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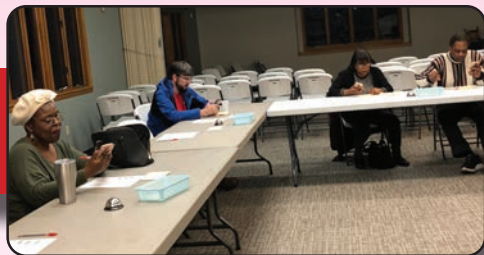
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From the Executive Director

Angela Robertson, Executive Director
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Merry Christmas Everyone and Happy New Year! I am sure that all of us are not sad to put this past year behind us. It certainly has been a year that we will never forget, that's for sure! However, I have always been one to focus on the positive side of things, so that is what I plan to do in this article. We were not able to have our regular fund raisers in 2020, such as our Golf Outing and Annual Day. Yet even without those major events, our wonderful donors and churches went above and beyond their "normal" donations to us. It is people like YOU that keep Shults-Lewis working, even with pandemics such as COVID. Many of you sent in extra donations, both in money and in gifts, just to make sure we could still help teenagers. Words do not do justice to the depth of gratitude I have for all our donors and churches. I pray that as 2021 continues I will be able to travel to all the various churches and meet some of the generous people who support us.

With that in mind, I thought it might be nice to include a recent picture of all the staff that we took this year at our Staff Appreciation Banquet. Every year our Board of Trustees treats the staff to a banquet, off campus, to honor and appreciate our employees. However, with COVID, they were

unable to do that. So they decided to have lunch brought in for us. We wore our masks and were social distanced at our tables in the gym, but were still able to enjoy the kind words from our Board virtually. It was a very enjoyable time.

Even if I am not able to visit all of you this year, please know that I am thankful for all of you and look forward to the time when we no longer need to wear masks, no longer have to social distance, and can just shake hands and give hugs without fear.

May God Bless all of you this year and please continue to keep Shults-Lewis in your prayers as well.

In Christ,
Angela



Angela & Glenn
Robertson met through his
sister in TN. They married
4 months later and
have been
married for
42 years!



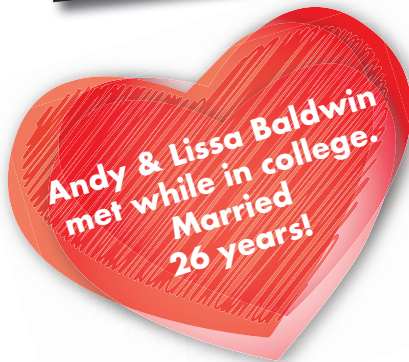
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Principal Needed

- Faithful member of the Church of Christ
- Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis
- Master's Degree, Secondary Administrator's License
- Indiana Teaching Certificate



- Faithful member of the Church of Christ
- Indiana Teaching License for grades 7-12



FUN FACT:

Shults-Lewis, being located in Indiana, has helped a lot of kids from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and other surrounding states. But because of all of you, this mission has been able to help kids as far away as Georgia, Texas, Nevada, and more! Thank you, donors, for your love and support.

Latest Developments

Lissa Baldwin, Development Director
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By the time you get this, it will be 10 months since the pandemic hit, Beth passed away, and the Baldwins took over the Development Department. What is it they say? If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.

I remember when I was working for Beth in Development and we were in my office talking. She looked at me and said, "You know you can do my job, right? Seriously." I looked at her with that deer in the headlights look and responded with all certainty, "No way! I don't want your job. I don't want that kind of responsibility. I am completely happy working hard behind the scenes. Besides, there is no way I could do that job as well as you." She looked at me and smiled with that grin only Beth could give, as if to say, "I know something you don't." (She saw my potential before I did.) And before she walked out, she turned to me and said, "You wouldn't have to do the job the way I do, you just have to make it your own."

So, here I am, doing exactly what I told Beth I would never do. I had MY plans, but God certainly had His. You win God. I surrender. So, as I am tossed in the deep end and way out of that wonderful comfort zone I like to stay in,

the Development Department is working hard to prepare for 2021. And even though we will be doing things relatively the way Beth did, we are definitely going to make it our own.



I would like to challenge you to step outside of YOUR comfort zones. If you know someone or are that someone who is a faithful member of the Church of Christ and would like to join the Shults-Lewis family, we encourage you to call or email and ask about job opportunities in Social Services, Education, Secretarial, and other office jobs. Pray about it and we look forward to hearing from you.

For the kids,

Lissa Baldwin
Development Director



From Our Home To Yours

Jon O'Keefe, Director of Program Services
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I pray that everyone reading this article had a wonderful holiday season. It seems that every time we write articles or talk with someone about the happenings here at Shults Lewis Covid-19 comes into the conversation. This virus

has certainly put a damper on what we are able to do with the children. Nonetheless, everyone had a wonderful and festive time during the holidays.

It seems unreal that we are now into a 'New Year.' Shults Lewis has such wonderful donors. We are so blessed to be partners in our work with such loving, generous people. Your love and support for our children is nothing short of amazing. It can never be understated, that without you, we could not do what we do.

