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WELCOME TO  
**Sentinel**

Dear Friend,

Methodist Family Health is so blessed to have a continuum of care that is not like any other in the state of Arkansas. One of the unique programs we provide is our Day Treatment program. I hope you enjoy the article in this edition about this vital service. For many of the children we serve in Day Treatment, this is their only option to get the therapeutic services they need.

Prior to launching this program, when a child in one of our group homes or a local school district couldn't control his or her behavior in a school setting, the result was usually expulsion or being sent home to receive their education in piecemeal fashion, perhaps by a home visiting teacher a couple of hours a week. We knew we could do better, and that's how we got into the Day Treatment business.

Also, another very important part of MFH is our art program. The children we serve are so very creative and artistic. I am constantly amazed. I believe in every child there is a common language of understanding and expression that comes out, regardless of familiarity and often in so many uniquely beautiful ways.

We rely on the MFH Foundation to find funding sources for our art programming, and it is so important. With cuts nationwide to many arts programs, it has become more important than ever that we find the resources to keep this program alive and well at MFH.

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank all of you for your continued support. Please know we couldn't be the organization we are without the vital support of donors like you.

Regards,



Andy Altom  
President and CEO





By Jane Dennis

# A Brighter DAY

## MFH THERAPEUTIC DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM SEEKS AND FINDS SUCCESS FOR STRUGGLING STUDENTS

Dream dreams.  
Achieve goals.  
Find success.

Parents the world over want these things for their children. Yet, for some, it never comes easy.

For Arkansas children struggling in a traditional school setting, Methodist Family Health (MFH) has an answer.

“Therapeutic Day Treatment offers a program to children where their emotional and behavioral needs are the

focus of treatment to improve their overall school performance,” says Shari Willding, Outpatient Administrator for the Methodist Children’s Home. MFH’s Day Treatment program is part of Methodist Children’s Home outpatient services. There is a Little Rock location operated by MFH and a Benton location operated in partnership with the Benton School District.

Overall, the aim is “to meet a child’s emotional and behavioral needs that keep them from achieving academic goals and work through those needs to be able to successfully transition back to the public

school setting and succeed academically,” Willding adds.

Students enter the program after a referral by a school district or primary care provider, or sometimes a court order. Students are dealing with a wide variety of issues, from anxiety and adjustment issues to diagnoses of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, depression, oppositional defiant behavior, disruptive mood dysregulation and others conditions. Most of the students face poverty of environment and low socioeconomic status, in addition to unstable home lives, Willding notes.

“Each classroom at our school becomes a close-knit group where students learn not only academics but how to interact with peers, pay attention, follow directions and respect authority,” says Day Treatment program consultant Derrick Jones.

A structured combination of state-mandated education and curriculum, along with therapy, is offered to students in kindergarten through 12th grade. The current student census is 37 in Little Rock and 29 in Benton. All teachers are special education certified and trained in the Teaching-Family Model of care used throughout MFH.

A recent new addition to Day Treatment classrooms are “smart boards” for interactive technology and teaching. These were funded with generous gifts from Colene Ellis of Little Rock and Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village. “This brings our curriculum in line with what many public schools offer,” Willding said. “The smart boards are great additions to our program.”

While there are tests, 19-year veteran teacher Karen Maxwell believes in measurements that look beyond test scores. “Sometimes, I have students who struggle to write one sentence on a given topic when they first come to our school.

Then three or four months later they are writing complete paragraphs and poetry. I have some students who are totally freaked out when they see there are ‘letters,’ or variables, mixed in with their math problems. But after a few months they actually consider algebra fun!”

Integrating art into different subjects is one method that works well for Maxwell. Sometimes the project involves creating a collage, painting or designing a poster.

“I think art enhances what the students have learned and builds their confidence by completing a project they are proud of and can tell you about,” she says.

Maxwell also likes to have ongoing projects for students to work on when they are done with their classwork. Her favorite project is loom knitting.

