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Sondra Hushaw delivers to Methodist Family Health the donations collected for our 2020 Get Up & Give collection project.

MFH Open for Get Up & Give Deliveries

The Methodist Family Health Foundation is accepting donations from this year's Get Up & Give collection project through July 31.

Arkansans who contributed to our state's children and families who are abandoned, abused, neglected and managing psychiatric, emotional, behavioral and spiritual issues can drop off their donations at the Methodist Family Health Foundation as follows:

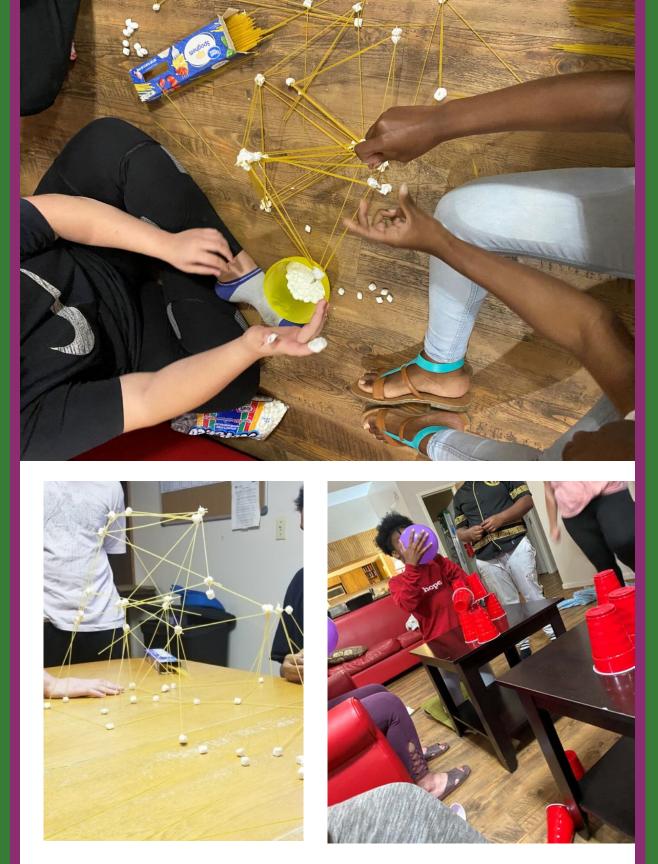
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, July 6-31, 2020
- Methodist Family Health Foundation, 1600 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock,

- Arkansas 72205
- Please call the phone number on the sign on the front door of suite 100.
- A Foundation team member will direct you to our warehouse.
- The Foundation team member will meet you at the garage door of the warehouse. Please stay in your vehicle if at all possible. If you cannot, you will be asked to wear a mask. If you do not have one, we will provide one for you.
- When you see the Foundation team member, please open your trunk or hatchback, and the team member will unload your car.
- She will provide you an in-kind receipt for your records after your contributions have been unloaded

Those donors not in the central Arkansas area can deliver their donations to the Methodist Family Health Counseling Clinic in their area. For specifics on how to deliver contributions, please contact the clinic below closest to you:

- Alma: 1209 Hwy 71N, Suite B, Alma, AR 72921; phone 479.632.1022
- Batesville: 500 E. Main St., Suite 310, Batesville, AR 72501; phone 870.569.4890
- Fayetteville: 74 W. Sunbridge Dr., Fayetteville, AR 72703; phone 479.582.5565
- Heber Springs: 515 N. Main St., Heber Springs, AR 72543; phone 501.365.3022
- Hot Springs: 100 Ridgeway, Suite 5, Hot Springs, AR 71901; phone 501.318.6066
- Jonesboro: 2239 S. Caraway, Suite M, Jonesboro, AR 72401; phone 870.910.3757
- Magnolia: 621 E. North St., Magnolia, AR 71753; phone 870.234.0739

For more information, visit <u>https://www.methodistfamily.org/get-up-and-give.html</u> or call 501-906-4201.



Spaghetti and marshmallows make great ad hoc erector sets while Solo cups and balloons create inventive Jenga games.

20th Annual Rev. Robert Regnier Memorial Summer Camp Goes Virtual

Unfortunately, the annual Rev. Robert Regnier Memorial Summer Camp was

not able to be held at Camp Tanako this year.

Our kids needed us to think outside the box for summer memories. An advisory board of two youth from each home with strong leadership skills was created. They met virtually to create a schedule, stay-at-home activities, competitions, water sports and, of course, our annual Methodist's Got Talent - talent show!

Camp started Monday, June 22 and wrapped up Friday, July 10. Our youth provided input on t-shirt designs, trophy-worthy competitions, coordination of Disney + movie nights, water games and minute-to-win-it completions as well as a virtual scavenger hunt. There also were camp songs sung virtually. Amy Shores, MFH director of pastoral care, provided devotions and lead worship.

Our youth and staff had a great 20th Annual Rev. Robert Regnier Memorial Summer Camp —Homebound 2020.

Thank you so much for your support of our campers this summer.

