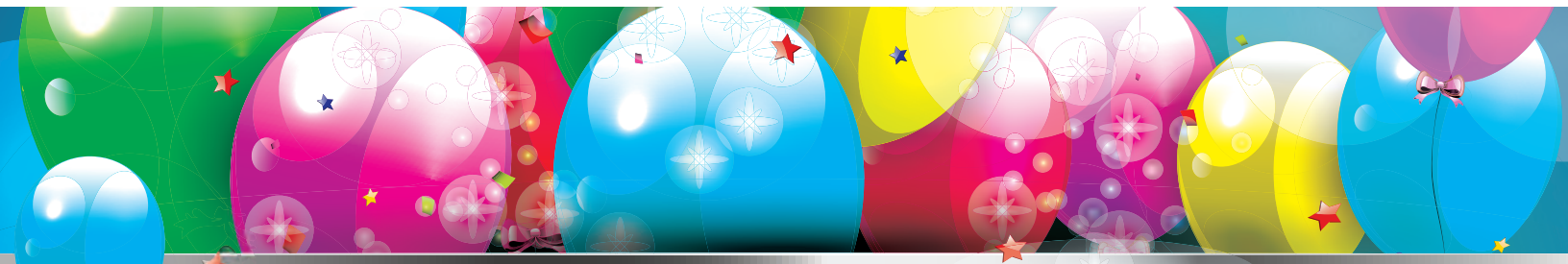




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## THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THE CALL



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*"I have not stopped giving thanks for you,  
remembering you in my prayers."*

*Ephesians 1:16*

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# Spring Forward !!!

**Jim Powell**, Executive Director



For those who have endured a brutal Winter season full of snow, ice, bone-chilling winds and frigid temperatures, there are certain indicators which signal that change is in the air. One of those is the changing of our watches and clocks to “spring forward” out of Daylight Savings Time, back to Standard Time. Beyond that ritual, we notice buds on the trees, greening of the grass, warming temps and longer days. I personally love that I have the blessing of watching a magnificent rebirth occur right in front of my eyes. These changes in the seasons always remind me that God, our Creator and Sustainer, is in full and complete control!!!

Please indulge me as I share additional circumstances that teach me the same lesson. With the exception of the arrival of Don and Cathy Jones last November, we have been in search mode for additional houseparent couples for nearly four years! I am thrilled to report that we have secured one couple, are in the process of confirming a second, and had a second interview and visit with a third just yesterday! God is good!!! Since 1984, Shults-Lewis had been conducting our month-long Phone For Children Campaign during March. This year, the Development team raised a record high pledge/gift total of \$212,282.40. God is good!!! Congratulations Beth, Lissa and Kiana, and thank you to all the many volunteers who made it all happen.

We are saddened that we will be losing additional staff members as Larry and Sharilyn Herren have announced their retirement date of April 30, 2017, having served in this ministry for twenty-five plus years, the first eleven as houseparents, and the remaining years as Maintenance Supervisor and School Secretary/Computers respectively. We are grateful to them for their service and dedication, and wish them well as they move into the next phase of their lives.

There are still have many challenges that lie before us, but with God’s help, blessings, and guidance, He will continue to provide for our every need, just as He always has. With renewed zeal and dedication of spirit, we are excited for the opportunity to “Spring Forward” with our plans for the future growth and influence of this agency.

Please continue to keep us in your daily prayers, and a special “thank you”, to each of you who so diligently give of your time, money and energy to assist us in this ministry. God’s blessings to each and every one of you!

For Christ and the kids,

## Welcome, Phelps

Abraham Lincoln said, “A house divided against self cannot stand” but Justin and Callie Phelps are determined to prove that statement incorrect. Justin is a Yankee fan and Callie, a diehard Red Sox fan. But to us, no matter which team wins, they are an answer to a four-year prayer for houseparents!

Callie (Nelson) Phelps grew up on our campus as her parents were houseparents in Home 4. When they left Shults-Lewis, the Nelsons moved to Bowling Green to work with the Potter’s children’s home so Callie has been a part of Christian child care for most of her life. Now married to Justin, a Bowling Green native, Callie will be returning “home” to our campus.



Justin, Callie, and their adorable baby boy, Mason, will be moving into Home 7 with our young men. We are anxious to have Callie back and to welcome Justin and Mason into the Shults-Lewis family.

# Latest Developments

**Beth Frump**, Director of Development  
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Ever had that just perfect song hit at that perfect moment? Right before the Phone Campaign started, I heard Mercy Me's "Even If" for the first time, or at least I heard the lyrics, for the first time. It's a song about trusting God even when He doesn't come in and save the situation as I want Him to.

*"I know You're able and I know You can,  
Save through the fire with Your mighty hand,  
But even if You don't,  
My hope is You alone"*

Those lyrics continue to be my reminder that my hope is in Him, even if He doesn't move the mountains I want Him to move. He has it all under control and He is Awesome!