“It seems like the second some students get that yarn in their hand, it calms them down immediately. The students are amazed at how fast their projects start to grow when using a loom to knit,” she says. “I know it’s cliché, but the look on their faces when they have completed a project is priceless.”

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# Drawing **ON THE POWER OF** Art

Art is more than just pleasing to the eye. Art is therapy at Methodist Family Health's Therapeutic Day Treatment program.

"Art allows students to develop coping and calming skills, pre-planning and organizational skills, and they get to practice patience with both the materials and themselves," says professional artist Elizabeth Weber, who has been artist-in-residence at the Little Rock Day Treatment program since 2010. Thanks to a grant from the Arkansas Arts Council and Charles A. Frueauff Foundation, Weber leads weekly art classes and a summer art program.

"Coming to the art room gives students a place where they can create and express a part of themselves, which they may not have a chance to do outside of the art room, or even the school," she explains. "They learn how to manage materials and supplies and are held accountable to clean up after their art sessions and take care of the supplies."

Our students take pride in their work, and the most asked question always is, "When can I take this home?"

The student artists have recently created animal masks, wire sculptures and studied and replicated the styles of different well-known artists. The works of art they create are recognized with dozens of ribbons each year at the Arkansas State Fair.

"Art speaks to people in all sorts of ways," says Methodist Children's Home Outpatient Administrator Shari Willding. "The art program allows each child to focus on their feelings and express their emotions in a safe environment."





Walt Jines and Jared Jacks deliver items collected by employees of Kinco Constructors.



Peyton Jones of Star City delivers items friends donated on his birthday.



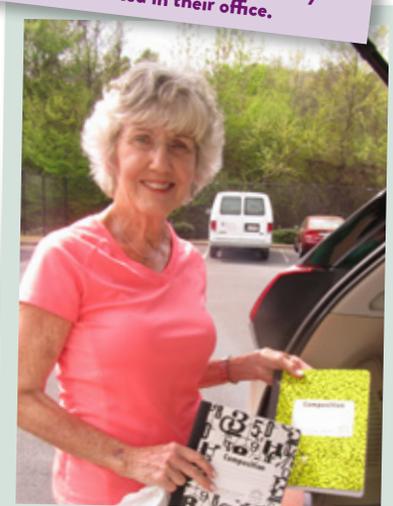
Employees of Hudson Cisne & Co drop off Get Up & Give items they collected in their office.



Yonda Curtis of Christ Way United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, brings an assortment of Get Up & Give items.



Amber Bunker of Lakeside United Methodist Church in Lake Village knows MFH kids will enjoy these items.



Becky Kossover, MFH Foundation Board member, shows off donations from Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

# Arkansans respond to 'Get Up & Give' challenge

Backpacks, notebooks, socks, soccer balls, basketballs and footballs arrived by the truckload during Methodist Family Health's eighth annual Get Up & Give drive. Donors included churches, businesses and individuals, including a kind-hearted 6-year-old who asked guests at his birthday party to bring items for Get Up & Give instead of for him.

The collection during the 40 days of Lent, March 1-April 13, included necessity items, as well as school supplies and recreational toys and games. Cash contributions totaled more than \$15,000.

All the donations benefit the children, youth and families who turn to MFH for care.

"We are once again astounded at the outpouring of support from all corners of the state," says Jane Dennis, MFH's Director of Communications.

“ WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE SUCH GENEROSITY. ”



## Rowells team up to help MFH children and families

Little Rock residents Ann and Stephen Rowell were first introduced to Methodist Family Health as volunteers and now contribute as Board members. Ann joined the Foundation Board of Directors this year, and Stephen, formerly on the Foundation Board, joined the Operations Board in 2015. They bring a passion for the children who need the services of MFH.

### What brought you to MFH and service on the Boards?

**Ann:** I started a mission group (Women in Mission) eight years ago at my church, St. James United Methodist. Once we did a few projects for the MFH Foundation and some activities with the children at the Residential Treatment Center (RTC), we were hooked! We committed to doing a project for MFH once a month.

