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One Life Changed

**Billy Gene Jones
Credits His Success
To His Children's
Home Upbringing**

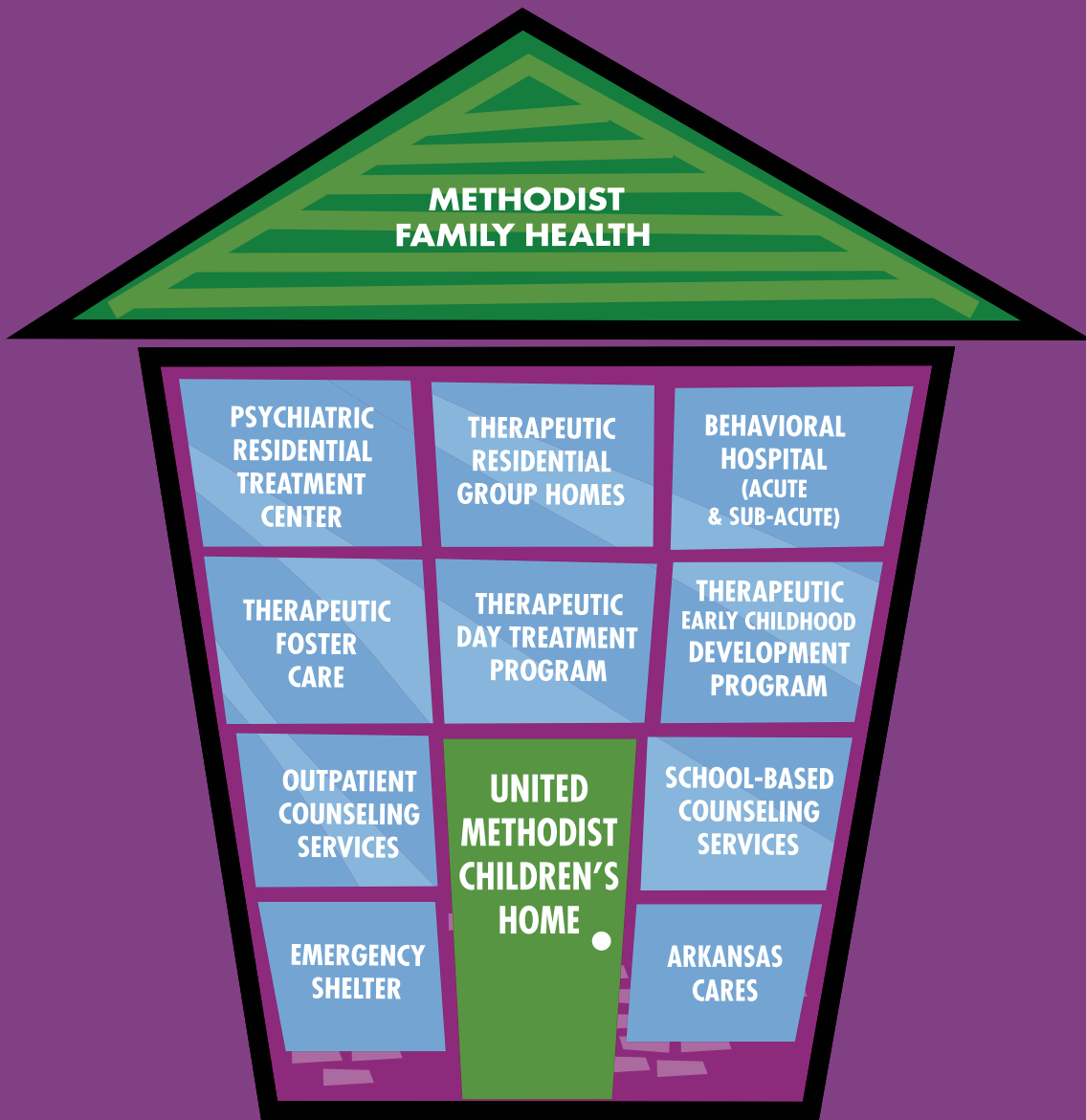
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s traditional celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas unfold, Methodist Family Health appreciates your belief in our tradition to provide quality care for Arkansas' children and families. Our continuum of care incorporates more than a century of traditions that respect the emotional essence of childhood.

