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Losing, Then Finding

Jim Powell, Executive Director

On a number of occasions, I have used an illustration from my collection to help make a point in an article or message. I would like to use one now as a means of bringing to your attention a tremendous need we have at Shults-Lewis.

Two men found themselves at odds as each of them began to cross a narrow, one person bridge, over a gorge that was extremely wide and deep. The bridge was not designed for two people to cross at the same time. As the men stood at the

center of the bridge looking at each other, it became clear that one of them was going to have to give in and allow his ego to be bruised, in order for either of them to cross the gorge safely.

After a few moments of contemplation, one of the men came up with a brilliant idea! "I will lie down, and allow you to walk over the top of me. That way neither of us has to turn around and retreat to the edge of the gorge."

Problem solved.

Just recently, I watched a video clip which demonstrated this idea almost exactly. Two children, one much older than the other, were playing. They were attempting to cross what appeared to be a culvert opening in a ditch. After several attempts by the younger child to jump, or stretch across the opening, the older child laid face down on the ground, spanning the opening of the culvert with his much stronger and longer body, allowing the younger child to walk across his body to the other side!

Hopefully at this point, you are asking yourself, "What is the point?". Well, my point is as simple and difficult as the decisions which were made in each of these two examples. Simply stated, we need your help with this ministry! We need at least two sets of houseparents who are willing to serve immediately!!! The difficult part begins with your response. Perhaps you have thought about serving in this capacity at some point, or perhaps you know a godly couple who would be perfect working in a ministry setting with struggling teenagers. The question remains, "Are you willing to "lay down", and offer your time and energy to this great task?" It is difficult to give up what has become our comfort zone and follow that which God calls us to do, but remember the words of Jesus, "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25).

We are and will continue to Move Forward in 2016. All of you reading this are an important and significant part of the ongoing ministry at Shults-Lewis. My prayer is that you will respond to our need, or refer couples who can fill our staff vacancies. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. God bless you all.

For Christ and the kids,





CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Mrs. Vickie Terhune for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Christian Child and Family Services Association (CCFSA).

Shults-Lewis Colf Tournament • Friday, June 17, 2016

Brassle Golf Club • Chesterton, Indiana

Come have a FUN day of golf for only \$100!

(includes green fees, cart, lunch, supper, and more)

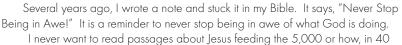
Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. (cst)
Tee Time at 10:00 a.m. (cst) • Dinner & Awards to Follow

Registration By Emailing: BethFrump@shultslewis.org or Text SLGolf to 41444



LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Beth Frump, Director of Development bethfrump@shultslewis.org



years of wandering, the Israelites' shoes never wore out and not see how awesome that is. I've heard the stories for my entire life and the temptation to scan over the

passages can sneak in. It is my constant prayer that my eyes and heart are open to how awesome He really is. I want my sense of awe of what God has done and is doing to never dull.

God is doing AWESOME things on this campus. Don't miss it. Don't scan over it. It is my prayer that you will read the articles, look at the pictures, follow us on Facebook, check our website, and never, ever let it become mundane what He is doing in the lives of children and families.

God blessed us BEYOND, way BEYOND, expectations in the **Phone for Children Campaign**. My expectation was \$150,000, my prayer was for \$160,000. You pledged **\$198,954**. Oh, please don't miss that. Never stop being in awe of what He is doing. That is INCREDIBLE!!! Thank you!

Change Cans are often put to the side in congregations and in homes. I'm asking you to please don't ignore what God can do with your change. I'm looking for 1,000 families/congregations that will step up and fill their cans with at least \$40. Together our **CHANGE CAN** truly change the lives of children and their families. It doesn't take much from each of us when all of us work together. Over the next few months, join me in filling a Change Can.

We are so thankful for the congregations that collect **Commodity** items for the children! This, too, can sometimes become an overlooked announcement, but don't let it become something you scan over. We are counting on you! Your canned vegetable, box of cereal, or whatever the item may be is important and we appreciate it!