**Stephen:** I was familiar with the Methodist Children's Home and became more aware through church and from Ann and her volunteer work there.

### What makes Methodist Family Health worth your time, attention and support?

**Ann:** It's the children! Every time I spend time with them at the RTC or at the Emergency Shelter on the Children's Home campus in Little Rock, it has reinforced my opinion of the great work MFH does in addressing the challenges some children and their families face.

**Stephen:** Helping those who can't help themselves; helping children.

### What is it about Methodist Family Health that inspires you?

**Ann:** Seeing the children and knowing many of them are living in tough situations inspires me to help make their day a little happier when possible. I have seen that the Teaching-Family technique used by MFH staff is helping make the kids better able to cope with their life challenges.

**Stephen:** Knowing that MFH provides a safe and helpful haven for children on all levels of care.

### Tell about some of the volunteer projects and ways you've been involved with MFH.

**Ann:** Women in Mission do a variety of projects for MFH each month. We play Bingo with the kids at the RTC, organize Field Day for them twice a year, grill lunch and play games with Emergency Shelter kids each summer and do several projects for the Foundation throughout the year.

**Stephen:** Board work, the Walk for Children and Families, the other fundraisers, introducing Maggie Beeler to certain industry contacts of mine, and tutoring at the RTC school on the Fillmore campus.

### What do you wish more people knew about MFH?

**Ann:** There are so many services and locations offered by MFH. No matter where you live in Arkansas, it's possible a group home or counseling clinic is located near you.

**Stephen:** The number of children who are provided care throughout the state, and that while it is Methodist in its roots, it is nondenominational in its care.

### Tell a little about yourself and your family.

**Ann:** My husband Steve is retired, so we are able to do a little traveling now. We spend a lot of time in Dallas, where our two adult children live. Jordan is an attorney and Ashley is a Registered Dietitian. And my dog Barkley is an important part of my family!



Ann & Stephen Rowell



## Monthly giving makes a difference

Sandra and Rev. Gill Sills of Searcy share their time, talent and hearts with Methodist Family Health (MFH).

The couple are devoted monthly donors to MFH and frequent visitors to the Blanche E. Johnson Girls' Group Home in Searcy. They have been known to drop in with a welcome supply of pizza, or stop in on a special occasion like Valentine's Day just to show they care.

While both are retired, they also give back to the community by volunteering at White County Medical Center, where she trains volunteers and he is the incoming president of the hospital auxiliary. A pastor for more than 37 years, Rev. Sills currently serves the Rosebud and Harmony United Methodist congregations in White County.

The impact of their monthly gift adds up. "We believe that a small gift, given on a regular basis, can make a difference," Rev. Sills says. Their involvement in the girls' home "has helped us appreciate what we have and the blessings we enjoy."

Both are lifelong United Methodists raised in south Texas. While they attended the same high school in Corpus Christi,

it was church youth activities that brought them together. After two years of college, Rev. Sills joined the U.S. Air Force and spent three years in Germany gathering intelligence and traveling throughout Europe. They married in 1962 and moved to Arkansas in 1972. He spent 20 years working for electric co-ops before entering the ministry.

Rev. Sills is quick to credit his wife for setting him on a path of service to others. "Any success I have had is due mainly to her heartfelt support," he says.

Together, they are a powerful force for good.

"The Sills bring security and stability to the Searcy girl's home," says Maggie Beeler, LAC, director of development for the MFH Foundation. "They are warm and loving people who are important grandparent figures to the girls."

**To learn more about monthly giving options,  
contact Jamie Griffith at 501.906.4209  
or [jgriffith@methodistfamily.org](mailto:jgriffith@methodistfamily.org).**



**Sandra & Rev. Gill Sills  
in front of the  
Blanche E. Johnson  
Girls' Group Home in Searcy**



# RECOGNITION



## CHURCHES RECOGNIZED FOR SUPPORT OF MFH

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Recognizes churches that have made significant financial contributions to Methodist Family Health.