In this issue, we share old and new traditions that are the foundation for our comprehensive behavioral healthcare system.

- Endowments and estate giving: The legacy of donors Charles Nolan and Ruth and Karen Dacus lives on through the first residential treatment center located in Craighead County.
- Success stories: Former resident Billy Gene Jones attributes the Children's Home to giving him a life, which is more than just living.
- Camp Tanako: Each year, summer camp promises excitement and fun.
- The Methodist Family Health Walk for Children and Families: Church youth groups and the community join together to support special projects for clients.
- Pet therapy: Animal friends provide clients with unconditional love that promotes emotional healing.

Finally, our foremost tradition is the annual Christmas Special Offering: Embrace Our Tradition of Christmas. Connect with a Child. The 2008 Appeal will provide a way "to take home a child" in your heart. Through the generosity of United Methodist Church members, old and new traditions will continue and grow for those entrusted in our care.

Seize the spirit of the "John Wesley Rule" and continue to make Methodist Family Health a part of your family's tradition.

"John Wesley Rule"

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, In all the places you can,
At all the times you can, To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

— *John Wesley, Founder, Methodist Church*

Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Andy Altom
President and CEO



A Changed

Billy Gene Jones' life ultimately changed when he was only 11 years old.

Although Jones and his brother lived with grandparents who cared deeply for them, it was difficult for the farming family to care for the boys. After moving around a great deal, they were eventually placed in the Methodist Children's Home.



(left to right) Billy Gene Jones and his brother, Harold Jones.

Once placed in the stable environment of the Children's Home, Jones' potential as a star athlete was unlocked. You can say Billy Gene Jones is a true success story. Not only did he go on to have a thriving athletic career, he also became a lieutenant colonel in the Army, an amazing father and husband, and an inspirational figure to many youth.

"Some people say I came from a broken home, but the truth is that our grandparents cared a great deal for us. They just moved around too much for two young, growing boys," Jones said. "At first, my brother and I had mixed emotions about going to the children's home, but after a few days, few weeks, few months there, we realized that this was like a haven or heaven for us."

Jones and his brother were placed in the Children's Home when it was on 1610 Elm St. Jones remembers the home moving to its current location, 2002 S. Fillmore, in 1948.

"I actually helped build four of the cottages on Fillmore when I was 14 years old," he said. "When I was in 8th grade, I designed the archway you drive under upon entering the facility. If you want proof, you can bust open one of the columns there. We placed a time capsule of sorts inside a jar in one of the columns with the arch's design plans and names of the children who were there when it was built."

But an archway design is not the only mark Jones left on the Children's Home and Arkansas in general.

A Star Is Born

When Jones was in the 5th grade at Robert E. Lee Elementary, he played touch football and was the pitcher on the softball team. It didn't take long for his coaches to realize that this little fellow was fast!

Jones went on to attend Westside Junior High, where he tried out for the track team and made it. He also played on the football team as the school's star running back. In 1950, Jones became the "fastest 9th-grader in the state of Arkansas." He jokes, "When we would line up for a race back then, my fellow competitors would talk between themselves, 'Who's gonna get 2nd, 3rd and 4th, guys?'"

At Little Rock High School, Jones continued to make a name for himself as a track and football star. In the 10th grade, he joined the relay team and set two state records. Coached by the great Wilson Matthews, Jones became the No. 2 sprinter in Arkansas and was awarded a four-year scholarship to Louisiana State University.



Westside Junior High football team (five boys from Methodist Children's Home): #29 Melton Magee; #10 James Womack; #19 Franklin Stevenson; #20 Billy Gene Jones; Rev. Paul Galloway; #15 Harold Womack

In 1953, Jones started at LSU. He was only there two years because his track coaches wouldn't let him play football, his other sporting passion. After a brief stint on scholarship at Arkansas Tech University, Jones moved to Arkadelphia to attend Henderson State University.

"Henderson didn't have a track team my first year there," Jones said. "So, I challenged fellow students to join the track team, and by my second year there we won Henderson's first track meet in many years! It was very exciting!"

Life

The life story of Billy Gene Jones took root at The Methodist Children's Home

Jones – who was undefeated for two years in his track events – graduated from HSU with a degree in education.

