

# the Children's Voice

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CELEBRATING **155** YEARS OF HOPE

KyUMH remembers  
the life of Miss  
Sharon Evans. Read  
more on page 9.

March 29, 2026  
**OFFERING OF HOPE**  
for 5th Sunday



Bringing Hope to Children Since 1871



# From the President's Desk

by Julie Hager Love,  
President/CEO

*"On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.*

*Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'*

*And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Be silent! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.*

*He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'* - Mark 4:35-41 (NRSVUE)

This is one of my favorite Bible passages, and not only because Jesus takes a nap (although that is some amazing role modeling for us all). It's one of my favorites because Jesus brings calm. He brings calm at a time when the disciples were afraid. And I believe Jesus brings calm today.

This is our work at your Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes. Amid the reality of child welfare in our state, where statistics show we have much work to do, we are working to bring calm. You can see examples of this in this issue: Where families are

struggling to afford basic necessities, we are creative in helping them find resources, like our own Holiday Dollar Market. When youth are aging out of foster care and need a place to go, we are surrounding them with support.

It is a blessing to be that calm, stable place for children and families facing the storms of life. Our capacity to be that calm presence is only because of the faithful support of our donors. We know that you stand with us. Because of you, we are able to meet the weight of the present and projected needs of the future. Because of you, we look back and see the many children and families we have had the opportunity to serve.

Your Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes will celebrate 155 years of hope on March 18th. It is a comfort to look at the ways God has been with us in the storms we've weathered, and to look forward to whatever lies ahead, knowing that Jesus will always be with us in the boat.

## the Children's Voice

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### Our Mission

To serve Christ by providing for the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of children and families.

### Our Belief

We believe every individual is an individual of worth, entitled to God's gift of wholeness of life.

We serve persons regardless of race, ethnicity, economic status, sex or religion.

# Holiday Dollar Market Blesses Community

by Carmen Clemente,  
Communications Specialist

The holidays can be a stressful time for families that are barely getting by.

Many parents who are working hard to provide for their children must choose between buying daily necessities and Christmas gifts.

**KyUMH's Mary Kendall Community Services team noticed this need and decided to take action.**

KyUMH's Mary Kendall Community Services opened a "Holiday Dollar Market" in November, just as



Targeted Case Managers Jaklyn Hill and Megan McKinley helped create the Holiday Market as a creative way to support families.

holiday shopping kicked off. The Market offered clothes, food, toys, and household items, all donated by members of the community. All items were listed for a dollar or less to make holiday joy more accessible to Owensboro area families.

Jaklyn Hill, one of our targeted case managers, was one of the leaders of this initiative.

**"Nothing is over a dollar,"** says Jaklyn, **"And we have just about everything in here that a family could need for the holidays."**

When asked about how the market has made a difference, one story comes to Jaklyn's mind.

A young woman came in after work looking for kitchen appliances but didn't have enough money to cover everything she needed. Jaklyn and the rest of the MKCS team decided to give her a pressure cooker and toaster oven at no cost. **They later learned the woman was a single mother who had just moved into a new apartment.** She had been preparing meals for her

three children with just a microwave. She was so excited to cook a proper meal that night.

"People came in every day that we were open," says Jaklyn, **"Filling up their bags and purchasing items that can help them get by or just enjoy life a little bit more."**

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the market and to those who came in to help keep it running smoothly. Your support has brought so much warmth and light to Owensboro families.





CELEBRATING

# 155

YEARS OF HOPE



## March 18, 1871

The Methodist Widows' and Orphans' Home is officially incorporated by the state legislature. The first children come to live at the orphanage in Louisville on February 23, 1883.

## April 10, 1904

The Women's Christian Association is formed in Owensboro, Kentucky, with Mrs. Mary Kendall serving as its first president. They would purchase their first building to care for women and children in July.



## June 15, 1931

To meet the growing need of children, the Home relocates to a large farm in Versailles, Kentucky. At its peak, the Versailles campus housed around 100 children. The name is changed to the Methodist Home of Kentucky, Inc.

## November 1, 1984

The Methodist Home and Mary Kendall Home join together to care for children across Kentucky. Around the same era, we transition from operating as an orphanage to a treatment home for youth in foster care.



## August 1, 2001

After over 100 years of experience in residential care, we launch a new initiative: community-based services to help keep families together. These programs are essential to helping prevent abuse and neglect.

## October 13, 2017

KyUMH moves from Versailles to Nicholasville. This allowed KyUMH to focus on expanding community-based services and reduced the cost of managing the aging Versailles campus.





## Thank you for being part of our history!

by Melinda Ryles-Smith,  
Vice President of Development

Have you ever heard the phrase  
“**Long live your values**”?

