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Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.

Ways to get involved at Trinity

Rev. Barbara Hynes
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Finding Your Place

On September 18, Moor Hall and other ground floor rooms will be filled with the **2016 Ministry Expo**, displays of ongoing ministries and initiatives of Trinity. Each exhibit will be designed to let you see what is going on in that area and to let you know where you and others can join in.

Trinity is involved in many hands-on efforts to build community within the congregation through opportunities for ongoing spiritual, emotional and physical growth through classes, fellowship, worship and service activities. We are also involved in missions both locally and internationally. All of these opportunities will be on display. Some you may be familiar with and some may be brand new!

If you have never identified your spiritual gifts or just want to check again, there will be an opportunity to do so through an easy computer-based inventory. Laptops will be set up in the library and someone will be available to guide you through the process.



Silent auction

The Guatemala Mission Lunch and Silent Auction has been added this year as an additional component. A Trinity team will be going for its 6th consecutive year to Porch de Solomon to do construction and medical and dental clinics. While each participant covers their own expenses for travel, room and board, an additional \$10,000 is needed for the construction of

a home and to carry out the clinics.

This is an extremely important morning in the life of Trinity. Please keep the preparation for the Ministry Expo in your prayers, and on September 18, please honor the ministries and initiatives of your church with your presence. If you have not already done so, find your place to serve among the many and varied ministries and initiatives of Trinity.

The Ministry Expo will be open from 9:30 until 1:00. Wander through the displays, ask questions, show your appreciation to the people who are undergirding these ministries with their time and talent. Have lunch, visit the silent auction tables, think about where you can become more involved. Find *your place!*

Trinity partners with other churches for Habitat for Humanity

Marti Chumbler
Habitat for Humanity liaison

Big Bend Habitat for Humanity's 2016 Faith Build kicks off on Saturday, September 10, at 3005 Wainwright Street, which is behind Sable Palm Elementary School. Construction will continue each Friday and Saturday through October 22nd. Trinity, along with a number of other churches and faith communities in Tallahassee have joined forces to fund the construction of this new home for Sejal Smith and her family. Sejal has been working toward this day for years, investing in hundreds of hours of sweat

equity with Habitat, including lending a hand in the construction of homes for her future neighbors. Volunteers from Trinity and the other participating churches will now 'roll up our sleeves' to work alongside Sejal as we build a home for her family.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Marti Chumbler at 284-5355 or mchumbler@carltonfields.com. Over the course of the build, volunteers will be engaged in a wide variety of jobs—everything from framing, to roofing, to

painting, to landscaping. No prior experience is needed, as there will be supervisors and more experienced volunteers on-site to provide instruction and jobs available even for the least handy among us. In addition to construction work, we will need groups or individuals willing to provide breakfast or lunch for each of the build days.

Habitat for Humanity's motto is "A Hand Up, Not a Hand Out." Come join us as we work together to give Sejal and her family a hand UP!

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
July 13 - August 16, 2016:



In memory of **Bill Levy** from Jared and Melissa Griffis, United Methodist Women Circle One, Franklin and Cookie Darnell, Dorothy Coe.

In memory of **Herb Chandler** from Vereen Smith.

In memory of **Mary Leslie Olson** from Ron and Gail Hock, William T. Smith, The English Family, Payne Midyette, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Pridgen, Don and Jane Price, Wayne and Margie Mixson, Diane E. Hill, Rick Bay, Victoria Bay, Kathy Judge and Paul Judge, Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers, Bettie Jane (Woodward) Grant, Dabney Moloney.

In memory of **Betty Jane Ebel** from Ron and Gail Hock.

Charge Conference – Sunday, Sept. 18

This year's Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. at Tallahassee Heights UMC. We will be meeting with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Durwood Foshee, along with five of our sister churches: Calvary, Gray Memorial, Bethel, John Wesley, and Tallahassee Heights.

All church leaders and members are invited to attend. The Charge Conference provides an annual Report to our District Superintendent on the ministry of our church, approves leadership for the coming year, as well as pastoral compensation for our clergy.

