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Responding with God's Love

Angela Robertson, Executive Director

As 2019 gets underway, I see the mission of Shults-Lewis in full-swing. Our mission reads "Responding with God's Love to Serve and Strengthen Children and Families". As the winter season changes into the spring season, staff can see the residents "reve-up" in their emotions and in their behaviors. For example, we have seen an increase in struggles between our young ladies. While the teenage girl drama and the "you like her better than me" is what most would consider typical teenage behavior, most of our young ladies come to us lacking the "tools" to process those feelings. We've seen an increase in the expression of "feeling trapped inside". A long winter has that effect on us. However, when feeling stuck or trapped, our residents do not always possess the skills to handle those emotions.

As our kids have their moments of emotional breakdowns, the staff quickly comes to the rescue to help them through that moment, and to reinforce the idea of

new skills and tools. **EVERYONE** works together to help the kids. A lot of times that comes in the form of being a listening ear, a shoulder for the tears, and to remind them that they are truly loved and cared for. That is what "Responding with God's Love" looks like.

The staff here at Shults-Lewis are some of the best people you will ever find. They are committed to the mission and they truly care about all the kids and the families we serve. Staff are committed to playing whatever part they can in the healing of the child and their family.

Currently we are looking for more staff. We have positions open and are accepting resumes. Would you answer our call to respond with God's love to this ministry? The need is great but the workers are few.

God Bless All of You.



VALENTINE Progressive Dinner



Latest Developments

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He may not appreciate me sharing this, so it is our secret...deal?! When he retired from being Development Director, my dad had some odds & ends and memories that he put in a big green tote. Recently, he decided he was going to clean it out. One of the things he found was the Telegram from May, 1986. On the cover is a picture of my dad & Doyle Davis proudly announcing the Phone Campaign total from March, 1986, my dad's first Phone Campaign.



I've seen that particular Telegram several times over the last 33 years. But this year, as I finished the Phone Campaign, I looked at that issue with a completely different mind-set. You see, every year more people use that awesome Caller ID and screen their calls. More people get rid of their land line and don't update their phone numbers with us or don't answer that number they don't recognize. A lot of things have changed in 33 years. Yet a few things remain constant.

First off, YOU continue to support this ministry in HUGE ways that cause me to write this article with tears in my eyes as I report that you have pledged/given \$222,501 in the 2019 Phone Campaign.

Another constant is the amazing congregations who host the campaign and the awesome volunteers who speak on behalf of this amazing ministry to you. Huge appreciation to the congregations who hosted—LaGrange, Indiana, West Chicago, Illinois, Plymouth, Michigan, Grandville, Michigan Waterford, Michigan, Park Forest, Illinois, as well as the students from Southern Arkansas University (Riders for Christ), and the staff! Nearly 100 volunteers stepped up to make calls, provide food, baby-sit so parents could call, helped stuff envelopes, and so much more. Humbly, I say Thank You!

As I looked at that old Telegram, I thought about another constant, the incredible people who have worked hard to continue the mission of Shults-Lewis. I looked at Doyle and my dad and thought of the years of service, love, laughter, and tears those two men put into Shults-Lewis, and my mind continued to think of all the staff, the Board, volunteers, and supporters who gave (and continue to give) of themselves in massive ways to ensure that Shults-Lewis can continue to care for children and families.

"Love never ends" (1 Corinthians 13:8). The constant theme through the 63 years of Shults-Lewis is love. I've been blessed to be a part of Shults-Lewis for nearly 34 years, and Lord willing, will see how LOVE will continue to manifest itself in this ministry for another 34 years. I want you to know that every conversation, every note, every shared meal, every text, every prayer, is truly held close to my heart. I love you and am so blessed to work alongside you!

Upcoming Events...

April—Change Cans will be mailed to your congregation. Pick one up and bring it back full on Saturday, September 21st, our Annual Day/Open House Day.

June 21st—Golf Tournament. Register & Pay by my birthday (June 1st, in case you forgot) and the price is still \$100, after June 1st, it goes up to \$125.



FALCOR, our New Commodity Van

We've had a "Chloe" and a "Clifford" and others before that. Now we'd like to introduce you to FALCOR, our new Commodity Van!

We are so grateful for your participation in 2018 Day of Prayer & Giving as we raised the funds to purchase our new van. Hopefully by the time she comes to pick up your commodities, she'll have her lettering finished!

Thank you!!!





School Happenings

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As I write this article, it's quiet at last. I've just wrapped up my last English class before spring break. The kids (not to mention staff) have been counting down the hours until the break, and I hope

it's a time for them to recharge so that they can finish this semester strong. As for me, this is a time of reflection. This school year, like any other, has had its ups and downs, but it has left me with immense gratitude: gratitude for my colleagues, my students, this ministry, and the prayers and support from people invested in this good work.

In February, we were blessed to be able to take the students to the Indianapolis Repertory Theater's matinee performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Although most of us (myself included) didn't enjoy the 4:30 a.m. wake-up required to make it to the theater in time, the performance made it worthwhile. While some of our students had already read *The Diary of Anne Frank*, seeing it performed live was an eye-opener for many—a glimpse into what the Holocaust was like. Not only that but for some of our kids, this experience truly was a "first"; some students had never seen a play before. Some had never visited a big city. This trip wouldn't have been possible without your generous Box Tops donations. Thank you for your continued support.