When Jones reflects on the influence the Children's Home had on him with regard to his athletic capabilities, he says, "These people guided and inspired me. Encouragement never ran dry. There was a fellow child placed there named Betty Smith. She was like a big sister to me and was the first person to really encourage me to go out for athletics.

"We were all like brothers and sisters at the home. I had my own cheering section at nearly every high school football game. The support and love was unmatched."

An Honorable Life

Jones had been in ROTC throughout college and upon graduation from Henderson, he joined the U.S. Army as 2nd Lieutenant, serving two years with the armor branch. Jones had always dreamed of being a pilot, and in 1960, he finally got his chance.

"In 1960, I applied for flight school and was accepted. I managed to survive it, if you want to call it that, and came out as one of the top graduates in the class," he said.

After flying fixed-wing aircraft for a few years and taking a qualification course to learn to fly helicopters, Jones went to Germany. He served three years there as a pilot and as an operations officer. After further training, Jones landed at Ft. Walters, Texas, and served as the commander and the director of the flight program at the primary helicopter center.



Pleiku, Vietnam (1966) – Billy Gene Jones (left) with Crew Chief.

Jones served two tours in Vietnam and, upon final return, was assigned to the research and development unit in Alexandria, Virginia. After a few additional moves with the Army, Jones retired in 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Throughout the duration of his military career, true to his character of striving for excellence, Jones received several awards and distinctions, including the Legion of Merit, Gallantry Cross, and the Bronze Star.

The Strength of Family

Billy Jones met his wife, Jonelle (Jo), at the Methodist Church in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Jones proclaims, "There are only two respectable places to meet a spouse: at church or a library!" Meeting at church has proven to be the right choice for Jones, having been married to Jo for more than 50 years.

"Jo is a woman of sincere strength," Billy said. "You have to be when you are a military wife."

The family moved 23 times in 23 years. Despite the moves, challenges and absences, the family remained a strong unit.

The couple's oldest son, Stephen, is a chief engineer at Pratt Whitney Aircraft Company in Ohio. Daughter Melinda earned her Ph.D. and was a professor at Notre Dame University before moving to Vermont to teach.

"Fortunately, our children haven't been hindered too much by all of our moving," Jones said. "I think they've learned a lot, and they've been very aggressive in their lifestyle too. My wife never sat still for too long either! She owned a company in Virginia for 13 years. And currently she's one of the directors for Mary Kay cosmetics."

Billy Gene Jones has led an extraordinary life. He now lives in Florida and spends his time mentoring and speaking to students about the military and his own life's lessons. He is a man of depth, truth and sincerity that is obvious in even a brief conversation with him.

"I owe so much to the Methodist Children's Home," he said. "It gave me the opportunity to realize my potential in all aspects of my life. It truly changed my life."

Donor Spotlight

The Charles Nolan, Ruth Owen and Karen Dacus Residential Treatment Center (Dacus RTC) was dedicated on September 23, 2008, as Methodist Family Health's newest facility. Located in Bono, Arkansas (Craighead County), the treatment center fulfills a dream that Charles and Ruth hoped would long benefit the children and families of Arkansas.



Charles Nolan and Ruth Owen with their daughter, Karen, whom they adopted from the Methodist Children's Home. (Photo courtesy of Fred Dacus, circa 1955.)

Both Charles and Ruth worked hard and saved during their lifetime. Charles worked in a men's clothing store in downtown Jonesboro, while Ruth worked at the Jonesboro Social Security Administration office. During their marriage, the couple adopted a beautiful daughter, Karen, from the Methodist Children's Home. With the addition of Karen, the Dacus family felt complete – and full of joy.

In 1959, Charles passed away. Within the next year, another unfortunate loss occurred. Their dear daughter Karen died en route to the emergency room after being injured in her front yard. In two short years, Ruth had lost the two most important people in her life. When Ruth died in 2002, Methodist Children's Home received a generous donation from her estate. Her desire was to establish a branch of the Children's Home in the Jonesboro area in memory of her late husband.

The Dacus RTC is housed in the former Church of Christ building, which was renovated to accommodate children and adolescents ages 6-18. The city of Bono, located near Jonesboro, is a family-centered community that has been extremely supportive of the new facility.