This is one of the few times the Charge Conference is being held at a location other than Trinity and it will be a great opportunity to see how another church does radical hospitality. We hope to see you there!

Swapping Stories

By Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

If you haven't already figured it out... I love stories! I love hearing stories and I love listening to stories. Stories shape us and ground us as we share our lives with others. Not long ago, at a Spiritual Direction Retreat, we were asked to rewrite the poem "Where I'm From" by George Ella Lyon, Kentucky's 2015-2016 Poet Laureate. This was my poem rewrite:

Where I'm From...

I am from Cherry Lake where I never found cherries or a Cherry Tree;

I am from Mr. Peels' house where I saw him in his birthday suit, laying in a casket like a baby;

I am from Miss Liz's stove where I learned to cook the butterbeans we grew in my sandbox;

I am from the cat who used the sandbox daily to do his business and leave me with a head of ringworms;

I am from Polly Lassiter Cook who lived one summer in our guest room and taught me how to water ski among the moccasins;

I am from Momma and Daddy who loved me unconditionally and never tired of telling me how proud they were of me;

I am from fried chicken and baked beans and watermelon and a thousand other covered dishes, spread out on wooden boards held up by sawhorses;

I am from the back steps churning homemade ice cream where old men smoked pipes and laughed and told funny stories;

I am from my sister's horse named Wendy who rolled over in the field to get me off her back when she was tired;

I am from the sweet plums I stole from a neighbor's yard where I was chased out of the orchard with her broom stick;

I am from a one-room school house where I watched John Glenn circle the earth as I climbed to the top of a jungle-gym in the middle of a sandy playground;

I am from my Mammy's lap as she played "There's a Song in the Air" from the old grand piano in our great room on Christmas Eve;



I am from an old Dodge Station Wagon filled with toys that found their way to our hand-hewn Dining Room Table on a joyful Christmas Morning;

I am from Cherry Lake where I never found cherries or a cherry tree, but where I still remember days filled with stories that have shaped and molded my life!

-Wayne Davis Wiatt, October 2014

Beginning in the month of September and into 2017, I would love for us to gather in homes around Tallahassee so that I might hear your stories. In order for me to really get to know you as your pastor, as my granddaddy used to say, "I need to sit with you a spell!"

In order to accomplish this goal, Barbara Leonard and Rita May have volunteered to coordinate these gatherings with me. We need two things: Host Homes and Participants willing to share their stories. We would hope to keep each gathering under 8-10 participants and the hosts would supply light refreshments.

Please contact Barbara Leonard fleonard6@comcast.net 850-508-9833 or Rita May wmay20@comcast.net 850-509-4852 to volunteer your home to host a gathering or to participate in one of the gatherings during the coming year.

I look forward to hearing your story and getting to know you in the months ahead.

I Love Being Your Pastor,

Music News for September

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Do you enjoy group activities? Do you enjoy making music? Do you enjoy being of service to your church? Great! We have a place for you in the music ministry at Trinity. Young children can participate in Cherub Choir as part of Sunday School. Older children (kindergarten through 5th grade) will really enjoy our NETkids program on Wednesday afternoons. We offer two choirs, an instrumental ensemble plus a lot of non-music activities. Parents, if your child wants to participate but needs transportation to the church, let me know. Youth Choir and Youth Praise Band will meet together this year on most Sundays, from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in the Underground.

Trinity Ringers (Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.) and Jubilation Bells (Sundays at 6:15 p.m.) are handbell groups for adults. Heavenly Handchimes meets Thursdays at 1:45 p.m. and is for senior adults. We have Circle of Friends Praise Band for adults. They practice Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Our large adult choir is the Chancel Choir. We meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Finally, we have two Steel Pan groups that practice 3:45 - 6 p.m. on Sundays. That's a lot of choices, so pick one or two and come join us! We give free tune-ups! Watch your bulletins or the church website to know when each group

starts fall rehearsals after our summer break. By September 14, all music groups will be up and running. We hope you will be singing with us too!