I saw this recently and I began to think about what values I wanted to outlive me. What kind of world will my children and grandchildren live in?

It was 155 years ago that everyday people decided to ensure their values of caring for children lived long beyond them: They established the orphanage that became the Kentucky United Methodist Children’s Homes. Their legacies shaped the lives of children in the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. Long live their values!

Their legacy allows others to join a calling of radical hope and love for Kentucky’s children, youth and families. By planting the seed of KyUMH, they have given others the opportunity to let their values shape future generations.

If you are revisiting your estate planning soon, you may be asking yourself, “What do I value?”

**If our mission embodies the values you want to see extend to future generations, including KyUMH in your will is a wonderful next step.**

If you have already included us in your will, please let us know. We have a modest gift we wish to give

you on behalf of KyUMH children and families to express our gratitude.

Thank you for being a part of this 155-year-old community that values and wraps its arms around Kentucky’s vulnerable children, youth and families.

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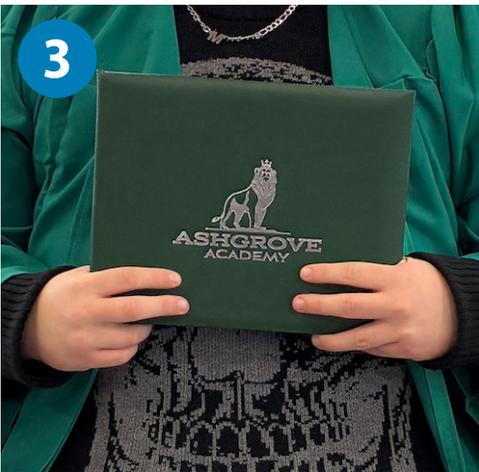
# Winter Highlights



**1** We celebrated Thanksgiving with wonderful meals thanks to our dedicated dining hall staff!

**2-3** In December, we were thrilled to celebrate the **high school graduation** of three of our residents.

**4** We are proud to have successfully completed our 2025-2029 Council on Accreditation cycle. This accreditation shows we provide the highest quality care. For the second cycle in a row, KyUMH "passed" all our evaluations with flying colors. This is a rare and unique achievement for any agency. We are especially grateful to Carla Barr, Executive Vice President for Compliance and Quality Management, for her leadership during this process.



**5** We are grateful for volunteers who helped bring Christmas spirit to our campuses! Including **Kathy Gorman** and **Maxine Mullins**, members of Southern Hills UMC, and **Marilyn Melton**, member of Bluegrass United Church of Christ.



**6-7** Staff and residents enjoyed festive **Christmas celebrations** full of good food, sweater and costume contests, games, music, and gifts!





"I'm proud of staying in one place."

- Riley, ILP resident

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by Carmen Clemente,  
Communications Specialist

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For as long as Riley\* can remember, she rarely unpacked her boxes when she moved.

Living in foster care, she moved from home to home. As a result, **Riley never trusted she could put down roots in one place, so she always left her belongings packed.**

When Riley turned 18 and aged out of foster care, she tried living on her own. After a few months, she decided she wanted and needed more support.

**Riley came to our Independent Living program, but not without her doubts.** "I was expecting to just leave," she admits. "I had very little faith."

After a few days, the staff noticed Riley hadn't unpacked her boxes.

**Nevertheless, we continued to care for and support Riley.** Riley realized that we genuinely cared about her and wanted to see her succeed.

**After about two months with us, we celebrate that Riley unpacked all of her boxes!**

**"KyUMH is very different than other agencies I have been with,"** says Riley. "It's nice to know that there's always a person to call. Not many people are like that."

With the support of our staff, Riley has found new ways to cope with her

When thinking about her future, Riley says, "I feel relieved because my life could have looked a lot different...**I have not had an easy life, so I want to be intentional with the choices I make.**" She hopes to one day become a travel nurse and help others.

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mental health challenges. She has shifted her focus from day-to-day survival to long-term goals. **"I realized that my future is attainable,"** Riley says. "Short-term goals weren't the only things I could focus on."

The consistent support she found at KyUMH helped Riley recognize that putting down roots isn't all bad.

**"I know it sounds simple, but I am proud of staying in one place,"** says Riley, "And just giving calmness a chance."

Today, Riley is working a part-time job in a bakery and studying at community college. She spends her free time reading and crocheting.

Thank you for helping Riley build the confidence she needed to unpack her boxes. There are many youth across Kentucky like Riley who have been affected by abuse, neglect, and trauma. Your support helps them put down roots for a bright future.