Be Happy and Bright at MFH's Summer Virtual FUNdraiser



Due to COVID-19, we have made the decision to pivot our 4th annual Bright Night to become a virtual, summer event, culminating in our Bright Night celebration on Friday, August 7. We will be asking families, sponsors and church groups (based on CDC recommendations regarding groups/gatherings at the time) to take an evening during the summer and go outside together to light up the night with sparklers, flashlights or glowsticks, or make chalk art messages to virtually send to the children in our care. We will compile a video of the photos/videos submitted to us and place on social media, in addition to other Facebook event posts that will be made throughout the celebration. Five of the bridges that span the Arkansas River between Little Rock and North Little Rock will also be lit on the night of Friday, August 7th (Clinton Bridge, Junction Bridge, Main St. Bridge, Big Dam Bridge and Two Rivers Bridge). What better way to heighten the excitement and draw attention to our event than to light up the iconic bridges in the colors of Methodist Family Health – Purple, Green & White?

Additional event details:

We began promoting/marketing our virtual Bright Night at the end of June,
with a push for encouraging participation leading up to the July 4th weekend.
Promotion and marketing of the event will continue through the month of

July, with the culmination online celebration being on Friday, August 7th. Sponsors will receive online recognition/acknowledgement via our

website and Facebook page.

Sponsors will be listed on a banner that will be displayed outside of Methodist Family Health on Aldersgate Road.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this unprecedented time. It is our goal to continue our mission to give the best possible care to those who may need our help in Arkansas, and do so while keeping our staff, donors, supporters and clients safe and healthy.

Please encourage your family/friends/co-workers to donate as a part of their participation. Donations may be made online at <u>www.methodistfamily.org</u>, text "Bright" to 501-881-2258 or mailed to Methodist Family Health Foundation, 1600 Aldersgate, Suite 100, Little Rock, AR 72205.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out Jamie Griffith 501-906-4209 or jgriffith@methodistfamily.org.



We wish you and your loved ones continued safety and health.

Kick Up Your Heels at Southern Silks - Virtually!



Due to COVID-19, we are going virtual with Southern Silks 2020! Please join us on our MFH Facebook Page and YouTube Channel on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at 6 PM.

Event Details:

• Sponsors are encouraged to invite their allotted number of guests (10-20 depending on level of sponsorship) to gather in their own homes on September 5th to watch our virtual Southern Silks. We encourage groups of 4-10 individuals.

• 3 races will be broadcast on our MFH Facebook page and YouTube Channel (after the Kentucky Derby). Our virtual event will last approximately 30 minutes, with a break in-between each race.

• Gift certificates to a choice of 3-5 local restaurants that support Southern Silks will be given to guests choosing to participate (gift certificates will be delivered and mailed by MFH Foundation prior to our virtual event). MFH Foundation staff will be in touch with sponsors regarding the gift certificates.

• Sponsor levels that would have received wine at the event (\$2500 and up) will still be given their wine allotment (1 bottle each of red & white per table). The recipient will be designated by the sponsor contact provided to MFH Foundation.

• An online auction will begin two days prior to the event and will close at 8:00 PM on September 5th. There will be 10-15 items on which one may bid online.

• There will be pushes on social media about the online event, highlighting our sponsors and the items that will be available in the online auction.

• A flyer will be mailed to previous Southern Silks participants, both MFH boards and additional lists regarding event details/participating sponsors. Sponsor recognition will also occur through e-blasts, on our MFH website and Facebook page.

• We will have a homemade hat contest with a prize! Let's get creative!

• We will also invite our sponsors/supporters/attendees to encourage their friends to donate to MFH in honor of one of the three races. The race group that has the most donations made in their honor will win a prize and accolades on social media for winning the Southern Silks derby!

• Anyone can watch the races on our Facebook or YouTube Channel,

make a donation online, via PayPal or Text to give in "honor" of one of the race groups and bid items in the online auction.

Thank you for your continued support of Methodist Family Health and Southern Silks during this challenging time. We appreciate your dedication to our mission and the children in our care. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jamie Griffith at 501-906-4209 or jgriffith@methodistfamily.org.







John Gill: Heroes Don't Always Wear Capes. Sometimes, They Wear Ties.

John Gill has been Methodist Family Health's legal advisor since before we were MFH. Today, attorney John Gill is senior counsel of the Arkansas firm, Gill Ragon Owen, PA. He has represented Methodist Family Health since he was first beginning his law career and before there *was* Methodist Family Health – 55 years – a uniquely long attorney-client relationship.

"My wife, Marjem was a social worker out there, we didn't have any children at that point," Gill says of his origins with us. "Rev. Edwin Keith was the superintendent then; he had some legal issue come up, and either he knew I was a lawyer or he asked Marjem or Marjem said, 'We'll get John to answer that for you.' And that's how it happened."

At that time in the mid-60s, the Methodist Children's Home was a collection of cottages with house parents who served as surrogate mothers and fathers. Referrals at that time came almost entirely from pastors in the state, as they did in our earlier incarnation as the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage.