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**Increase awareness and support for MFH  
in your church and community**

- 1** Spotlight Methodist Family Health as Mission of the Month.
- 2** Invite a MFH representative to speak during a worship service or gathering of church or community leaders, mission team or youth group.
- 3** Collect a monthly “noisy offering” for MFH by asking for loose change one Sunday each month.
- 4** Select one or more Ambassadors from your congregation to share with others the mission of MFH and ways to get involved.
- 5** Participate in MFH special events, such as Bright Night in August, the traditional Christmas offering in December and Get Up & Give in the spring.

To learn more about these and other ways to support the mission of Methodist Family Health, contact Carolyn McCone, CFRE, MFH Foundation executive director, at [cmccone@methodistfamily.org](mailto:cmccone@methodistfamily.org) or 501.906.4202.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## CARES friends enjoy Hog on the Hill



Razorback football, fall and food combined for a fun time Oct. 22 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Among those enjoying the Hog on the Hill festival were the moms and children of MFH's Arkansas CARES program. They were guests of Asbury's Emmanuel Sunday School Class. In addition to a delicious barbecue meal, each child got to select a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

A youngster enjoys Hog on the Hill at Little Rock's Asbury United Methodist Church.

## Dacus RTC says thanks to volunteer 'angel'

Linda Holt of Hoxie, longtime volunteer at MFH's Dacus Residential Treatment Center at Bono, was guest of honor at the center's Christmas party in December. As a thank-you, she was presented a framed, one-of-a-kind angel poster featuring artwork by many of the Dacus residents.

Continuing her volunteer service, Holt read "The Real Night Before Christmas" to the young residents assembled for the party.

Tiffany Harris (left), administrative assistant at Dacus Residential Treatment Center at Bono, presents a thank-you gift to Linda Holt.





## Day Treatment students earn honors at State Fair competition

Students in MFH's Day Treatment program in Little Rock were awarded a bevy of ribbons and awards recognizing their talents and skills at the 2016 Arkansas State Fair. Competing in many different categories, including writing, art, knitting and more, they were recognized for outstanding skills and handiwork.

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State Fair ribbons adorn entries by students at MFH's Day Treatment program.

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## Searcy group home residents visit elephant refuge

Residents of MFH's Blanche E. Johnson Girls' Group Home in Searcy enjoyed the experience of seeing elephants up close on a recent outing to a local elephant refuge. This trip and others have been made possible thanks to the support of Sunday School classes at Searcy's First United Methodist Church.

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Residents of the Searcy Girls' Group Home visit a local elephant refuge.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## 3-day Branson excursion a hit for group home residents

Residents of the Heber Springs Boys' Group Home enjoyed an exciting three-day outing to Branson, Mo., in late December. For two of the eight residents, this was their first trip outside of Arkansas.

Organized by volunteers Chris and Artie Schlicker, the excursion included participation in Branson Extreme, a three-day Christian rock experience featuring music and inspirational presentations; attendance at the live theatrical performance of "Moses"; and a stop at Fritz's Adventure, featuring laser obstacle course, climbing walls and rappelling challenges.

Donations from numerous businesses and individuals made the trip possible, as well as the support of the Heber Springs United Methodist Church.

## Group home residents treated to fun and games

The ongoing support of Springdale's First United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women helped make possible several fun outings for residents of MFH's Springdale Girls' Group Home. In the fall, the girls were treated to a shopping trip to purchase games and entertainment for the home. They also enjoyed swimming at the Jones Family Center and sampling the fun of a local arcade.



MFH group home residents from Springdale enjoy special outings.



## Searcy supporters serve up soup luncheon

Methodist Family Health was honored to be one of five local missions selected to receive a portion of proceeds from the annual soup luncheon hosted by United Methodist Women of Searcy First United Methodist Church. Members of the church and the women's group are active supporters of MFH's Blanche E. Johnson Girls' Group Home in Searcy.