Day of Prayer & Giving for Shults-Lewis is Sunday, July 31 st. This is a perfect opportunity for congregations, families, and individuals to gather and pray for the specific requests of the children and staff of Shults-Lewis.

On the Day of Prayer & Giving for Shults-Lewis, we are asking for "out of the ordinary" gifts as the funds are used for "out of the ordinary" expenses. It is our prayer that families and congregations will start talking and praying about this now. Could your congregation donate the entire fifth Sunday collection? Could your family make a special donation? Packets will be arriving to congregations this summer, which will include the prayer requests. If your family wants one sent directly to your home or e-mail, I will gladly do that. God is not done working in this ministry. Pray with us. Never lose your sense of awe of what God has done, is doing, and can do through you. You can do it. You really can.



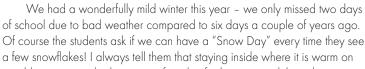
Thank you, West Chicago Ladies, for hosting a Purity Reatreat for our young ladies.



The Shults-Lewis Family grew by 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Congratulations to Joe, Director of Operations, and Emily, Caseworker!

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Vickie Terhune, School Principal vickieterhune@shultslewis.org



a cold, snowy, windy day is a perfect day for learning and they always groan!! We have had a great third quarter and now our students, especially the three seniors, are looking forward to the end of the school year how do the days fly by so fast?

We have had some great activities so far this semester. We took the students to Valparaiso University on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day back in January to attend a convocation in honor of Dr. King and then we ate lunch at the Dynasty Buffet. The kids love eating out and, of course, the staff do as well! In early March we had a fantastic day with the students ice-skating at the William E. Urschel Pavilion in downtown Valparaiso as well as eating out again. Quite a few of the staff were able to join us and I was amazed at how many good skaters we had - both staff and students! We won't talk about the spills taken by Jim Powell and Matthew French!! It was one of the best days that I can remember in a long time. The kids talked about it for quite a few days also! As I remind you in each of my articles, your Box-Top donations are what allows us to do these special activities with our students. I want to thank Mr. James for the hours that he spends clipping, counting, and bagging those Box-Tops!

During the next few weeks before graduation we will have a Spelling Bee, a field trip, our Strengths Banquet and a field day. We are excited to have three graduates this spring - it will be an awesome Graduation Day! Drop by and see us whenever you are in the neighborhood and we will give you a tour of our school! Thanks for all you do for us!



Goodbye & Houseparents Needed

Saying goodbye to our houseparents who have been with us for years is very difficult. This past February we had to say goodbye to 2 houseparent couples, Charles and Joy Smith, who had been with us for 3 and ½ years, and Mark and Jenn Swartz who have been with us for just over 3 years.

Each of these couples will be greatly missed. Mark and Jenn left as they felt their lives were heading in another direction. They take with them a piece of our hearts as well as our prayers. Joy and Charles have also chosen another path. They have moved to Texas to be closer to their daughter and to help care and nurture their grandchildren.

We pray for both of these couples and are grateful for the time we were able to spend with them and pray for God's richest blessings upon them as they pursue their own walk.

Their leaving has obviously left not only a void for us but also a great need for houseparents. If you are reading this and find yourself searching for a way to make a difference in the lives not only of children but of fellow Christians, please call or email us and tell us of your desire to enter our mission field. I would love to talk with you about fulfilling that need within your heart, to become a part of the family here at Shults-Lewis.









FROM OUR HOMES TO YOURS

Janine French, Houseparent Supervisor

From time to time I am able to spend a few minutes just sitting and chatting with our Development Director **Beth Frump** and hear her resounding plea "I LOVE OUR DONORS – I want to spend time with them". I heard and understood what she was saying, yet little did I know that soon I would have an even greater understanding of the sentiment that she was expressing. I was privileged to find myself able to do just a little of that as the need arose and the time and schedule allowed. Matthew and I did a commodities pick-up in Illinois for Shults-Lewis. When I came home I can tell you I had a much greater understanding and appreciation for just exactly what Beth meant when she said "I LOVE OUR DONORS".