Hymnal 101

Ever wonder what the numbers on the bottom of some hymn pages mean? Take "Holy, Holy, Holy" (hymn #64) for instance. On the bottom of the page, you will see 11 12. 12 10. Next Sunday when you are in the sanctuary, look on page 946 in the hymnal. You will notice the heading "METRICAL INDEX". Then turn to page 930 and near the top of the page in the center column you will find 11 12. 12 10. That is "Holy, Holy Holy", hymn #64. The numbers stand for the amount of syllables in each line or phrase of the hymn text. "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" has 11 syllables. The next phrase "Early in the Morning our song shall rise to thee" has 12 syllables and so on. This was a way to categorize many hymns by the number of syllables per phrase. Sometimes a well-known hymn tune can be paired with a

different hymn text provided they share the same metrical pattern. For instance, hymns #155, and #617 share the same metrical pattern as hymn #378, they can be sung to the hymn tune of #378.



Trinity is blessed with an abundance of young musical talent! Over the summer, several young members of Trinity shared their gifts with the church as they helped lead worship while the Chancel Choir was on their summer break. Top right, Adriana Fortier played the violin for an offertory. Above left, Josh Bryant played piano for a prelude. Above right, Alex LaJeunesse played the steel pans for an offertory, and below, Alex Metzger played the piano for a prelude.



Local Missions is looking to you for help

Sabrina Denmark
Local Missions Co-Chair

The Local Missions Committee at Trinity would like to add new members to their committee. The present committee members have been serving for several years. It is time for most to rotate off. We need members of Trinity to step up and volunteer to serve. This is a most rewarding committee to be involved in. You will not be overwhelmed with a great deal of responsibility either.

I urge you to pray about where God will have you serve and to consider and pray about serving on this rewarding committee.

So what is the Local Missions Committee

at Trinity? We are the ministry team that supports organizations, agencies and ministries in our local community through Trinity's financial commitment, as well as our manpower. We encourage members to become involved not only by giving financially, but to have hands-on experience with these different groups. We continually evaluate and streamline the number of organizations, agencies and ministries we serve, so that our efforts can be meaningful and significant. In addition, as these vital groups become self-supporting and more independent (which is our goal), we can choose to redirect

support to other community organizations, agencies or ministries in greater need of Trinity's support and encouragement.

Any member of Trinity is more than welcome to serve on this ministry team. It is a three-year commitment and we usually meet four or five times a year.

Please contact our Associate Pastor Jonathan Brewster or Sabrina Denmark if you are interested. You may call or email one or both of them.

Jonathan can be reached at 850-222-1120 or email him at jonbrewster@tumct.org.

Sabrina can be reached at 850-566-5253 or email her at sab.den@comcast.net.

Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight



CPR and AED spell help

Preschool director, Stacey Duggar organized a CPR class for the teachers and teaching assistants toward the end of summer. Other participants included Rev. Dr. Wiatt and members of the church office staff.

AED locations

Did you know that Trinity has AED machines? They are located on the second floor near the church office and another in the Welcome Center.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.



With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, certified first responder, and basic life support (BLS) level cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes.



New HEO Blog

Ruthann High
HEO Coordinator

WANTED! Volunteers who would like to feel God's blessings when they help Trinity provide radical hospitality to families after a funeral or memorial service: the reception! It is a privilege to provide a warm comfortable place and time for family members to greet well-wishers after the service. I have been told by the family members how nice the reception

setting has been and that they are grateful for this hospitality. I invite you to help HEO continue this ministry. If you would be willing to make sandwiches, bake cookies or brownies, or come help arrange cheese and fruit platters, please let me know. There is plenty of room for new volunteers to help here. I will have a few training sessions to show how we provide this

service. The first will be Sunday, September 11 (in the kitchen) following the worship service. If that time does not work with your schedule, please let me know and I will plan another training session during the week. I look forward to sharing with many of you the joys of service to our brothers and sisters during this unique time in their lives!

