



# TELEGRAM

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Newsletter of Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services

# THANK YOU!

I send my deepest condolences to all of you. May God wrap each of you in His loving arms of peace, comfort and strength.

For Christ's promise of Eternal life be  
May God's promise to us all in the loss of Beth.  
Comfort to us all in the loss of Beth.

**Prayers to all the Shults Lewis family and students.**

**The entire Shults Lewis family is in our prayers**

You are all in my prayers.

Please let the Staff know you all are in my thoughts and prayers. May God Continue to bless you all.

**My prayers go out to the family and friends and Shults-lewis child and family services. (from a past resident)**

**Father, surround your dear ones with many people of compassion and grace.**

Sending you all our love and keeping you in our prayers. It is

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I wanted to let you know you and all at Shults-Lewis has been in my prayers. You have not been

**Sending hugs and prayers from Indy.**

**Praying for the entire Shults Lewis family.**

**Praying for the family and friends to give them peace and comfort during this time!**

**Praying for comfort, strength and peace for all**

Hebrews 12:2.  
Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source of perfecter of our faith



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# God Has Blessed Us

**Angela Robertson**, Executive Director  
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Sometimes writing an article for the Telegram is easy but sometimes, like for this one, I seem to struggle with what to say or to write. I actually wrote one article, went home and the next day I re-read it and decided I didn't like what I had written. Interesting though, is that I was involved in a conversation with one of our female residents that morning, and it suddenly dawned on me, here is my article!

This young girl was being "snippy" and disrespectful to her housemom. She didn't understand why she had to listen to someone that "isn't my mother". The fact is, her biological parents had chosen drugs and alcohol over being a parent to this girl. She was placed in several foster homes and in the one before her placement at Shults-Lewis, she was abused.

As the Program Director talked to this resident about what she was feeling, the girl talked about the ways she was "just like" her mom and/or dad. You see, she had just visited with her caseworker and had found out some personal information on her biological parents. She needed to belong to someone, to connect with those who are supposed to take care of us as children and guide us into adulthood.

During the conversation, the Program Director told her that she was important to God and she was very important to us here at Shults-Lewis. I chimed in and told her that she was a special girl and that God does not make junk. She teared-up and softly

said, "No one has ever told me I was important before." My heart just hurt for this young girl. Can you imagine living your childhood up to age 12/13 years and never hearing the words like you are important, you are special, and even more important, hearing the words you are loved?

It is teens like this that we work with here at Shults-Lewis. And it is these teens and their stories like these that tell me how important this ministry is in our chaotic world today. For most of the staff here, it is so hard to imagine being brought up in a family filled with drugs, alcohol, and total chaos. It is stories like this that make our jobs so fulfilling but at the same time, so heart-breaking.

God has blessed us greatly with the resources to continue this important ministry. I thank all of you for your support, prayers, and donations that enable us to carry this work forward.

Thank you all!



## THEY'RE BAAAAACK!!

We are so excited to tell you that Charles and Joy Smith have returned after 4 years to be relief houseparents again. The best part is, due to their commitment, we will be able to bring in more kids. God is awesome! But we still need more houseparents so we can help more kids. Give us a call or send us an email so we can tell you what houseparenting is all about. We would love to have you as part of our team.



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# Latest Developments

**Lissa Baldwin**, Development Director  
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**T**hank you never seems like enough, but we trust that all of you know how much we mean it when we say those two small words. When the pandemic hit, we were on the phones with all of our commodity churches to change the routes and figure out how we were going to keep the pantry stocked. Well, **YOU DID IT!!** We had churches asking us what was an immediate need and figuring out ways to get those items to us. **THANK YOU!**

We had people call in to let us know they weren't working and they could help haul items to our facility if needed. **THANK YOU!**

We had churches ask if they could directly ship items to us since they couldn't gather together and collect them. **THANK YOU!**

We had individuals from your churches bring their items to us while throwing in some masks and hand sanitizers. **THANK YOU!**

Several churches were unable to meet but were able to gather funds and send them to us so we could buy whatever groceries we needed. **THANK YOU!**

When Beth passed away, we received phone calls, emails, cards, and letters from so many of you who wanted to check on us. You let us know you were praying for us and offering support wherever we needed it. You truly took our breath away as we were humbled by your love.



For all of the above reasons, **THIS** is why SHULTS-LEWIS is so special. **YOU** make Shults-Lewis special with your unconditional love and support. Our entire staff wanted to let you know that we are healing and we **THANK YOU!** We hope you all stay safe and enjoy the holiday seasons.