In this case, God did come in with His mighty hand and used you to bless us in a HUGE way. The **2017 Phone Campaign** raised more money than any other Phone Campaign in our history! **\$212,282.40** I get goosebumps as I type that number. That is absolutely unheard of, impossible, and completely God. Thank you for being His hands and answering the call!



Do you have your **Change Can**? The goal is to find 1,000 families to fill their cans with at least \$40. Can we count on you?

Temperatures hit nearly 70 degrees last Friday. It was a perfect day to go hit some balls at the range and putt around to get ready for our **Golf Tournament on June 16th**. Looking forward to seeing you all at The Brassie Golf Club in Chesterton, Indiana.

The **Day of Prayer & Giving** for Shults-Lewis is **July 30th**. Packets of information and prayer requests will be mailed to each congregation in June. However, if your family would like your own copy, please let me know.

God is moving mountains on our campus and I am so blessed to be a part of this ministry. And "Even If" He doesn't, we will continue to commit our ministry, our lives, to His service.



**Golf Tournament is Friday, June 16th  
at The Brassie Golf Club in Chesterton, IN**

Register online at [www.shultslewis.org](http://www.shultslewis.org)  
Text SLGOLF to 51555 to register  
Or e-mail [bethfrump@shultslewis.org](mailto:bethfrump@shultslewis.org)

\$100 to play includes 18 holes with cart, lunch & dinner, and more

**Sponsorships available**  
e-mail [bethfrump@shultslewis.org](mailto:bethfrump@shultslewis.org) for more info





## From My Heart to Yours

**Angela Robertson**, Program Director  
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Just love spring, don't you? The birds start singing, the grass begins turning green, the trees start budding and the flowers start blooming. It is a time of renewal.

That renewal is what I am seeing here at Shults-Lewis. Both the staff and the residents seem to be in better spirits especially when they start seeing the beauty of God's handiwork all around them.

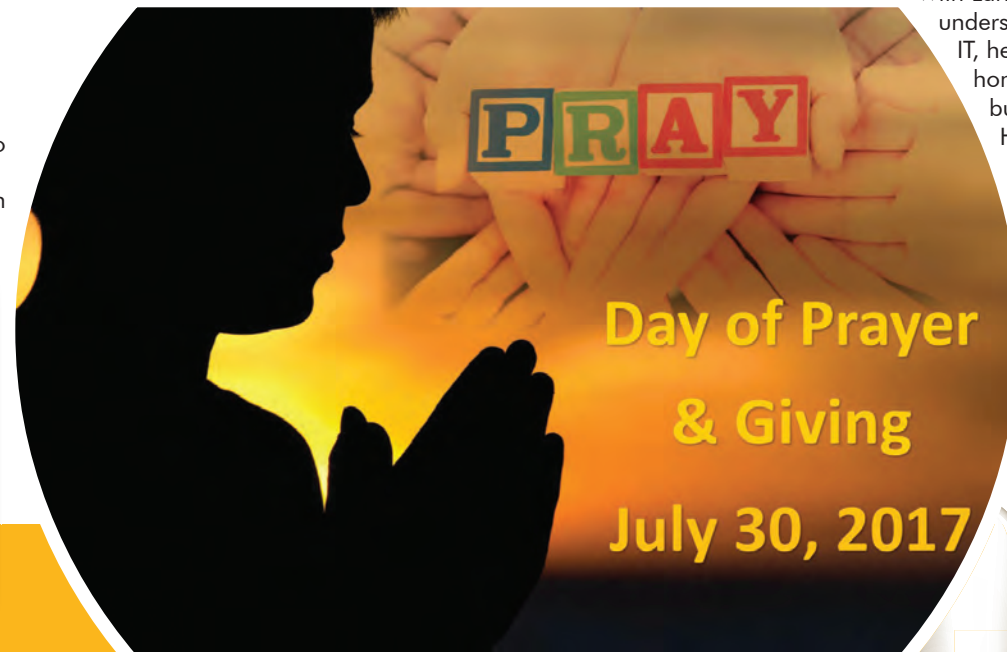
It is also at this time of year that social services sees an upswing in the number of prospective placement calls we get from DCS and from parents who are at the end of their rope and don't know what else to do with their teenagers. Shults-Lewis is usually the parents' last hope in helping them deal with this crisis. It makes us happy to know that we can help families, not only with their children, but to help them manage their own emotions and behavior in dealing with their families overall. I know I can speak for our whole department when I say that I believe this is the work God has lead us to and that He has blessed us with doing. The work only just begins once a child is placed at Shults-Lewis. The residents are placed in one of our on-campus homes with a Christian husband and wife team called Houseparents. Houseparents try to model a Christ-like example of how parents should conduct their lives and interact with their children. For many of our residents, this is the first time they have ever lived in a two-parent, Christ-centered, functional environment. It is indeed a period of growth and change for both the residents and their

families. Residents also attend our on-grounds school every day, participate in gym class, and have therapy throughout the week. We are changing our program somewhat here at Shults-Lewis. As we continue to keep our foundation of God's love, we have begun utilizing a new model called Sanctuary. We want to build on the foundation that has been laid here at Shults-Lewis over the past 60 years. We are trying to utilize the research and knowledge we have learned about how to better help traumatized children, to show them God's love, and to empower them with more effective skills to live their lives once they leave our care.