Members of Searcy First United Methodist Church enjoy the annual soup luncheon benefiting Methodist Family Health.



## Volunteers lend a hand



Mission group members team up to assemble an abundance of bean soup mix for the MFH Foundation.

Members of the mission group from Little Rock's Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church recently teamed up to assemble an abundance of bean soup mix for the MFH Foundation. The concoction was attractively packaged in jars, ready to be presented as gifts of appreciation to MFH friends and donors. Cathy Spivey spearheads the mission group.

## A Christmas gift



Carolyn McCone (left), executive director of the MFH Foundation, receives a symbolic check from St. James UMW members Jan Fairman and Jan McQuary.

A festive Christmas luncheon, accompanied by live and silent auctions, was hosted by United Methodist Women of St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, and a portion of the proceeds were donated to Methodist Family Health. The event is held annually as a fundraiser for local missions. Jan Fairman is the church's UMW president.



# SOCIETIES

## 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 Methodist Family Health.

### Annual Workman Donation \$1,000-\$2,499

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Col. 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 or cumulative gifts of \$25,000 or more to the Methodist Family Health system.

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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 Methodist Family Health.

Please let us know if you have included Methodist Family Health in your estate plan and allow us the opportunity to thank you and verify how you would like to be listed in our Coy-Roots-Tabor Heritage Society. Call 501.906.4202 or email [cmccone@methodistfamily.org](mailto:cmccone@methodistfamily.org).

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# Generous donors bring Christmas Joy to MFH children and families

Methodist Family Health is blessed with many generous donors and friends who host Christmas celebrations, provide Christmas gifts and other in-kind donations while working to make Christmas extra special for those in our care. They include:

## FROM LITTLE ROCK:

Sandy and Tod Alstadt, Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration, Asbury United Methodist Church and Asbury New Directions Class, Jill and Bob Bloom, Sue and Doug Buffalo, Calvary Baptist Church, Tom Carpenter, Christ Episcopal Church, Beth and Claude Cousins, Linda Crain, Janna Marie and Carl Cross, Celeste Davis, First United Methodist Church Bowen Cabe Class, Tanasha and Craig Forrest, Sabrina and David Frazier, Nechi Fullerton, Jan Green, Pam Hamby, Betty and Richard Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. David Hoffmans, Peggy Hundley, Karon and Bill Mann, Janet and Matt Marshall, Gloria and Rev. C.E. McAdoo, Carolyn and Craig McCone, Ann and Stephen Rowell, St. James United Methodist Church, St. James Stepping Stone Class, St. James Transitions Class, Cathy and Bill Spivey, Stephens Inc., Trinity United Methodist Church New Beginnings Class, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

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## Christmas Gifts given with love from across the state

Members of the Sisters 'n Stitches prayer shawl ministry at North Little Rock's Lakewood United Methodist Church set up an unadorned "Warm Up to Winter" Christmas tree and soon church members covered it with more than 71 knitted items. The hats, scarves, gloves, socks and headbands that served as decorations were donated to children of Methodist Family Health. "It is always such a joy to start with an empty tree and watch it fill with love," observed member Marilyn Vaughan.



More than 60 fleece blankets were made and donated to Methodist Children's Home by members of the Martha Circle at Christ of the Hills United Methodist Church, Hot Springs Village.



Members of Langley United Methodist Church lovingly created knitted blankets, mittens, socks and animals and donated them to children and families in the Methodist Family Health Children's Home and Arkansas CARES programs. Yvonne Dunson shows one of the knitted animals.



Employees of Caterpillar Inc., North Little Rock, played Santa and purchased Christmas gifts for a host of youngsters at Methodist Family Health. Candice Lawrence of Caterpillar hands off the gifts to Maggie Beeler of the MFH Foundation.