The catalyst for bringing the Dacus Residential Treatment Center to fruition was through St. Bernards Healthcare System, based in Craighead County. Acting on St. Bernards' recommendation to transfer its 28 licensed residential treatment center beds to Methodist Family Health, MFH was able to resume St. Bernards' original mission of providing adolescent behavioral healthcare in Craighead County.

In addition, St. Bernards Healthcare System donated 28 beds, as well as desks for the two classrooms. The health system also contributed sand-filled chairs for the spacious multi-purpose room and reception areas. Once the children who are treated at the RTC reach age 18, they can be referred to St. Bernards Behavioral Health to continue the treatment course set by MFH.

"We at St. Bernards are pleased to welcome the Methodist Children's Home to Northeast Arkansas," said Ben Owens, president and CEO of St. Bernards Healthcare System.

"They bring more than 100 years of experience working with children throughout Arkansas. Their experience and history bring another healthcare asset to our region."

Ruth Owen Dacus

Jonesboro, Arkansas



Ben Owens, President and CEO of St. Bernards Healthcare; George Fray, St. Bernards Vice President of New Business Development/Administrator; and Andy Altom, MFH CEO, tour the new Dacus RTC.

Bono City Mayor L.M. Duncan welcomed MFH to the area and cut the ribbon during the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Retired Methodist Bishop Kenneth Hicks blessed the new facility, and Chief Executive Officer Andy Altom provided opening remarks. Methodist Children's Home Administrator Craig Gammon gave the media personal tours, while more than 250 guests enjoyed refreshments and guided tours. Afterward, Altom hung the Dacus family portrait in the reception area for everyone to see.

"I am pleased that the citizens of Bono, Jonesboro and Craighead County have supported the Dacus RTC since its inception," said Craig Gammon, Methodist Children's Home administrator. "We are honored to be located in Bono and Craighead County. We appreciate the partnerships that have been established and look forward to our work together."



Peggy Lyons and her sister, Betty Caraway of Jonesboro, distribute information at the Dacus RTC ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour.

The generosity and spirit of the Dacus family name will live on forever in the lives of children and adolescents who will receive treatment in Bono.



(left to right) Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce officials (in red coats), Bono Mayor L.M. Duncan, Methodist Children's Home Administrator Craig Gammon, MFH CEO Andy Altom, MFH Board members Harry Clerget and Ritter Arnold, St. Bernards President and CEO Ben Owens and MFH Board member Ernie Butler helped celebrate the opening of the new Dacus Residential Treatment Center during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

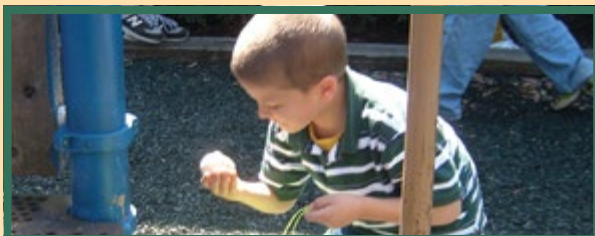
What's Happening Around Methodist?

We've been busy this past season at Methodist Family Health. Below is just a sample of what the children and families in our continuum have participated in since our last issue.

MARCH

Children Enjoy Easter Egg Hunting

The RTC groups had their hunt on the Children's Home campus and were very excited to see what was inside their eggs. Candy! The Recreation Therapy staff outdid themselves at MBH. They hid the eggs so well on the playground that they had to draw a map to remind themselves of all the hiding places! The children had a fabulous time!



"I found one!"

MARCH

Special Delivery from Hot Springs Village UMC



Hot Springs Village UMC donated Easter baskets for children in the Residential Treatment and Emergency Shelter programs. Nancy Miller, Martha Vaughn, Bette Clark, MFH Director of Community Development Maggie Beeler, Anna Riley and Marian McLaurin all volunteered for the project.

MAY

2008 Recreational Therapy Arts Festival

Methodist Family Health was a proud sponsor of the 2008 Recreational Therapy Arts Festival. Children from all MFH central Arkansas programs participated in a dance contest, ring toss, visor-making and many other fun activities.



MFH was a proud sponsor of the 2008 Recreational Therapy Arts Festival. Carolee Cook, Director of Recreational Therapy; Rev. Andrea Allen; Heather Bailey, Director of Marketing; Suzanne Williams, Controller

MAY



Foundation Board member Lynn Staten and volunteers from St. James Mission Circle in Little Rock planted flowers around the Children's Home to spruce up the campus.