Health Wellness Ministries for September

Health Wellness Team



Becoming Fit at Church (BFC)

Exercise and physical activity are a great way to feel better, gain health benefits and have fun. As a general goal, aim for at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day. At BFC, you'll learn exercises that you can do by yourself, but it's a lot more fun in a group with friends to cheer you on.

Come join in one or more of the six BFC Exercise classes every week:

Staying Strong (9:30 a.m. Tues/Thurs) – Jaqui Griffith (Jaqui_Griffith@comcast.net) and Ruth Ann High (rahigh@tumct.org)

Variety Mix (11 a.m. Tues/Thurs) & exercise nursery – Amy Leach (AmyCLEach@hotmail.com)



This group participates in local races (running and walking), kayak and hiking trips, and many activities for all ages.

Kayaking Trip Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 a.m.

at the Wacissa river. Bring a snack to share; water will be provided. Please RSVP to Marie Bradley MBradley1716@comcast.net by Sept. 14.



Walk/Coffee Hour, Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9 a.m., at Cascades

Meet in front of The Edison at 9 a.m. We'll walk for an hour, then have coffee at the coffee shop under the Edison. Everyone's invited. Dogs too! Kids, of course. Please RSVP to Marie Bradley MBradley1716@comcast.net by 8 p.m. on Sept. 23.



Helping Others

Community Garden – Shari Hubbard (TallyShari@gmail.com)

We have free yummy vegetables and herbs available for the church and community from our garden! All are welcome to pick and eat. If you would like to volunteer to help, contact Shari Hubbard.

Hats for the Homeless – Judy Levy (judithtlevy@embarqmail.com)

This group creates hats and scarves that are given away at our annual Christmas dinner. Work proceeds at home all year. Our next meeting is in the Conference room on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Mats for the Homeless – Rose Glenn (BudsThorn@comcast.net)

Comfortable, water resistant sleeping mats are crocheted from plastic grocery bags and distributed as needed. Helpers are always needed – contact Rose Glenn. Our next meeting is in the Conference room on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

We can make a difference - Become a reading mentor!

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan liaison

Welcome to another exciting school year and welcome back to Trinity's Reading All Star Program with Kate Sullivan Elementary School. Experts will tell you that a child must have a keen reading proficiency by the third grade to ensure their success in life.

We as a church participate in a reading mentoring program for just this purpose and with over 800 students enrolled for this academic year, our help is needed!

Mentors meet once a week with



their student to work on developing vocabulary and reading skills. We work primarily with kindergarten through 2nd grades but if another grade is preferred, this can easily be arranged

Our mandatory mentor orientation is held Tuesday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the school's media center.

Returning mentors need only update their forms while new members stay for a brief introduction and instructions. Any questions can be addressed to janeolson@embarqmail.com or Roberta Klawinski at 562-8145 or klawinski@leonschools.net

Together, we can make a difference!

A Day at the Madison Youth Ranch

If you haven't been to the **Madison Youth Ranch**, now is your chance! The Ranch is holding an open house on **Saturday, September 17** for all those interested in seeing first-hand the northern campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. The day will begin with a program, followed by a lunch and tours of the campus, located on a

large, beautiful expanse of land in the Madison County community of Pinetta. The Ranch provides a loving, caring home for children who are unable to stay with their families due to illness, death, abuse, or addiction and it has recently begun an equine therapy program for the children.

Anyone interested in traveling to the Ranch on the Trinity bus may reserve

a seat at <http://bit.ly/2baCgJm>. The bus will leave the church promptly at 9:00 and return by 3:00. Those driving themselves should plan to arrive at the Ranch (1647 NE Captain Buie Road, Pinetta, FL) between 10:30 and 11:00. Contact Gloria Colvin (gpcolvin@yahoo.com or 894-3625) if you have questions or need directions.

UMW speaker for September will be Debbie Pottorff

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

The next meeting of UMW in Ministry will be Tuesday, Sept. 6 in Moor Hall at 11:45 a.m. The program speaker will be Debbie Pottorff. Her topic is "Operation Christmas Child". Everyone is invited to attend, even if you aren't a member of UMW in Ministry. Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations. Standing reservations are preferred. *Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 in the church library prior to the luncheon.

