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# HONORING 60 of child care YEARS





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### **Building Momentum**

**Iim Powell,** Executive Director

n my TELEGRAM article dated February 2016, I attempted to share some thoughts with you related to the idea of Moving Forward. I used the analogy of a bus stuck in the snow or mud, and the sense of hopelessness one feels as they try to dislodge the vehicle, especially if there is no help available. This can be a very frustrating time, but exhibaration comes when the vehicle reaches that magical momentum point, where with the assistance of several other able bodies pushing, suddenly surges forward - out of the mud or

snow bank that has held it captive! Woo-hoo!!! We are finally making some progress!

The Lord has most certainly heard our prayers and petitions, and is blessing us in so many ways! I am experiencing that same sensation of exhibitancian as I feel the momentum building for our future in this ministry. We have been serving families and children in need for sixty years, and have begun working on the next sixty. The recent return of Bob and Becky Brown to our campus, has added to, and strengthened our staff. We are thrilled to have them back as part of the Shults-Lewis family again. We are also in discussions with several couples, and pray that one of them will feel the call of God to this ministry as houseparents.

Several groups have already spent time on campus, and more are scheduled, including a few new ones. We are always blessed because of the time they spend investing in the lives of our young people and oddly enough, it seems they are the ones who leave feeling blessed.

I would ask that each person who reads this article, make a point to plan a trip for your family, or church group to be on campus for our Annual Day Open House on Saturday, September 17, 2016, so that you can see and experience firsthand all the great things that are happening here.

By the time you read this, one of our young men will have begun his freshman year of college, and I want you to know that you played a significant part in his success. Last December, he had no place to call home, and was four credits shy of graduating high school. He had no means of financial support, but we welcomed him to our program with open arms anyway. The graciousness of our donors guaranteed that he would not become "stuck", without help, or an end in sight. Thank you so much for always being there to help when moments like this arise. God bless you all!!! See you in September!

For Christ and the kids,

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!' (Ecclesiastes 4:9,10 ESV)





Bob and Becky Brown have come and Becky has taken the position of Administrative Assistant. We are thrilled to have them back with us.



#### LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

#### Beth Frump, Director of Development bethfrump@shultslewis.org

am tired. Am I allowed to share that?!?! At least give me a chance to explain. Have you ever poured every ounce of energy into a project, possibly giving up sleep, running on less than adequate food, and been so exhausted that you aren't sure you have anything left to give; possibly for a VBS program, Bible camp, or a specific event? And yet, somehow in the midst of the program or event, you completely forget the lack of sleep and energy because the impact of it all is worth every single stale donut breakfast? My friend & I have lovingly named the feeling "Farm Night Tired", after a summer event we were involved with during our youth ministry days.

I am "Farm Night Tired" and LOVING IT!!!

Our campus has been filled with visiting mission groups this summer. We've transformed our barn into a usable space. Flowers have been planted. Trees have been trimmed and mulch placed. Different buildings have been cleaned, painted, and spruced up. We've laughed, made memories, and grown closer. We've prayed together, studied together, and encouraged each other. Totally worth every minute of lost sleep.

st sleep.
The Golf Tournament was a HUGE success. Because of our awesome sponsors,
we were able to raise more money
for the kids this year than we have

in quite a while. And I love "my golfers". You all make the event something we look forward to every year. The hugs and time spent in fellowship with you is worth every

last minute under and change that brings forth the

"Farm Night Tired" feeling!

We were blessed by Bob's Discount Furniture who donated new furniture for our Hospitality House, as well as an item for each of our kids. They generously donated couches, bedroom sets, chairs, wall hangings, lamps, and so much more. We are so appreciative of the partnership we have with them.

Annual Day is almost here. Please plan to bring your family to campus on Saturday, September 17th. A lot of congregations put a lot of time and effort into bringing foods, crafts, quilts, and more to raise money for the kids. I am so appreciative the "Farm Night Tired" you all experience to make Annual Day an amazing day for our ministry! I cannot wait to see you all!

Matthew French, Housedad in Home 7, frequently prays "Wear us out for Your Kingdom". There are many opportunities for you to be a part of this mission work. You'll be blessed beyond measure.

Come be "Farm Night Tired" with me.



















# THANK YOU, Bob's Discount Furniture

We have been blessed beyond measure by Bob's Discount Furniture. A few months back, they had asked us to give them a furniture wish list. Jim & I composed a list of things that we really needed. The representative got back to us and said that they knew we had 7 homes, a hospitality house, and a school, and that they knew that our little wish list couldn't possibly cover our "Dream List". "DREAM BIG! And let us determine what we can do" was their response to our list. Bob's Discount Furniture invited the kids and some staff for their local Grand Opening, where they would be shown the donated items. They sent a Hummer Limo for the kids and staff. The kids were so excited for this once in a lifetime experience of riding in the limo! After the official Grand Opening ceremony, some of the employees were tasked to show us our new furniture. I was in complete AWE when the employee explained to me that EVERY SINGLE ITEM on our Wish List was going to be fulfilled! We were in complete shock and humbled by their generosity.

But here's the deal, the generosity didn't stop there. It was announced that each of our kids were going to be given a couple of items specifically for them. The kids began to look around and pick out some pillows, small lamps, and items that they liked. When Cathy Poulin, Public Relations Director, saw one of the young men had picked out a pillow, she said, "Well, I'm glad you like the pillow, but how about the chair the pillow is on? Do you like that" The young man, puzzled, said, "Yes, but..." Her

response, "If you want a chair, pick out a chair."

WHAT?!?!?! Not only did Bob's Discount Furniture fill every single campus wish list item, they continued to bless us by allowing the children to pick out anything they wanted for them. One of our boys quietly said to no one in particular, "I've never been able to do anything like this before."