Members of Vesta United Methodist Church donated a collection of handmade blankets to the Methodist Children's Home this Christmas. Surrounded by children of the church, pastor Andy Newbill blessed the special blankets.

# GENEROSITY AT

# Christmas

Methodist Family Health friends and supporters contributed an astounding \$333,159 during the 2016 Christmas Campaign. This is more than any MFH Christmastime effort in the past. Each and every gift, whether large or small, is appreciated and will help MFH provide the best care possible to Arkansas children and families who need our services. THANK YOU!



## Thank You, Arkansas Gives Day donors!

**GIVE  
MORE  
HOPE**

The 12-hour marathon of online generosity known as Arkansas Gives Day resulted in more than \$36,800 for Methodist Family Health.

Held April 6, the mega fundraiser was sponsored by the Arkansas Community Foundation, which ensured that additional funds were awarded as bonus cash and prizes. Statewide, \$5.6 million was raised from the public and contributed to 937 participating nonprofits. MFH was supported with gifts from 74 donors. Thanks to all who made Arkansas Gives Day a great day for Methodist Family Health!



# SOUTHERN SILKS RALLIES SUPPORT FOR MFH

The fourth annual Southern Silks soiree May 6 combined the excitement of the Kentucky Derby with a festive dinner party, all for the benefit of Methodist Family Health. The special event included stick horse races, terrific prizes and live and silent auctions. Best Hat awards went to Susan Elliott and Hope Sur. The benefit, chaired by Lesley and Stan Roberts, pulled in 400 revelers and raised more than \$138,000 for Methodist Family Health.



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Children in our group homes need and benefit from your love and support. Two special designated funds to consider are:



## The Rev. Robert Regnier Memorial Summer Camp

The Rev. Robert Regnier Memorial Summer Camp Fund ensures that children in our care get to have an unforgettable summer camp experience. Named in memory of the former CEO of MFH, the fund makes possible five days of outdoor fun at Camp Tanako near Hot Springs. For many participants, this is their first introduction to the church camp experience, complete with campfires, swimming, canoeing, songs, crafts and much more.



## Methodist Family Health Bible Fund

The MFH Bible Fund makes it possible to offer an age-appropriate Bible to every child, youth and adult in a MFH residential program. Receiving a Bible to call your own leaves a lasting impression on many clients.

For more information about designating a gift to the Camp Fund or Bible Fund, contact Jamie Griffith at [jgriffith@methodistfamily.org](mailto:jgriffith@methodistfamily.org) or 501.906. 4209, or visit [www.methodistfamily/ways-to-give](http://www.methodistfamily/ways-to-give).

## Employee Giving PROGRAM A SUCCESS DUE TO GENEROUS HEARTS

Over the past nine years, MFH employees have contributed more than \$239,000 to the organization through the Employee Giving program. In 2016, employees contributed more than \$36,000, a 12 percent increase over the previous year.

Employees are asked to designate an amount to be deducted each pay period for MFH. In exchange, they receive incentives such as a mobile wallet, tumbler or a Jeans Day at work. All contributions are re-invested in the employees' program area and used for the benefit of clients and employees. "I support MFH Employee Giving because I love the fact that you can see improvements in the program in your facility where you work," says MFH program consultant Rudnick Caldwell.

“One of my passions is to help others, and Employee Giving puts me on a bigger platform to help others.”