"Operation Christmas Child" is being sponsored this year by Trinity UMW. This program was created in 1990 through Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization, which provides aid to people in physical need worldwide. Donors prepare and collect gift-filled shoeboxes that are sent to needy children ages 2-14 and distributed by volunteers. National Collection Day is November 14-21. Among the gift items requested are school supplies which may be bargain priced now that school has begun. Suggestions: pens, pencils, erasers,

sharpeners, crayons, markers, glue sticks, paper, notebooks, etc. Shoeboxes also include small toys and gifts as well as personal hygiene items. As of April 2015

approximately 124 million shoeboxes were delivered throughout the world! (All items should be new.)

UMW Action Team Meetings

Alpha Circle: Monday, September 12 at 10 a.m., at 1832 Jean Ave. Shirley Benson, hostess, Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tuesday, September 6 at 1 p.m. church library, Nancy Waugh chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m. 2104 Randolph Cir., Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, September 7 at noon, Café at St. Johns, Marti Chumber, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, September 20 at 10 a.m. at 1366 Hollow Oak Cir. Westminster Oaks, Kitty Ball Hostess (386-2521) and Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m., BJ's Restaurant 1749 Apalachee Pkwy, Patti Oakley, chair.

Watch the bulletin and website, www.tumct.org/connect/ (then select UMW in Ministry & Action Teams) for details as they become available.

Youth Happenings in September

Lisa Prasse Tanner Johnson
Youth Director Youth Ministry Assistant

A Note from Lisa ...

Our Youth are Awesome!

Here's why: July ended (for us) after camp at Warren Willis - oh, and one more summer Wednesday fellowship together at Lofty Pursuits, where we all took shelter from the heat, had some wonderful ice cream and played games and visited. Then, without missing a beat, August took off with a bang as our mid highs set off on their mission trip to **EPIC** (Embracing People In Christ) in Vero Beach. We were there Sunday night through Thursday, where our kids worked so hard to serve others. I was so proud! From weeding plant beds to washing missionary airplanes and everything in between, they were terrific. They worked together beautifully and I loved watching them "grow" together during their down time. God is at work in our youth! A special shout out--THANK YOU to Pastor Jonathan and Andy Harrison for chaperoning that wonderful trip!

Speaking of THANKS ...

On behalf of the entire youth group, I'd like to thank our Summer Sunday night families who cooked such great dinners and our Summer Sunday School teachers! We are blessed by your service and couldn't do things without your help! Thank you so very much! Now we're getting back in the swing of things with the school year and we'll be asking for MORE help in the kitchen and other areas! Please let me know if you're interested and watch your inbox for more information.

Calling All Youth!

We're changing the direction of the youth music this year and we need EVERYONE of you to be involved! You don't have to play an instrument or be the world's best singer ... you just need to love the Lord! Instead of our separate traditional youth choir and youth praise band, we're combining the two to create our very own Youth Music Team! I will share our vision and all the exciting details with all of you at a brief PARENT/YOUTH (all invited) meeting, Sunday August 28 at 5:30 p.m. So, come a half-hour early to youth that night (or hang around after the youth council meeting that was moved from earlier this month), hear the news and then regular UMYF will begin at 6 p.m. This brief meeting will be very informative, so you don't want to miss it! I'll hope to see you there!

Social Media

Finally, we're currently updating all our social media outlets! You can follow us on Snapchat and Instagram "@tumctyouth", AND Facebook at "TUMCT youth". Also for updates and reminders about upcoming events, please join our Remind101 class. Simply text the message "@tumct" (be sure to include the @ sign; do NOT include the quotation marks) to the number/recipient 81010. This will automatically enroll you in our "class" and you'll receive text updates/reminders from us!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **August 14**
4- 7 p.m. - Back to School Pool Party
- **August 21**
10-10:30 a.m. - Confirmation Parent Meeting in the Underground
6 - 8 p.m. - UMYF
- **August 28**
4:00-5:30 p.m. - Youth Council Meeting
5:30-6:00 p.m. - Parent/Youth Music Team Meeting
- **September 4** - Labor Day- No UMYF
- **September 14** - Wednesday night Bible studies resume
- **September 8-11** - Rock the Universe!!!!
- **September 30 - October 2** - Confirmation Retreat @ Warren Willis



The last summer Wednesday Fun and Fellowship at Lofty Pursuits.