I cannot begin to express how incredible this experience was for our kids. What an incredible day and lesson on generosity for our kids.



#### **SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

Vickie Terhune, School Principal vickieterhune@shultslewis.org

ot! Hot! No, I'm not talking about the weather. I'm talking about our "red hot" students!! Every single one of our students earned the required grades to make the honor roll last semester and three of them made the high honor roll!! We are proud of all of them! We had a busy semester. Our spring field trip included an educational tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Valparaiso, lunch at Dynasty Buffet, and an afternoon of hiking

and activities at the Taltree Arboretum on the outskirts of Valparaiso. Field Day was a full day of activities including individual competitions, water balloon volleyball, unit competitions, lunch at noon, and a softball game in the afternoon. The weather was just beautiful and the staff and students had a great time.

Graduation for Kevin, Hannah, and John was held on May 24th. The turnout was wonderful this year many of their friends and

relatives were able to join us for lunch followed by the graduation ceremony and reception. Jim Powell was our speaker and he did

an awesome job as usual! I think that for such a small school, we do an amazing job of making graduation feel special for our graduates. Our newly remodeled gym looked fantastic! I wish that all of you could attend one of our graduations!

This summer we are busy with classes such at Geography, Health,

Computer, English, U.S. History and Physics to try to help some of our students get caught up on credits that they need or help them get a little ahead for the coming year. We also try to keep them physically active with basketball, walking or ping pong and we are doing some sewing again this year. We have a special activity planned for this week thanks to a donation from some of our friends. We plan to take the students to lunch and then miniature golf or bowling depending upon the weather. The students love getting off

campus and the staff do too!! Please stop by and visit us whenever you are in the area and keep those Box Tops coming!!!





Refore you toss it:

We are still collecting labels for Box Tops for Education, Smile.Amazon.com and Ink so keep the labels coming!

The Labels for Education and Meijer Community Rewards have discontinued their programs.







# Can we count on your family?

The goal for the Shults-Lewis
Change Cans is to find
1,000 FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS

who will fill their CHANGE CAN with at least \$40.



# Where's Your Change Can

Where Do You KeepYour Change Can?

Send a picture to BethFrump@ShultsLewis.org

Favorites will be posted on our Twitter, Facebook & Instagram #slchangecan. The most "liked" Change Can picture will recieve a prize.

Thank you for your continued commitment to **CHANGE** the lives of children and families!



#### FROM OUR HOMES TO YOURS

#### Janine French, Houseparent Supervisor

his past June Matthew and I had the opportunity to travel to Mexico with our daughter Rachel, her husband Brad, and their children. We spent time playing, hiking, relaxing, swimming, eating, parasailing (although Matthew just watched), zip lining (Matthew did this – 14 times), sightseeing and just being together. It was such a blessing to be able to do this together.

We were able to escape the stresses of everyday life, to change our routines, try new and exciting things, vary our schedules, rest our weary minds and rejuvenate that which needed to be rejuvenated. One thing I can

say for sure, no matter where you go in this world all you have to do at any given time is look up in the sky to see the beauty and majesty of God's workmanship.

I never cease to be amazed by the beautiful sunrises and sunsets that God has splashed across the sky, and I never want to stop marveling at their beauty. I hope that the symphony of all those incredible colors will always cause me to pause and remember what the Psalmist said in Psalms 113:3 From the rising of the sun to its going down, Jehovah's name is to be praised.

Imagine if you can that no matter where one resides on this earth they are looking at the same sun and moon that you and I are. Hundreds and even thousands of years ago that very sun and moon existed for those we read about in the Bible. When God made the sun, moon and stars He said it was good and it is still good.

No matter what our day brings, no matter the problems that we may undergo, sickness we may have to face, the loss of loved ones, friends and family, financial hardships, broken relationships, shattered dreams, or disillusionment we still have a hope. Once again it is this same hope that those who lived hundreds and thousands of years ago were promised. I love that God knows our needs and desires even before we do.





We here at Shults-Lewis try very hard to meet the needs of the young people and families that we come in contact with on a daily basis. Your love, support, and prayers help us to do just that. We could not do it without your faithful support. Just as I am amazed by the beauty that God has given us, I continue to be amazed by our many donors that leave an imprint on our lives – THANK YOU

#### Do you not know? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.



# Shults-Lewis

#### April 15, 2016 - July 9, 2016

## HONORS & REMEMBERS...

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Happy Birthday! James & Patrice Bass, Jr.

Dallas Foster

Happy 100th Birthday! Michael & Cynthia Thomas

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Happy 59th Anniversary! The Tom Vaughn Family

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Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services, a residential facility providing therapeutic services located in Valparaiso, Indiana, ministering to children and families in the Midwest, is accepting resumes for the following position:

#### **HOUSE PARENT**

If you hear the call of teenagers that are struggling with their lives, and if you are ready to play a role in forever changing those lives, consider the position of House Parent at Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services.

The House Parent applicants should meet the following minimum requirements:

Faithful member of the Church of Christ • Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis
A high school diploma, preferably some experience working with teenagers • Couples should be married at least 3 years
Good organizational skills • Valid driver's license • Be able to provide spiritual leadership to teen residents • Works well with others

#### SECONDARY MATHEMATICS TEACHER

The applicants should meet the following minimum requirements:

Faithful member of the Church of Christ • Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis Must be State Certified for 7-12th grades



For more information, contact Vickie Terhune, Principal (219) 464-7669 or vickiehune@shultslewis.org

#### All Positions Offer Health Insurance and Retirement Package

If you have any questions or would like to send a resume, please contact Jim Powell, Executive Director, at 800-462-0513, ext 222 or jimpowell@shultslewis.org.