JUNE

More than 200 Participate in Camp Tanako

More than 200 children and staff enjoyed this year's Camp Tanako. The children participated in five full days of activities that brought out their competitive spirits: karaoke, the annual talent show, canoe and kayak races, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and much more. MFH administrators and directors hosted a carnival on Thursday night and enjoyed seeing all the fun the campers were having.



2008 Camp Tanako campers and staff

AUGUST

Pet Therapy Now Part of MFH

Thanks to RTC Program Director Delana Keeler, pet therapy is now part of MFH's central Arkansas programs. The Delta Society's Pet Partner Program is the only national registry that trains and screens volunteers and their pets for visiting hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, schools and other facilities. Delta requires pets and their partners to pass rigorous testing. Each pet meets health department standards and puts safety first.



DeShaun Taylor enjoyed his time with Tallulah the poodle.

AUGUST

MFH Enjoys Spirit Week

MFH staff and children in our care had a blast participating in Spirit Week. The week began on Monday with "Pajama Day." Tuesday was "Twin Day," Wednesday was "Tie Day," Thursday was "'80s Day," and Friday ended the week with "Hat Day." It was fun to see staff and kids show their spirit during the various theme days.



"Pajama Day" was a BIG HIT among staff! Who doesn't want to "roll out of bed" and come straight to work?

SEPTEMBER

Bishop Kenneth Hicks Honored

Bishop Kenneth Hicks was honored again this year at the 2nd Annual Bishop Kenneth Hicks Peace Awards Dinner at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Betty Bumpers and Woodruff Elementary School also received awards for their efforts in peacemaking and reconciliation.



Board Spotlight

Jane Hardin Little Rock, Arkansas

Jane Hunt Hardin is an active volunteer in the Little Rock community and a true blessing to the Methodist Family Health family.

Jane grew up in Stuttgart, Arkansas, the daughter of J.B. and Johnelle Hunt, co-founders of J.B. Hunt Transport, one of Arkansas' largest publicly owned companies.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas, Jane taught junior high school English for seven years before adopting two newborns: Martin and Tara. Martin, 23, lives in Fayetteville, while Tara, 23, is a recent graduate of Denver University in Colorado. Jane is married to Bill Hardin and has two stepsons, J.B. and Ryan, who live in Northwest Arkansas.

While living in Fayetteville, Jane served on the New School Board for seven years and the University of Arkansas Education Foundation Board. She was also a member and volunteer at her church and numerous other civic organizations.

Since moving to Little Rock in 1995, Jane has volunteered for several nonprofit organizations. She has served as a volunteer for Arkansas CARES in many capacities during the past 10 years and is also a member of the Methodist Family Health Board. She has served on the Old State House Foundation Board and currently serves on the UAMS Foundation Board.



Jane Hunt Hardin
October 2008

Last year, she was a volunteer in the English Department at Central High School. Jane and Bill both support the Compassion Center, the Golden Gloves Education Program and fund scholarships for University of Central Arkansas students through the Johnelle Hunt Scholarship Program.

Jane received the Outstanding Philanthropist Award at the 2008 Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Nov. 12, 2008. Methodist Family Health is pleased and privileged to have such a giving person serving as one of its board members!

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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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 one-time gifts of \$25,000 or more to the Methodist Family Health System.