At this time, we still have all girls on campus. We are looking for a couple to step up and answer the call to be house parents for boys. Are YOU that couple?? We have had several referrals for boys and we simply had to turn them away. State caseworkers have pleaded with us to open

a boy's home. They have said that they know our program, really like it, and wish they could place more children here. We wish we could have more children here as well. Please contact us if you seek to work in this ministry.

The children that we do have in our care are doing well. They continue in their daily, group, weekly, and personal therapy. We have a couple of our children that participate in 'family therapy.' Our goal with family therapy is that when the children go back home the same disruptive dynamics will not occur in the home. Reunification is always our goal, if possible.

Donors, thank you, thank you, thank you for everything that you do to help us. I can truly say that the individuals that I work with, do their jobs because of their love for the children. Please pray that there is an end or answer to this virus, so that we are able to get back to 'normal' (whatever that is going to look like) soon. May each and every one of you have a wonderful new year.

Jon & Marci O'Keefe
met while working at
Skyline Chili and
attending college.
Married
29 years!

Appreciation Luncheon



KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

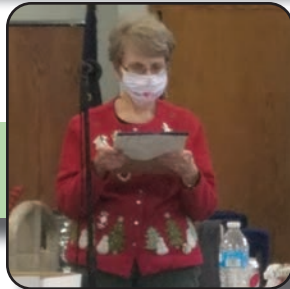


Santa passed out presents!



Mr. & Mrs. Claus came to town.

Mrs. Terhune had fun games for us to play.



Masked Reindeer!



Vickie & Eddie Terhune met at church. Married 46 years!

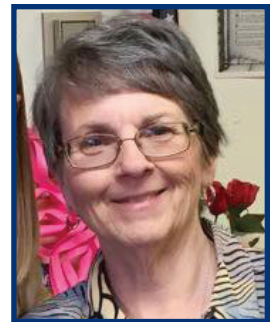
School Happenings

Vickie Terhune, School Principal
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Have you ever seen a masked reindeer? We had several of them running around at the annual Christmas party for our students! Since Covid began, we have been limiting our contact with those outside of our campus to keep our students and staff safe. We have been following all of the state guidelines so we decided that we could safely do a few activities with the students if we social distanced and wore our masks. So when October came around the students participated in Spirit Week followed by some Halloween activities. They competed for prizes on Nerd Day, Bad Hair Day, Pajama Day, Hat Day and Costume Day. Mr. Glenn took them on a hay ride around the campus on the day before Halloween and they trick-or-treated at the administrative offices and school classrooms.

Our Christmas party consisted of pizza followed by contactless games and activities. Santa Claus arrived wearing his mask, of course! Thanks to some of our special Shults-Lewis friends, the students had lots of gifts to unwrap which was the highlight of the afternoon! Everyone will enjoy some days off during Christmas break and we will be off and running again for second semester on January 4th.

Thank you so much for all of the gifts that our students received and your continued donations and prayers. We wish all of you a Happy New Year and pray that during 2021 we will once again be able to have visitors on campus. We miss our friends!



STAFF CHRISTMAS PARTY



Angela's gift from the staff



Shults-Lewis

HONORS & REMEMBERS...

October 1, 2020 – January 5, 2021

HONORS

All of the Children
Kenneth Slatton

Bonnie Anderson
Marc Anderson

John DuBois
For your work for Annual Day!
Brenda DuBois

Jerry Gibson
For tireless service to others!
Tim & Cathy Firm

Margaret Hutchens
The Nolan Family

The kids and the fine people who serve them
Raymond Cozad

Anna King
For Christmas!
Donald & Sharon Mitchell

James & Kim Lampley
For many years of service and friendship!
Don & Mary Jane Baugh

James & Vera Lankford
Merry Christmas!
Phillip & Cassie Vermillion

Ruby Lingle
Happy 95th Birthday!
Don & Mary Jane Baugh

My mom & dad and Jesus Christ
Virgil Boss

Carl & Bertie Phillips
Happy 40th Anniversary!
Tom & Frances Vaughn

Jim Stone
Doris Dunn

Steve & Patty Tallitsch
Merry Christmas!
Phillip & Cassie Vermillion

Luke Thompson, Cole and Beau Brannon, and Bryen Thompson
Larry & Deanna Thompson

Jim Van Etten
Happy Birthday!
Don & Mary Jane Baugh

Uncle John 'Jack' Vermillion
Merry Christmas!
Phillip & Cassie Vermillion

Jim & Eddie Vermillion
Merry Christmas!
Phillip & Cassie Vermillion

The Ruth Vermillion Family
For holidays apart...
Fred & Dorothy Rosenbaum

Eric Wiwczarowski
Happy Birthday!
Diane Martin

MEMORIALS

Blaine Adams
Marilyn Pursell

Ronnie Adams
Ann Eifler

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Len & Sharon Van Bragt

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Opal Burgess

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Missing you both so much this holiday season and every day!
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Marvin Lewis

Ruth Rose
Christopher & Beth
Underwood

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Fred & Kim Lucas
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mutual friend.
Married
48 years!

HOUSE PARENTS NEEDED

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 organization skills
- Valid driver's license
- Be able to provide spiritual leadership to teen residents