*\*Riley is a pseudonym.*



Melinda Ryles-Smith and Melissa Brown

## Celebrating Melinda's impact after 36 years of service

**Melinda Ryles-Smith has announced her upcoming retirement from KyUMH Vice President for Development this July.**

"I am so thankful to Melinda for the decades she's spent in dedication to our mission," said Rev. Dr. Julie Hager Love, president and CEO of KyUMH. "Caring for children is deeply personal to her and has shown up in her hard work over the years. Her many years of relationship building and tireless advocacy have laid a strong foundation that we'll continue to build upon in the years to come."

During Melinda's 36-year tenure, KyUMH raised millions of dollars to invest in bringing hope to children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or trauma. She oversaw two capital campaigns that supported the Nicholasville campus and Mary Kendall Dining Hall, shared KyUMH's work and vision in countless churches, and led many golf scrambles and Annual Day fundraisers. Melinda's relational skills and passion for KyUMH's mission

led to success even in the face of economic recessions, splits within the church, and a global pandemic.

While she started as the only member of the Development department, Melinda created a team of staff. Thanks to Melinda's dedication to developing people, **she will be succeeded by Melissa Brown**, who has worked alongside Melinda as KyUMH's Director of Donor Relations since October 2021.

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***"Serving KyUMH has been one of the greatest honors of my life," said Melinda.***

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"I care deeply about creating a world in which children and families thrive," said Melissa. "What makes KyUMH so unique is its commitment to not only doing the work, but how it does the work: treating all youth, staff, donors, volunteers and partners with dignity. KyUMH is at an exciting time in its history. I think its original founders would be proud. **I am honored to be a part of this legacy that exists not for itself,**

**but for the benefit of children, families and our communities."**

Melissa assumes her new role May 1, and Melinda will assist with the transition until July. Going forward, Melinda will continue to be involved with KyUMH part time to expand our community outreach.

"Serving KyUMH has been one of the greatest honors of my life," said Melinda. **"I have been continually inspired by the faithful generosity**

**and compassion of the people who surround this ministry.** I treasure the relationships I formed here and look forward to seeing KyUMH with God's help continue to thrive in our mission to build brighter futures for some of Kentucky's most vulnerable young people."

*Editor's note: Stay tuned! You'll have a chance to learn more about Melissa in our May newsletter.*



# REMEMBERING *Miss Sharon Rose Evans*



Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes is grieving the loss of our beloved Sharon Rose Evans.

Miss Sharon entered the presence of Jesus on January 30, 2026. **Her life was marked by deep faith and joyful service to others** through Versailles United Methodist Church, and more than 50 years of ministry at KyUMH.

A graduate of Austin Peay University, Miss Sharon first heard about KyUMH at age 23. The superintendent of KyUMH spoke at the church she was attending. As Miss Sharon writes in her testimony, "He was looking for younger staff to help with the children... Like John Wesley, I 'felt my heart strangely warmed.'" Within two weeks, she was hired to work at KyUMH.



**TOP TO BOTTOM:** Miss Sharon helps instruct the children at KyUMH. Miss Sharon receives an award for 25 years of employment. Miss Sharon in the postal room at the Versailles campus. Miss Sharon with an award for 50 years of employment.

**Miss Sharon's work at KyUMH became her lifelong calling.** For 52 years, she served as librarian, preschool teacher, secretary, and postal clerk. She also taught Sunday school at Versailles United Methodist Church. In her testimony she wrote, "Jesus loves children... He sent me to a children's home to minister to them!"

Miss Sharon was known for her bright spirit, adorable giggle, daily "word of the day," encouraging acrostic poems, and her thoughtful gifts—especially "encourage-mints" and handmade pot holders.

Born June 28, 1942, in Detroit, MI, she was the daughter of Thomas Joseph and Virginia Mae Brown Evans. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Thomas Joseph Starr; her stepmother, Leonore Evans; her grandmother, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Evans Brown; and her dear friend, Mary Nealis.

She is lovingly remembered by her friends at two church families: Versailles United Methodist and Wesley Covenant Fellowship; her KyUMH family; her brother, Larry Marshall Starr (Linda); her sister-in-law, Anne Starr. **Her legacy is one of kindness, faithfulness, and love for God and others.**

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

October 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026

**Carrie Ann Adams**

Jared Mattingly

**Keith Adcock**

John & Sandra Rudolph

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Douglas Applegate

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Douglas Applegate

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Miss Mary Margaret Nagle

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Ruth Black

**Katharyn Bland**

Terry Bland

**Landis Bland**

Terry Bland

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Glenda Bloomfield

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Terry Bunch

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Laurie's commitment ensured that the children we serve were cared for not only with nourishment, but with compassion, caring, and empathy. We are so grateful for her servant leadership.

*Congratulations, Laurie!*