We will be sharing more and more about this model as we implement it over the next three years. One of the first things we implemented is the "seven commitments".

- We are committed to:
- Growth & Change
  - Open Communication
  - Social Learning
  - Democracy
  - Social Responsibility
  - Non-Violence
  - Emotional Intelligence

We ask that you continue to pray for the children and staff as we move forward in this endeavor.



**Day of Prayer  
& Giving  
July 30, 2017**

## Gone Fishing. Farewell, Herrens

**Beth Frump**, Director of Development  
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I was only 12 years old, but I can still remember a Taco Bell dinner before church on a Wednesday night with my parents and the Herrens family. Larry, Sharilyn, and their 3 children were coming to visit campus and considering the role of houseparenting. After prayerful consideration, they joined the Shults-Lewis family in November of 1991 as houseparents and Larry joined the maintenance team.

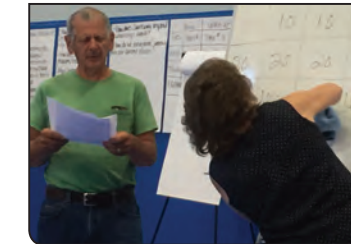
Larry and Sharilyn were amazing houseparents. They provided a Christ-centered home full of love, compassion, and laughter. The Herrens were master pranksters with the girls in Home 4, proving that sometimes laughter really is the best medicine.

As their kids got older, the Herrens decided to move out of houseparenting. However, they stayed a part of the Shults-Lewis ministry as Larry continued on as Maintenance Supervisor and Sharilyn accepted the position of the school secretary.

With Larry's extensive knowledge and understanding of maintenance and IT, he has kept this campus (7 homes, a school, and an office building) in excellent shape. He has saved the agency untold amounts of money as he was able to fix just about anything that went wrong. I can't tell you how many thousands of texts and messages I have sent to Larry—my ceiling's leaking, my computer is freaking out, there's a flood in the basement.... and I'm just one of 30 people who are constantly

saying, "help, Larry" and he always did. From ISTEP testing, to school picture taking, to grades & report cards, and everything in between, Sharilyn has kept the school running smoothly. Sharilyn worked with the kids on their computer skills and their photography skills. Her photography class taught our kids to see the beauty God places all around us. A quiet and humble servant, Sharilyn went above and beyond in every aspect of her job.

I have literally known the Herrens my entire life as Sharilyn was my dad's secretary when he was a minister in Michigan B.B. (Before Beth ☐). They have been amazing examples of a Christian husband and wife team who truly serve God together. I have enjoyed every fishing and hunting story with Larry in the kitchen and every shared video of the Grandkids from Sharilyn. I am blessed to know them and we are all so thankful for their nearly 26 years of service to children and families.



## School Happenings

**Mike Zandstra**, Interim Principal  
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### Greetings

First, I thank you for all of your support of our program. We have recently finished the phone campaign and I am grateful for the opportunity to be able to make calls and speak to some of you. Another way of helping is continuing to save and send in the Box Tops for Education. This allows us to take the kids on field trips and various other activities such as previous ones to plays, museums, a farm, a zoo and arboretum. At this time, we are planning a fun field trip for the kids this quarter. I wish you could see how your generosity helps to change the lives of the kids here. A visit is always nice. I had a visitor recently who said he likes to visit because it helps to lift his spirit and makes him feel good to come out and serve others. Yet another way you can help us is helping us to fill our opening for a math teacher either by applying for yourself or if you know someone, directing them our way.



# Shults-Lewis

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January 11, 2017- March 31, 2017

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**Jonnie Basham**

*For your honor & service to our country!*

Paul & Judy Short

**Ronnie Basham**

*For your honor & service to our country!*

Paul & Judy Short

**Brian Bass**

*Happy Birthday!*

James & Patrice Bass, Jr.

**Anne Bateman**

*For being a great mom to our kids!*

Dan Bateman

**Isaac Dillman**

*Happy 9th Birthday!*

Keith & Cecy Dillman

**Olivia Dillman**

*Happy 9th Birthday!*

Keith & Cecy Dillman

**Eastside Church of Christ**

Gerald & Phyllis Frump

**Ben Gulli**

*Happy Birthday!*

James & Patrice Bass, Jr.

**Hana Gulli**

*Happy Birthday!*

James & Patrice Bass, Jr.

**Jeanne Kilgore**

*For being an awesome sister!*

The Girdleys

**Anna King**

*Happy 93rd Birthday!*

Donald & Sharon Mitchell

**Sandra Krug**

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**Michael Leader**

Kenneth & Betty Wilson

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*Happy Birthday!*

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*For her retirement!*

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