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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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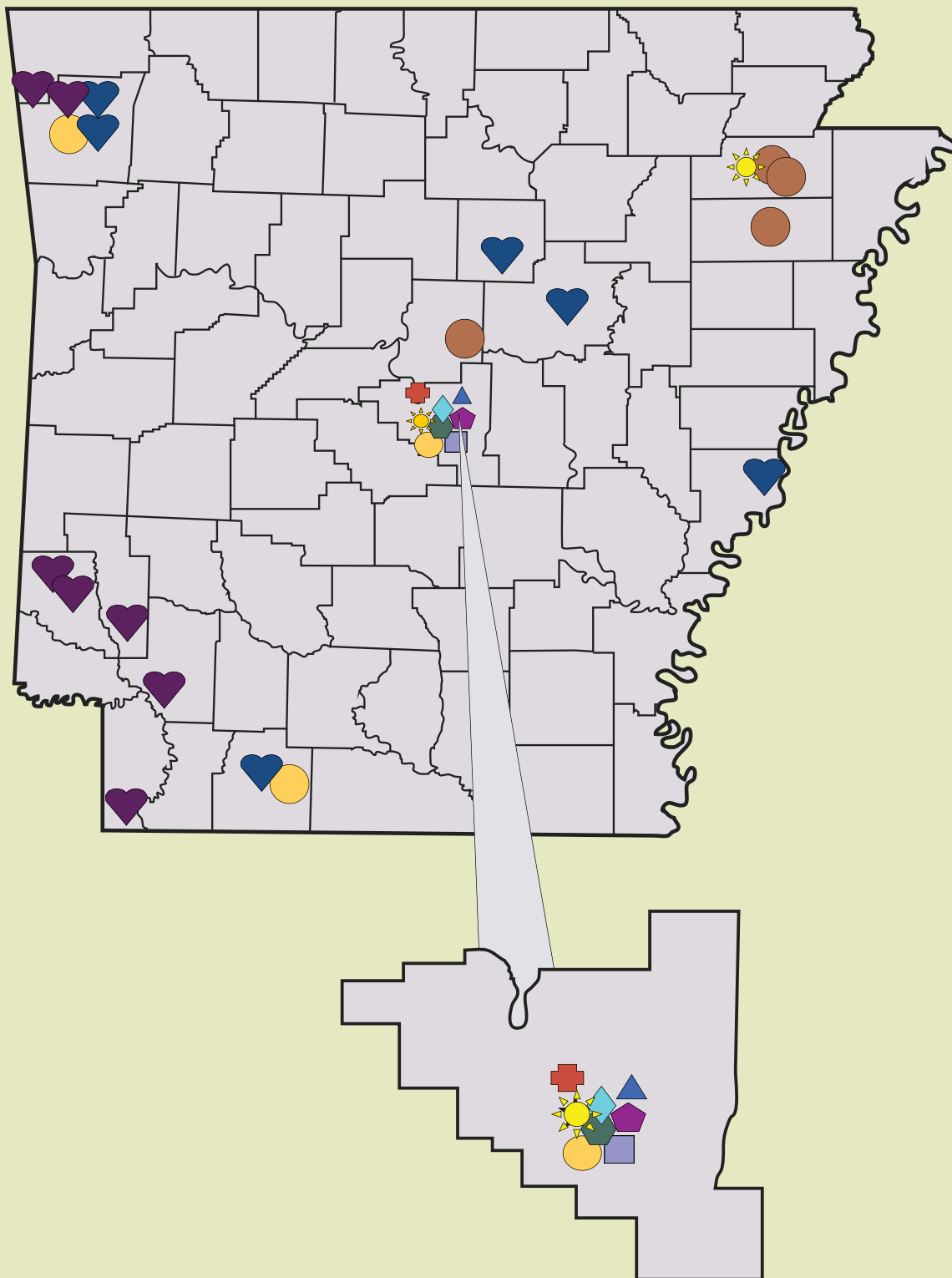
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*Providing quality compassionate behavioral healthcare
to the children and families of Arkansas*



Therapeutic Group Homes

- ♥ 1. Fayetteville
- ♥ 2. Heber Springs
- ♥ 3. Helena-West Helena
- ♥ 4. Magnolia
- ♥ 5. Searcy
- ♥ 6. Springdale

School-Based Counseling

- 1. Harrisburg
- 2. Jonesboro
- 3. SUCCESS Academy – Craighead County
- 4. Vilonia

Day Treatment

- ◆ Little Rock

Residential Treatment Center

- ☀ 1. Bono
- ☀ 2. Little Rock

Emergency Shelter

- ♠ Little Rock

Counseling Center

- 1. Fayetteville
- 2. Little Rock
- 3. Magnolia

Arkansas CARES

- ◆ Little Rock

Behavioral Hospital

- ⊕ Maumelle

Therapeutic Foster Care

- ♥ 1. De Queen
- ♥ 2. Doddridge
- ♥ 3. Fulton
- ♥ 4. Gillham
- ♥ 5. Mineral Springs
- ♥ 6. Siloam Springs
- ♥ 7. Springdale

AR Crisis Response Team

- ▲ Little Rock

MFH Administration

- Little Rock

MFH's 2nd Annual Walk for Children and Families



Participants in the Walk for Children and Families held at the Big Dam Bridge lined the structure from end to end.