I'm excited to announce that we'll be having two graduates this year. First off, Courtney, who will be graduating from Shults-Lewis High School. She has been hard at work wrapping up her courses and helping to prepare the celebration. After high school, she would like to study cosmetology; in her spare time, she enjoys trying out different hair and makeup styles with her cosmetology kit. Please consider attending our celebration for her on May 24, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

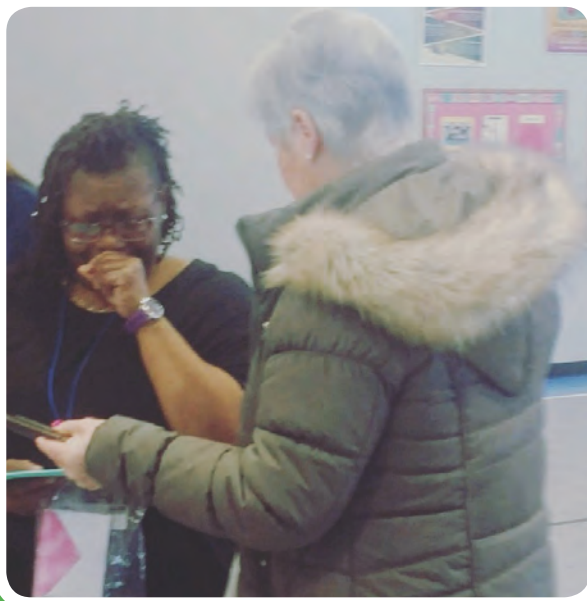
The other graduate is Tony.

Tony will be graduating from Morgan Township High School at the end of May. Tony has been with us for nearly 3 years and because of his excellent behaviors has earned several extra privileges including attending Morgan and working off campus. Tony plans to attend college in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the Fall.

Pray for Courtney and Tony as they each prepare for this new stage in life.

On a sadder note, we said goodbye to our beloved social studies teacher Fathe Davis. For the past five years, Fathe has served our kids with passion and heart, holding them to high expectations and bringing out the best in them. While we as a community miss her greatly, we're grateful for the good work she's done for our kids, and we're glad that she'll be able to work closer to home. We're also grateful that housedad Fred Lucas—a history buff himself—has graciously stepped in to teach social studies. This change leaves us needing a math teacher, though. If you are a mission-minded teacher certified to teach 7th-12th grade Mathematics, please consider applying to work at Shults-Lewis; our small class sizes, diverse student population, and Christ-centered focus, all make working in this school a rewarding experience.

Thank you, as always, for all you do for this great ministry. Through your prayers, monetary donations, Box Tops, and support, you are changing lives. Many of our students come to us lacking foundational academic skills, and we've seen them transform into success stories. Struggling students are learning to study. Reluctant writers are producing essays. Reluctant readers are reading for fun. Kids with difficult pasts are planning for brighter futures. Our kids may have a long way to go, but because of you—because of God, who has called you to support these kids—they're on their way. And it's an honor to watch it all unfold.





From Our House to Yours

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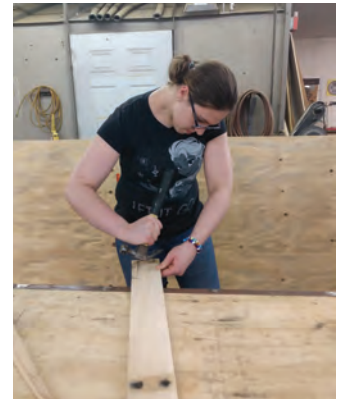
Recently the residents did a project in group called the 'Squiggle Project'. They were given a sheet of plain paper, a marker, and told to draw a squiggle.

When they were done they gave their paper to the person sitting to their right. That person then had to take the squiggle they were given and make a picture out of the squiggle. When time was up they returned the paper to its owner.

The group then discussed if it was easy or hard to turn something they had no control over into something else. Some residents said it was hard to look at a seemingly random squiggle and turn it into something else. Some residents said that it wasn't hard. Some residents said that they just 'sorta winged it'. Does that sound familiar to anyone? I know it does for me. Why? I was also doing the project and I struggled to turn a squiggle into something meaningful. (By the way, I took an S shaped squiggle and turned it into an awesome fire breathing dragon).

Often in life we are handed situations that leave us feeling as though we have no control. When we feel we have no control we seek to find control or follow someone who seems to have control. The same is true for our residents. Their behaviors are often a result of feeling out of control or a lack of control over their lives. They are learning how to positively control their emotions and their past experiences so they can have these tools to be successful adults.

As you pray for Shults-Lewis, pray for calm and peace for our residents. Pray that the residents will allow God into their lives and hand the control over to Him.



Caseworker Job Opportunity



Caseworker info: The Case Worker serves as the case manager, confidant, and liaison for all of the residents and their parents/guardians.

The Case Worker applicants should meet the following minimum requirements: Faithful member of the Church of Christ, Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis, Bachelor's Degree in Social Work

Director of Operations Job Opportunity

Director of Operations Info: The Director of Operations is responsible for the receipt, depositing, and disbursement of all funds. The Director of Operations advises regarding purchases and repairs of capital and operational needs.

Minimum Requirements: Faithful member of the Church of Christ, Bachelor's Degree required, preferred Accounting concentration, Must demonstrate competence in financial management



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January 5, 2019 - March 22, 2019

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*Day of Prayer is
June 30, 2019*

**Prayer & Info Packets will be arriving at your
congregation the first week of June.**



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Shults Lewis

Annual Golf Tournament

JUNE 21, 2019

GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 21ST AT THE BRASSIE GOLF CLUB CHESTERTON
SHOTGUN START AT 10:00 AM CENTRAL TIME

Register & pay by June 1st, \$100 • After June 1st, \$125

Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, goodie bag, dinner, and prizes.

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