Rev. Brewster and Andy Harrison accompanied Lisa Prasse and the mid high group to Vero Beach. While there, they: organized a grocery store, cleaned medicine bottles, washed an airplane, weeded fields, trimmed and pruned trees, had daily devotions, enjoyed fellowship with disadvantaged teens, and participated in community building. Good times!

News from the Children's Ministry

Allison Corrigan
Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Stewardship

Exciting things are happening with the children at Trinity this fall. We had a fantastic group of energetic and enthusiastic teacher volunteers that helped kick off Sunday school on Promotion Sunday, August 21. We are thrilled to announce that we will be kicking off a stewardship campaign to show our children how they can be involved in giving to our church and community with their gifts, talents, and service. This year, the children's offerings will be collected for the Madison Youth Ranch. On August 28, Gloria Colvin gave a presentation to the children about the Madison Youth Ranch and how they can directly help other children in our community. The ranch will be hosting a "Day at the Ranch" event on Saturday, September 17 beginning at 10:30 with a tour of the facility. We encourage families to attend so the children can directly see the impact they will have through their contributions.



Tracking our Goal

We have set an attainable goal for the first quarter, which we will track in the children's hallway for everybody to see. Each quarter we hope to increase this goal. To help encourage children to regularly attend Sunday school and bring in their offerings, we will also be introducing Bible Bucks. Children can earn Bible Bucks for coming to Sunday school, bringing their bibles, bringing a friend, acts of kindness, and more. The children will then be able to use their Bible Bucks to purchase gifts for others from our Bible Bucks Store. If you would like to help with this ministry, donations of new or very gently used items for our store would be greatly appreciated. (i.e. small stuffed animals, figurines, books, toys, and knick-knacks) We are looking forward to a wonderful fall with our children.



Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Watt, **Senior Pastor**
Jonathan Brewster, **Associate Pastor**
Barbara Hynes, **Associate Pastor of Discipleship**
Rex Adams, **Director of Communications**

Quarterly Diaper Drive for Children's Home Society

Mary Stephenson
Children's Home Society liaison

The Local Missions Committee is sponsoring another quarterly diaper drive on Sunday September 11. This time, the agency receiving the diapers will be the **Children's Home Society of Florida**.

Children's Home Society of Florida works to protect and provide services for children, teens, and families. They help approximately 100,000 Florida children and families each year.

Through parent education, counseling, early education and care, in-home services, and connections to local resources, they help families learn to nurture their children to full potential.

They also help families raising children with developmental delays. Offering physical and speech therapy, nursing and medical services, counseling, and more, they help kids reach milestones while providing hope to the entire family.

They provide help to children who have been neglected or abused by providing emergency shelters or placing them in group homes; others join loving

foster families and, for the first time, find acceptance and encouragement.

Through individual and family counseling, parents and children learn how to cope with stress, anger, discipline, depression, and other feelings and situations. As they help families stay safely together, bonds strengthen and trust builds.

When a child's own parents are unable to safely care for them, they find forever families eager to welcome them through adoption. As Florida's most trusted adoption organization, they also find loving homes for infants through private adoption. They compassionately work with women facing unplanned pregnancies and provide confidential counseling, always keeping in mind the best interests of the child.

Teenagers in foster care who haven't found forever families receive help to develop self-sufficiency, responsibility and

opportunities for life success. They provide life skills training, mentoring, educational and vocational coaching, and safe housing so teens don't have to face adulthood alone. Expectant and parenting teens learn positive parenting so they may become healthy, independent families.

Please help out by dropping off diapers in the Welcome Center on September 11.



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