parent Assistant Tony Miller (center) and Janis King (right) pose for a photo while taking a break from all their hard work.

## Methodist Family Health Honored

The **First United Methodist Church of El Dorado** recently invited **Magale Manor Group Home** clients and staff as well as Methodist Family Health (MFH) administration to share in a celebration of the relationship that has developed through the ministries of the congregation.

**Retired Bishop Kenneth Hicks**, representing MFH, delivered the sermon during the Sunday service. His uplifting message provided reassurance, challenges, calls to service and a bit of humor. During the service **Joslyn Harney**, consultant for the Magnolia and Helena group homes, addressed the congregation to express our thanks for all the gifts of time, talent and resources that the El Dorado Church has provided.

MFH CEO **Andy Altom** honored **Dr. William Scurlock**, a prominent member of the congregation, for his contributions to the Children's Home and MFH through eight years of service on the UMCH/MFH board of directors. Andy presented Dr. Scurlock with a plaque commemorating his service and also presented a plaque to the church in appreciation of its many gifts, the most recent of which was a remodeling project creating a recreation room for the Magnolia Group Home.

Also in attendance from MFH in Little Rock were **David and Kristen Beall** and their children, **Craig and Alicia Gammon**, **Bill Patterson**, and **Maggie Beeler**; **Evan Burgess** (ATP Magnolia) and four youth from the Magnolia home; and **Joslyn and Art Harney**.

After the service, the MFH staff enjoyed food and fellowship at a catfish fry in the church's activity hall. Overall, it was a terrific day and a great opportunity to get to know some of the many generous people in the El Dorado area who work hard to support our efforts.



Andy Altom (left) presents Dr. Bill Scurlock with an award for his service on the UMCH/MFH board of directors.



Dr. Bill Scurlock (left) and Retired Bishop Hicks (right) wait in line for the fish-fry lunch.

Members of First UMC of El Dorado Missions Committee and Melba and Ed Ainsworth (above) were also honored.

## Christmas in October

Take a few dollar coins, several gift bags and a church full of loving parishioners, and what do you have? Well, Christmas in October, of course!

On October 15, the young men from the **Magale Manor Group Home** in Magnolia were invited to a special Christmas service and luncheon at **St. Mark's United Methodist Church in El Dorado**. This is a yearly event during which the church takes a special offering for the boys' Christmas gifts, then treats them to a potluck Christmas dinner.

This year, **Maggie Beeler**, director of special programs for Methodist Family Health, and **Joslyn Harney**, program consultant for Methodist Family Health, were also invited to attend the event. The honored guests were able to experience the generosity of the congregation, their warm greetings and the delicious meal and fabulous desserts! All the boys received gift bags containing not only a present, but also a \$30 gift card and a gold one-dollar coin.



Joslyn Harney (left) and Reverend Mike Wilkie (right)

United Methodist Children's Home  
 Christmas Special Offering  
 December 10, 2006 • December 17, 2006



The continued success of this extraordinary ministry of the Arkansas Conference depends heavily on the generous giving of individuals like you. Since the Children's Home does not receive income from apportionments, this is the time that United Methodists are asked to support the children.

Gift envelopes are available at every United Methodist Church in Arkansas or you may mail your gift to the following address.

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 Rebuilding the Lives of Children Since 1899

# “Why I Give”

“I will give you two reasons why I give: first, because I am a Methodist; second, because my wife and I have a soft spot for children. We work with them locally and have a feeling for these kids. They need help.”

Charles E. Downs - Hope, AR

“I give because I feel strongly that the work of Methodist Family Health is helping kids all across Arkansas. It is a grand program and the continuum of care that it provides is excellent. It provides an opportunity to reach youth at all levels.”

Barbara Bragg - Camden, AR

“I believe in children and the good the UMCH does for these kids in trouble. I also give in honor of my mother. She was a loyal Methodist.”

Mary Newton - Ashdown, AR

“Giving has been a long-standing family tradition. We care about children, and we want to help care for them. I grew up knowing what UMCH did, and it is a part of my heritage. We like what you all do for the children.”

Pam Warren - Hot Springs, AR

“The reason we give is because we have always loved children – they have a special place in our hearts. Christmas is a great time of year to give, and we hope to make a little difference.”

Ella Poag - Osceola, AR

“Father was raised in a Lutheran Orphanage and got good training and guidance. My natural mother abandoned us three kids, and, if our father had not remarried, we might have ended up in an orphanage. I always want to help less fortunate children.”

Barbara Harsh - Bismarck, AR

“I would have difficulty looking at myself in the mirror shaving if we didn't make gifts to UMCH. We feel so blessed and fortunate to never have to use their services, and we feel an obligation to give. It is just that simple. Marvelous ministry to support.”

Hugh Atwood - Jonesboro, AR



# How can I help?

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful time of year this is for most of us! Throughout November and December we seem to be especially conscious of our blessings. We give thanks. We give gifts. We honor our living loved ones and memorialize those who have passed on.

Many of us use this period to evaluate the year just past and to plan for the year ahead. It is an excellent time for each of us, regardless of age, to reflect on the questions, “What will my legacy be? What am I doing to improve my world?”

This is a superb time for each of us, again regardless of age, to revise or simply to add a codicil to our wills to help the charities and organizations most important to us. For those over 70 1/2 who have IRA funds, a wonderful opportunity exists (only in 2006 and 2007) to give up to \$100,000 to charity from those funds and receive an unprecedented tax savings.

Won't you consider joining me in providing a heritage gift for the children through a bequest, a gift of your IRA, or creation of an endowment? *Please contact me by phone at (501) 661-0720 (ext. 7300) or by e-mail at [bpatterson@methodistfamily.org](mailto:bpatterson@methodistfamily.org) and let me assist you in making your legacy gift.*

Sincerely,

William R. Patterson  
 Vice President for Advancement



**“Bitter are the tears of a child: Sweeten them.  
Deep are the thoughts of a child: Quiet them.  
Sharp is the grief of a child: Take it from him.  
Soft is the heart of a child: Do not harden it.”**

**Pamela Glenconner (1871-1928)  
British Author**



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The Methodist Family Health Foundation now has available a 13-minute DVD providing information about the many programs of the Methodist Family Health Continuum of Care. If you would like to receive a copy of the DVD, please contact Maggie Beeler, director of special programs, at (501) 661-0720 (ext. 7299) or [mbeeler@methodistfamily.org](mailto:mbeeler@methodistfamily.org). We also will be happy to provide a speaker and a presentation to your church, civic or other interested group.



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