The 2nd Annual Methodist Family Health Walk for Children and Families at the Big Dam Bridge was held Aug. 1, 2008. More than 320 walkers braved the 100-degree heat to help raise awareness for children and families who suffer from physical or emotional abuse.

The money raised from the walk will help build a new playground on the Children's Home campus for children from the Residential Treatment Centers, the Emergency Shelter, the Early Childhood Education Program and Arkansas CARES programs.

Participants enjoyed listening to Christian music by the Cabot First United Methodist Church College Praise Band during the walk. They also enjoyed the many treats

along the way, including hamburgers and hot dogs from Cotham's in the City, bottled water from Clear Mountain Water and ice cream donated by Frosty Treats.



Foundation Board members Lynn Staten and Don Cole, with his sons, walk in support of MFH.

a HUGE Success



The Outstanding Achievement Award was presented to Denise Wilson, Youth Director at Cabot First United Methodist Church, by Maggie Beeler, Director of MFH Community Development.

“It was great seeing so many children and families come out and support such an outstanding event,” said Ashley Coldiron, MFH Foundation Executive Director. “Seeing more than half of the bridge filled with walkers was exhilarating.”

“The amount of enthusiasm we had at the walk was incredible,” said Maggie Beeler, Director of Community Development

for MFH Foundation. “Words cannot express how much we appreciate the support from our sponsors and the community.”

Prizes were awarded to participants who could answer trivia questions about Methodist Family Health, including free meal coupons to Popeye’s, movie rentals from Blockbuster, meals from Burger King and Wendy’s, movie tickets from The Rave, boxes of apples from Metro Foods and a gift card from Academy Sports.



MFH Board member Neill Sloan and his grandson Neill Henry participate in the day’s events.



The Cabot First United Methodist College Praise Band performed for participants.



Taking steps to provide compassionate care to children and families. Authorized by the Big Dam Bridge Foundation, Inc.

Thank You.

Methodist Family Health's Walk for Children and Families on August 1, 2008, was a huge success thanks to the dedicated participants, volunteers and generous sponsors. We offer our heartfelt appreciation to everyone for taking steps with us to provide compassionate care to children and families in need. Net proceeds from the event will fund a new playground for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock.

Thank you to our sponsors!

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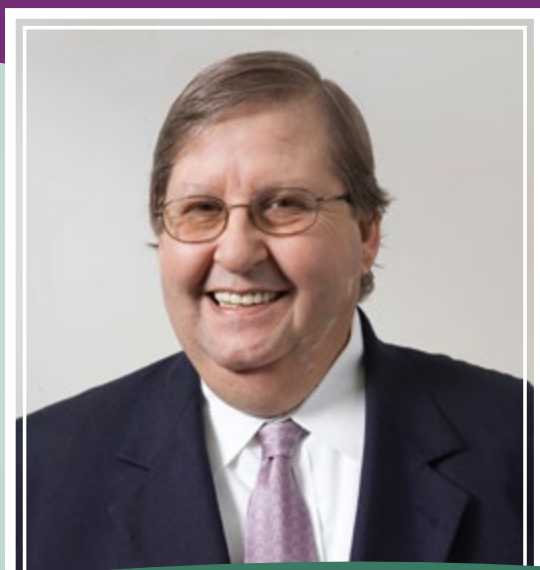
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In Loving Memory of **Reverend Jack Douglas Jackson**



Rev. Jack Douglas Jackson, a Methodist pastor, served as a dedicated member of the Methodist Family Health Board of Directors for 10 years. He served as chairman of the Nominating Committee and was a member of the Finance and Audit Committees while serving on the board.

During his tenure, Rev. Jackson advocated for children's behavioral services in northeast Arkansas. Rev. Jackson will be greatly missed by the Methodist Family Health Board of Directors and the employees of Methodist Family Health.