As Matthew and I began this journey of 2 days and hundreds of miles, it cannot be left unsaid that it was **Bob Kallus** (one of our therapists) and **Jeanne Chowning** (one of our teachers) who stepped up and stepped in to help out in our homes and make it possible for Matthew and I to be away and do the pickups. (Have I mentioned how blessed I feel to work with such a wonderful and giving staff?).

Matthew and I visited 11 churches meeting men, women and even 3 incredibly energetic and beautiful children, what an exciting and uplifting experience. Some of the men and women shared stories of the activities they had as their church was growing; the table in the foyer that was made by one of the men out of lumber taken directly off of the property where



their building now sits. We saw books of big building projects undertaken by the congregations, and I was even blessed to receive a cookbook from one of the women (thank you Linda) in a congregation. They had put this book together themselves with many of their favorite recipes - of course the first recipe to be made by me is covered in chocolate - who knew. We were given a handmade afghan to bring back, and

I was touched by all the love from the individual churches that went into the collecting of the commodities. I don't think I could possibly relay how wonderful it was at the end of our commodity trip to drive home with a van load of offerings from so many different congregations. Words escape me.

The weekend after our return from the commodities pick-up some of the women from the West Chicago Church of Christ were on campus to do a Purity Retreat for our girls. This was not the first time they have done this for us. They have continued to bless us with

this awesome gift of their time and talent. Everyone comes away feeling inspired and special.

I have met some incredibly inspiring people who bless our work by their involvement, and now I understand with an even greater sense of heartfelt love what Beth means when she says "I LOVE OUR DONORS". I thank each and every one of you that has collected commodities, sent checks, gifts, spent time on campus, sent cards for our young people, filled change cans, sent ink cartridges, saved box tops, so many different ways we have been blessed. Yet the greatest blessing of your prayers is what I will continue to petition, and please know that we are so very grateful for each and every one of you.

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you...



CURRENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Shults-Lewis

October 9, 2015 - December 31, 2015

HONORS & REMEMBERS...

HONORS

All the changed lives! Violet Riggenbach

Brian Bass Happy Birthday! James & Patrice Bass, Jr.

Betty Birk Happy Mother's Day Matthew & Janine French

Lamar & Jodie Black For ministering to the Port Huron Church family! Dan & Anne Bateman

Jerry & Sharon Bryan Happy 50th Anniversary! Robert & Audrey Young

Sheilla Davis Retirement from Shults-Lewis

Retirement from Shults-Lewis after 36 years of service! Ed & Connie Foster Rob & Sheri Salley

Isaac & Olivia Dillman Keith & Cecy Dillman

Ron & Catherine Englehart For your many years of service on the Shults-Lewis Board Gerald & Phyllis Frump

The Gateway Church of Christ Children

For their generous giving to the children at Shults-Lewis! Gateway Church of Christ in Southgate, MI

Jerseyville Church of Christ William Williams

Anna Laura King Happy 92nd Birthday! Donald & Sharon Mitchell

Mike & Karen Mazmanian Happy 50th Anniversary! Robert & Audrey Young

James & Bertha O'Rourke Happy 60th Anniversary!

Artie & Marcie Peters
Congratulations on your marriage!
Anonymous
George Elliott
Dick & Jackie Halsey
Edward & Sharon Hood
Chris Libs
Jeff & Cathy Murray
Jim & Carren Powell
Primore, Inc.
Stephen & Clarice Rink
William & Yevonne Robbins
Terry & Lorraine Willett
Richard & Marilyn Woods
Sarah Yoakum

Larry & Carole Powell Happy Birthday! The Tom Vaughn Family

Bill Rosenbaum Charles & Ronda Rosenbaum

Esther Ross Happy Birthday! The Tom Vaughn Family

Wayne & Elaine Schmidt Happy 65th Anniversary! Tom & Frances Vaughn Ira & Marie Stroup Happy 70th Anniversary! Tom & Frances Vaughn