## BECAUSE OF YOU:

- Our pantry stayed stocked
- Change cans are pouring in
- Annual Day "Tiered Giving" was a success
- We never ran out of toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, or hand sanitizer
- Our kids stayed healthy and safe
- We are healing

Our commodity van (A.K.A. "Falcor") finally got signage! OK boys, now that our phone number is on the back, watch those lead feet! (Glenn & Angela Robertson and Don Jones have been taking turns picking up commodities this year.) **THANK YOU!**







# School Happenings

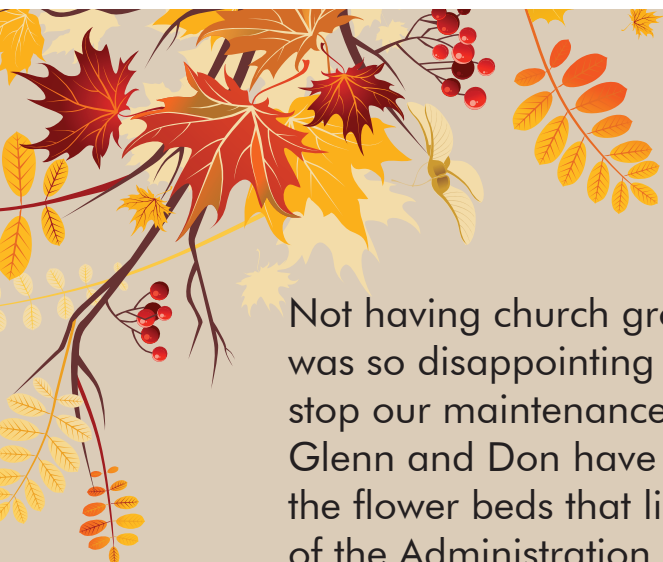
**Vickie Terhune**, School Principal  
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**S**o sad – no Annual Day this year!! But we will see you all next year! Even though we did not have Annual Day, we want to thank all of you who brought or sent school supplies anyway. They are much appreciated.



We ended summer school with a Taco Bell lunch and a carnival and now we are into full swing with first semester. The students are staying right on target and the semester is going great! Our theme this school year is S.T.A.R.S. – Study, Try, Achieve for Recognition and Success! We have stars everywhere – I wish that you could see them! We encourage our students to do their best and we celebrate their successes! Many of them have never experienced school success in their lives so with our small class size, one-on-one help from staff and lots of encouragement, we see many of them excited about learning for the first time.

Thank you so much for the Box Tops submissions and your continued support of our students with your donations, commodities and prayers.



Not having church groups this year was so disappointing but that didn't stop our maintenance department! Glenn and Don have refreshed the flower beds that line the front of the Administration building and repainted our sign. They also put a bathroom in Home 6. These were not easy tasks! Thanks guys!



I am  
thankful  
for being at  
Shults-Lewis



# From Our Home To Yours

**Jon O'Keefe**, Director of Program Services  
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As I begin this article we have wonderful news. We have a new set of houseparents! We have training ahead of us. Once that training is done, we will be able to begin accepting more children into our program. We will be able to double in number. What great news! We are still in need of a couple that would like to work with boys. Our license is for both boys and girls. There are boys in need of a program like ours. Are you that couple? If you are, we would love to talk with you.

We are getting calls and emails often requesting placement for children in need of facilities like ours. If you can, please help us help the children who are in need of our services.

The children that we currently have in the program just received their mid-term report cards. They are doing really well!

The children have done well in school. They have had the opportunity to do various activities here on campus with several of the staff. As Indiana transitions into stage 5 of the COVID-19 recovery and the Halloween season is upon us, we are going to try and have some fun with the

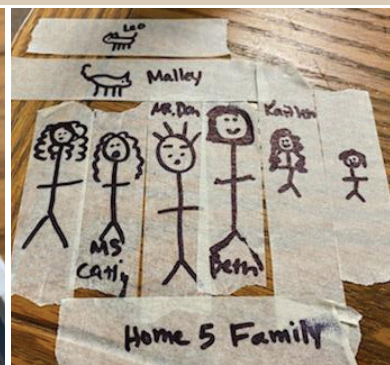
children. We will be having Spirit Week. This means that we are going to be having Hat Day, Crazy Hair Day, Nerd Day, and more. I think the children will enjoy these activities. If all goes well, we would like to take them out for mini golf.

We would like as much as possible to get back to a sense of "normalcy". I am really not sure what the new "normal" is going to look like, however, we will do our best to adapt.

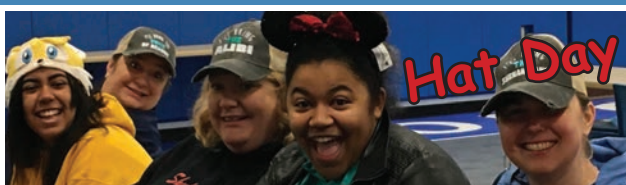
As always, thank you so much for your prayers and your contributions. Without people such as yourselves we could not do what we do and care for these children. We certainly are blessed to have people that care about children as much as we do in supporting us in our work.



Even though we are limited to where we can go and what we can do, the houseparents are keeping our kids busy with different things on campus. From camp fires and vegetable art to stick figure families and playing with the goats, our kids are coping well with the "new normal".



## Looking forward to.....Spirit Week!





# Shults-Lewis

## HONORS & REMEMBERS...

July 2, 2020 – October 1, 2020

### HONORS

**Don Baugh**

*Our 62nd Anniversary!*  
Mary Jane Baugh

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*Happy 50th Anniversary!*  
The Tom Vaughn Family

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*Happy 33rd Anniversary!*

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*For all her years of Annual Day contributions!*  
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**My Family**

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Shults-Lewis thanks each and every one of you for all you do to help these kids and support this mission.

Stay safe, stay healthy.....

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