Reverend Jack Douglas Jackson
October 4, 1947 – March 31, 2008

Reasons to Give

Your Holiday Donation Supports Many Things

- 6 Therapeutic Group Homes throughout our state that offer a stable environment and family-like atmosphere for troubled kids
- 60 Children in our acute and sub-acute beds at Methodist Behavioral Hospital
- 200 Presents needed for children who will not be with their families for Christmas
- 750 Mothers and children who have “graduated” from the Arkansas CARES program and are working in our communities today
- 109 Years of service to children through United Methodist Children’s Home
- 24 Hour care at our Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center that provides care for adolescents ages 12-17
- 70 Snacks served at our Early Childhood Development Program for young children with behavioral problems
- 10 Beds at our Emergency Shelter, which is a safe haven for children with nowhere else to turn
- 29 Children loved and nurtured through our Therapeutic Foster Care Program this year
- 1 Child you can help today!

What Your Donation Means to MFH

Whatever level you can give, we appreciate it! Below are examples of what your donation can mean to Methodist Family Health.

- \$25 Jump ropes, soccer balls and basketballs for our kids to play
- \$100 Diapers and formula for a month for an Arkansas CARES mother to care for and feed her baby
- \$250 School supplies for five kids at the Emergency Shelter to attend the neighborhood school
- \$500 Video equipment for the classroom at the Therapeutic Day Treatment School
- \$1,000 Twenty bicycles and tricycles for the preschool kids to use at recess
- \$1,200 (\$100 a month for a year) New mattresses for a Group Home
- \$5,000 New carpet or tile for a cottage that houses nine moms and 13 kids
- \$10,000 Three bathrooms at Methodist Behavioral Hospital remodeled to render suicide proof

Ways to Donate

There are so many ways to help children and their families through Methodist Family Health

Teach Your Child or Grandchild to Give

Talk to your child or grandchild about children who might not be with their families this Christmas and take them to purchase a football, soccer ball or jump rope. Donate the play item to Methodist Family Health at 1600 Aldersgate, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Honorarium/Memorial Giving

Honor or memorialize someone who has meant a great deal to you.

Church Giving

Participate in one of the offerings at your local United Methodist Church on Dec. 14 or Dec. 21 that will benefit the children and families of Methodist Family Health.

Make a Family Gift

You and your family can request a list of items the Methodist Continuum needs. Here are just a few: a tornado shelter for one of our therapeutic group homes in Arkansas (Helena home); new family room furniture (\$3,000) for the therapeutic group home in Fayetteville; new deep-freeze refrigerator (\$1,200) for the Emergency Shelter in Little Rock; new kitchen table and chairs (\$3,000) for the Searcy group home; new tile on the first level (\$4,000) of the Springdale Group Home.

Consider a Bequest to Methodist Family Health

Talk to your attorney about including Methodist Family Health in your will. You can specify the program you would like to benefit. So, if you've been moved by the work done with children at the Methodist Behavioral Hospital, Methodist Children's Home, and Arkansas CARES, you can designate it to that program.

Consider a Gift That Gives Back

There are many charitable vehicles that allow you to place appreciated assets and receive a set or flexible amount of money back through the course of your lifetime with the residual or partial residual coming to Methodist Family Health. Speak to your financial advisor about the use of a unitrust, annuity trust or annuity.

To donate online, visit www.methodistfamily.org.

The holidays are all about GIVING! Consider enlarging your giving this year to include one of our wonderful program areas at Methodist Family Health. We sincerely appreciate any help you can give and look forward to speaking with you about any of these opportunities. For information, do not hesitate to call Ashley Coldiron (ext. 7300) or Maggie Beeler (ext. 7299) by phone at (501) 661-0720 or by email at acoldiron@methodistfamily.org or mbeeler@methodistfamily.org.



EMBRACE OUR
Tradition
OF
Christmas

CONNECT TO A CHILD

Christmas is a time for families to gather together in loving celebration. Sadly, many children suffer from abuse, neglect and abandonment, and for them, Christmas has no joy. Years ago, families would come to us and take a child home with them for Christmas. Today, that loving gesture isn't possible, but that spirit remains alive through your generous giving. This Christmas, please consider joining in our tradition of helping children by connecting to a child.

Please send your Christmas donations to:

Methodist Family Health Foundation

P.O. Box 56050

Little Rock, AR 72215



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