James Terhune For your faithful service to the children! Reed & Betty Munsell

Vickie Terhune For your faithful service to the children! Reed & Betty Munsell

Wanita White Happy Birthday! Ray & Helen Nelson

Gary & Sonnie Whyte
For being helpful, loving friends!
Don & Mary Jane Baugh

MEMORIALS

Phil Anderson Bonnie Anderson

John Andrews Larry & DeAnne Thompson

Fred & Nettie Atnip Barney & Sharon Neill

Randy Ayers The Adrian Church of Christ in Adrian, MI

Carl "Leon" Bacus The Adrian Church of Christ in Adrian, MI Kathy Baker Joan Berry & Family
Jim & Betty Casey
Dan & Shannon Boren
Walter & Shirley Conner
Jack & Janet Cook David & Nellie Craig Sheilla Davis Michael Evans Wade Evans Dale Fisher Gary Fisher Matthew & Janine French Beth Frump Gerald & Phyllis Frump Dick & Jackie Halsey Vera Kaderabek Bob Kallus Jacqueline Post Jeff & Carol Rockwell Gary & Cathy Schmidt Craig & Phyllis Slocum Dean & Pam Stewart Larry & Lynne Stewart Eddie & Vickie Terhune James Terhune Scott & Crystal Turner Liz Winchester Rebekah Winchester Sarah Yoakum

Leland Baker Fern Baker

Denise Barker Randy Barker

Rita Barker Charles & Kathleen Barker

Bob & Joyce Bartholomew Debora McGuire

Lucy Benham Robert & Jackie Benham

Anderson & Johnie Berry Gregory & Patsy Pugh James Berry, Sr. Alan & Gail Diana

Donald Birk Larry & Renel Birk

LeEtta Bonifield Southside Church of Christ in Portland, IN

Joseph Broderick Donna Broderick

Arlin Brown Robert & Jackie Benham

Fumiko Harada Brown The Parkview Church of Christ in Warren, MI

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Dennis Carroll Kevin & Kara Vick

Faye Carter Gerald Theeck

Jim & Nell Chamblee George & Jeanne Price Gunther & Jane Schlender

Glenn & Anna Mae Clipp Charles & Mary Rosenbaum

Vaughn & Faye Clipp Bonnie Anderson

Skip Cole Mary Ann Sircloumb

Lucille Craig Larry & Nell Norville

Berniece Davis John & Deborah Magurean Rob & Sheri Salley

Doyle Davis Jasper & Janet Morris

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Bill Groover Dick & Jackie Halsey Jim & Carren Powell

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Karen Hall Brad & Barbara Dowdy

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Jim & Lois Harrington Jim & Debbie Arnett

Thelma Harrington Jim & Debbie Arnett

Dean & Thelma Hoggatt Kent & Debi Hoggatt

Gene Holland Mary Caldwell

Ray & Mabel Holland Robert & Betty Salley

Oden Holt Gloria Holt

Jeff Hooberry Royce Harbin Family

Medford Hults Mr & Mrs Dorman Lough

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Norman Jackson Bettye Jackson

Carrie Johnson Debbie Knaack

Otto Johnson Gerald & Phyllis Frump

Eugene Knaack Debbie Knaack

Louise Knaack Debbie Knaack

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Ben Rigby Ethel Jane Moore

Frances Rose Lloyd & Carol Rose Alice White

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Neal Saucier Jim & Penny Dyes Boyd & Bonnie Goodson

Betty Scholl Tom & Frances Vaughn

Junior Shaffer The Michigan City Church of Christ in Michigan City, IN

Ronald Shannon

Sharon Siddens Robert & Edith Bell

Carol Slatton Boyd & Bonnie Goodson

Velma Smittle Alex & Joan Jeal

Jeffrey Todd Spears James & Madlyn Spears

Bonnie Sprague Houghton Lake Church of Christ in Houghton Lake, MI Jane Staley
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