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# Transitions

**Angela Robertson**, Executive Director  
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It seems like things are slowly getting back to "normal" here on campus as well as in the world. It is sometimes hard for me to imagine not grabbing my facemask before I go into the grocery or when going OUT to eat somewhere. We have been blessed however, during this past year. Our churches and donors never stopped their donations and just kept on giving us loads of commodity items. Shults-Lewis is so thankful for all of you who give to us so generously even during times of crisis. We only had one houseparent couple and one resident to contract covid during the past year and a half. God certainly watched over all of us here and he continually blesses us.



There is currently federal legislation that is making it very hard for smaller, faith-based agencies like Shults-Lewis to continue their mission. There are rules that we cannot possibly afford to comply with both financially and physically. The Shults-Lewis Board of Trustees has agreed that Shults-Lewis needs to take the necessary steps to become financially independent of the Department of Child Services (who currently licenses and contracts with us) and to become a private child caring institution. We are currently in the process of making plans for how we can become financially solvent. You will be hearing more about this as we proceed, but I would like to ask all of our supporters to pray for us during this transitional period.

The book of Ecclesiastes talks about there being a time for everything, a time for every event under heaven. I believe it is time for me to retire as Executive Director of Shults-Lewis. I have prayed and asked God for his infinite guidance in making the right decision. I plan to retire at the end of this year. The reasons for this decision are many but I truly believe it is the right decision for my family and me. This has been probably the most challenging job of my career, while at the same time, it has been one of the most rewarding. I work with wonderful Christian staff who have a love – as I do – for this ministry. The children we care for are very dear to me. You always wonder if what you are doing makes a difference in their lives. More often than not, you do not see that difference until 5 to 10 years down the line. Nevertheless, I truly believe Shults-Lewis makes a difference in every single child that we meet.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless Shults-Lewis and its ministry for MANY more years. I thank all of our wonderful donors for their prayers and continual support. It has been an honor to serve in this capacity these past 3 years. I will continue to pray for all the staff and children as I transition to a new adventure in my life.

In Christ,  
Angela



# Annual Day Open House Schedule

**8:00 am - Breakfast**

**9:30 am - KidZone & Booths Open**

**10:30 am/12:30 pm - Tours of Campus**

**1:00 pm - Beth Frump Hospitality House Dedication**

**1:30 pm - Auction**

## Welcome Back

We didn't announce to everyone that we were allowed to have groups on campus this year, but we had a few groups who contacted us because they just couldn't stay away any longer. We were blessed to have Naperville Church of Christ from Illinois and Green Valley Church of Christ from Indiana spend some much needed time with us to get some projects completed. Thank you!!



## Employment Opportunities

If you are a faithful member of the Churches of Christ and are looking to work for a ministry, Shults-Lewis has several job opportunities that may suit YOU. We have dedicated staff who are looking to retire and we are growing. We are looking for people to fill the following positions immediately:

- School Principal
- School Secretary
- Teacher
- Clinical Therapist/Counselor
- Social Services Staff
- Administrative Assistant
- Executive Director
- Maintenance Supervisor

If you are interested in one of these positions or if you don't see a position that fits you but would like to work with us, please contact Angela Robertson at (219)462-0513 ext. 102 or email her at [angelarobertson@shultslewis.org](mailto:angelarobertson@shultslewis.org) and inquire about all possible positions available.

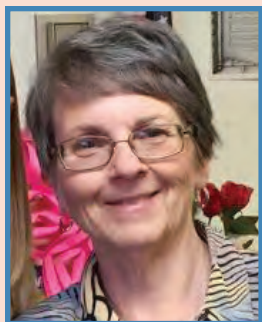
**PRAY ABOUT IT AND COME JOIN THE SHULTS-LEWIS FAMILY.**





# School Happenings

**Vickie Terhune, School Principal**  
vickieterhune@shultslewis.org



Nihao, Bonjour, Hola – if you know Chinese, French or Spanish, then you know that I just told you hello. I don't know any of these languages but some of our students are getting quite proficient at them during our summer school session. Thanks to on-line classes our students are able to take about any class that they so desire.

Some of the students are making up credits while others are getting ahead in credits, which is a plus for them when they leave our program and are enrolled in another school. Our summer session also includes a daily therapy group and PE to keep the students' minds and bodies in shape!

On May 7, the staff honored our students with a special luncheon to celebrate their strengths and accomplishments during the school year. On the last day of the second semester

the students and school staff went on a field trip to the zoo in Michigan City, ate lunch out, and then played miniature golf at Zao Island in Valparaiso. It is a good feeling to be able to take the students off campus after a year of Covid restrictions, which pretty much isolated the campus from the outside world because we were trying to keep everyone safe.



From my request in the last Telegram article, I have received a very generous donation of yarn to keep the students busy with knitting and crocheting projects. We hope to make scarves and hand them out to those in need this winter. If you have extra supplies of yarn, please send them in the commodity pick-up at your church or bring them on Annual Day – yes, Annual Day is planned for September 18th. We can't wait to see you all again!