The Children's Home implemented the Teaching Family Model of care in 1992, a treatment methodology effective in serving hard-to-place children, and turned its eye toward expanding the number of units statewide to reach more children.



John Gill stands next to the Dr. O.D. Ward Memorial Gateway at the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Dr. Ward is the grandfather of Mr. Gill's wife, Marjem. Mrs. Gill was a social worker for Methodist Children's Home in the 1960s.

Gill feels that the creation of Methodist Behavioral Hospital brought about the most dramatic change in the character of MFH in the last 50 years.

"With that, we now offer the continuum of care. It enables us to take the troubled child, the child from a broken home or the mentally disturbed child and keep them within the bounds of Methodist Family Health services. It may be at the children's home or the behavioral hospital or we have outpatient services. We moved from having just a mother and a father in a group home to this model of care that includes dozens and dozens of people in various locations."

Gill played a key role in MFH's growth, including the acquisition and launch of the hospital, the only service provider of its kind in the state.

"Methodist has a golden future as far as I'm concerned," he says. "You're around an organization as long as I've been around this one and you see the changes and know the people that are there making it work.

"The real thrill of my experience is other lawyers in our firm have taken up the mantle to help MFH," he said.

Latest news & events

Children Thank Donors for Bibles

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Thank You for making sure we have bible's. We are here to get better. I feel like US having access to bibles will give US a Chance to get right and ash God to forgive us and Also Learn more about him and what he wants from US. We are all his children and he is our Only God We christians should Worship. I feel Like the Girls and boyshere at methodist RTC need to know that as long as God is watching over us we Will never be alone in your life. In the bible it Says that God will come back one day and Send the ones that believe in him to heaven. I know you/ya'll will go to heaven, because ya'll make sure we're happy. Thank En 401 - JESUS-



Connect with the MFH Foundation - Virtually!

We would love to connect virtually! If your UMW, Men's Group or Sunday School Class is meeting by Zoom, and you would like a speaker from Methodist Family Health Foundation, please contact:

Denise Luft at dluft@methodistfamily.org, 501-837-5056 or

Amanda Smith <u>amanda.smith@methodistfamily.org</u> 501-218-5116.

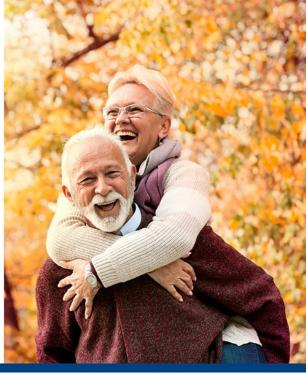
Increase Your Income Now Leave a Legacy to Methodist Family Health

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA) through The Methodist Foundation of Arkansas (MFA) allow you to increase your current income now and leave a legacy for Methodist Family Health after your lifetime.

CGAs are powerful giving tools that offer:

- Increased income through fixed, guaranteed payments for life. A substantial portion of the annuity income may be tax-free.
- An immediate income tax deduction.
- No setup or document expense.
- Funds remaining at your death support Methodist Family Health.
- MFA reserves provide solid backing to safeguard future income.

The amount of income depends upon your age, whether it is a one-life or two-life agreement, and the amount of the annuity.



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65	4.7%	32.0%	72.0%	6.2%
70	5.1%	39.0%	75.0%	6.9%
75	5.8%	44.0%	78.0%	8.0%
80	6.9%	48.0%	80.0%	9.8%
85	8.0%	48.0%	83.0%	11.6%
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To receive a no-cost, confidential, personalized analysis of how a CGA to benefit Methodist Family Health could work for you, contact MFH Executive Director Carolyn McCone, CFRE at cmccone@methodistfamily.org or 501-906-4202 or MFA Vice President of Development Janet Marshall at jmarshall@methodistfoundationar.org or 501-664-8632.

> The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas 601 Wellington Village Road Little Rock, AR 72211 501-664-8632 methodistfoundationar.org

Thanks and Appreciation to Our 2020 Sponsors

These donors help Methodist Family Health fulfill our mission of providing the best possible care to those who may need our help. Without their financial support, we would not be able to serve the Arkansas children and families who are abandoned, abused, neglected and dealing with psychiatric, behavioral, emotional and spiritual issues.

Thank you for helping the children, families and communities we serve!



Support Methodist Family Health Foundation

Here are easy ways to give.

- **Text** GIVE to 501-881-2258 to initiate a donation you can easily manage on the go.
- Donate Online now using our secure online donation form.
- **Call** 501-906-4201 to make a secure contribution with your debit or credit card.
- **Mail** your cash or check donation to Methodist Family Health Foundation, P.O. Box 56050, Little Rock, AR 72215-6050.
- Paypal at <u>https://www.paypal.com/donate/?</u> token=LofpOmqxyPAA3qYBtjAJtyj9Zn1P4Ryv-Ly0A4Re1wwTfm3JSZkO5srQBvx-GRGE1MzYr0&country.x=US&locale.x=US

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