# THREE GOOD REASONS *you should have an estate plan:*

- 1** Your family
- 2** Yourself
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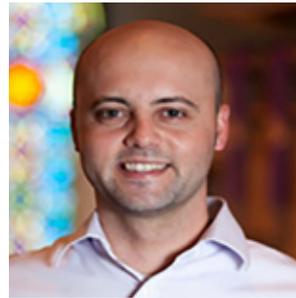
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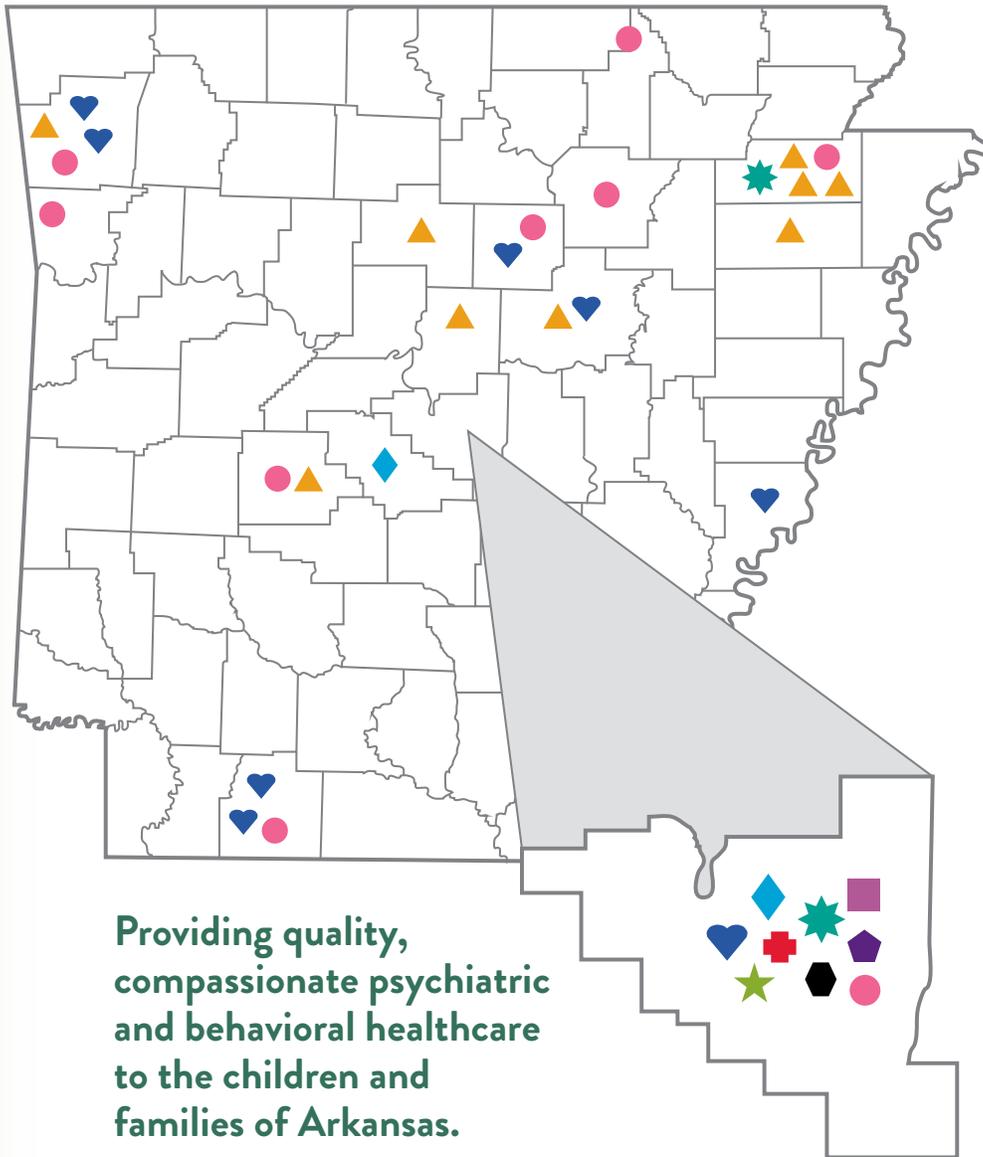


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# BRIGHT NIGHT

BENEFITING METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH

**August 4, 2017**  
**5 p.m.**

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Little Rock

**Tickets: \$30 per person**



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Brighter Days for  
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**Mini Golf**  
**Bumper Boats**  
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Watch for upcoming social media  
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