## Shults-Lewis is Coming to a Church Near You.....

If any of our congregations would like more information about Shults-Lewis or if you would just like us to give you an update, feel free to contact us at [info@shultslewis.org](mailto:info@shultslewis.org) and let us know that you would like someone to come out and speak to your congregation.

Jon O'Keefe, our Program Director, would be happy to preach at your church, speak at a class, or just have a question and answer session after services.

Angela Robertson, Executive Director, and Lissa

Baldwin, Development Director, would be happy to come out and speak at a ladies' class or have a question and answer session after worship services have been dismissed.

Regardless, the "travel team" will soon be visiting different congregations to say hello and reconnect. We miss you and would like to visit your congregations. Hope to see you in the near future!

**Call (800) 462-0513 to set up a speaking engagement.**





# Hello and Goodbyes

We are sad to say that Kim and Fred Lucas have stepped down from houseparenting and Fred from teaching in order to experience different opportunities in Texas. We were blessed to have them as part of our team the last 2 years. However, God sent us some returnees.....the Zandstras (Mike, Jennifer, David, and Kyah)! Mike will replace Fred as teacher and he and Jen will be houseparents. We will finally be able to reopen our Home for boys!! Please pray for both families as they settle in to their new chapter of life.



## From Our House To Yours

**Jon O'Keefe, Director of Program Services**  
[jonokeefe@shultslewis.org](mailto:jonokeefe@shultslewis.org)

Summer is in full swing. Lots of exciting things are going on here at Shults-Lewis. By the time that you have this Telegram in your hands we will have opened our boys' home again. We are so excited that the Zandstras are back with us. Mike will again be one of the teachers at the school. Jen will be a great addition to the houseparents that are already here. It was great to see the day they arrived. Their children were so excited to be back at Shults-Lewis. Their son was so excited that he helped move them in and even directed us to where some of the furniture pieces went. Over the past two months we have had several referrals for boys. It will be wonderful to see the boys' home full and back in operation once again.

Our girls have certainly been busy. They are fully immersed in the summer school session. Besides learning academic material, they are enjoying learning gardening. Their housemom, Cathy Jones, has had them busy helping plant flowers out in front of the house. It is extremely colorful and it looks amazing. House dad, Don Jones, has them busy out in the back yard working in their raised garden. One of the girls said, "I love pulling weeds." They most certainly will enjoy

the fruits of their labors when the garden starts producing. Personally, I am looking forward to the garden fresh tomatoes.

While we are enjoying summer activities, we know that fall will be here soon. Summer always seems to go by fast with groups visiting, cookouts and lots of corn-hole games. The start of the fall semester is an exciting time here at Shults-Lewis. Especially this fall because, Lord willing, we will have both homes filled with children.



We are also excited that this year we are able to have Annual Day. The day is filled with so much activity and so many friends. It is always great to see everyone having a wonderful time. It will be calming, in a sense, to see activities around Shults-Lewis begin to get back to what they were pre-Covid. I truly pray that God will richly bless you as we continue through the rest of this year.





# Honors & Remembers...

March 23, 2021 – July 1, 2021

## HONORS

**All children everywhere**  
Joyce Nelson

**Andrew**  
*For his kind heart!*  
Aaron & Nicole Church

**Betty Arnold**  
Mary Youngblood

**Christ**  
Wayne Harris, Jr.

**Sheilla Davis**  
Rex & Barbara Davis

**Development Team (Lissa, Kiana, and Hannah Baldwin)**  
*For all your hard work! Love you guys!*  
Jim & Kathy Stone

**Dathal DuBois**  
*Happy 96th Birthday!*  
John DuBois

**Dathal DuBois**  
*For Mother's Day!*  
Brenda DuBois  
John DuBois

**Royce Evans**  
*For being a wonderful grandpa!*  
Jose & Arielle Rodriguez

**Betty Franklin**  
*For Mother's Day!*  
Anonymous

**Dave Gibbs**  
*For caring for others in the community!*  
Patricia Carter

**Mary Grima**  
*Happy Birthday!*  
Lon & Donna Walter

**Reta Herren**  
*Happy 90th Birthday!*  
Kyle & Kelie Wheeler

**Sebastian & Carla Huma**  
*For caring for others in the community!*  
Patricia Carter

**Margaret Hutchens**  
The Nolan Family

**Lissa, Kiana, and Hannah**  
*Great Development Team!*  
Vickie Terhune

**Jack Plummer**  
*Happy 90th Birthday!*  
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*For Joy's great book "Flavors of God: Presenting God for Presenting Problems"*  
Phyllis Frump

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*New Engagement!*  
Dan & Wendy Terry

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*Happy 50th Anniversary!*  
Charles & Louise Knoll

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