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2019

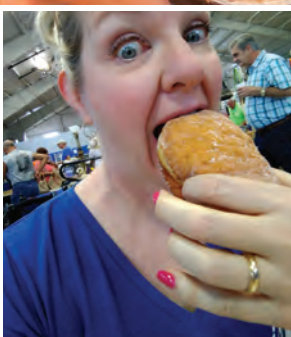
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Togetherness

Angela Robertson, Executive Director

I can hardly believe 2019 is almost over. Fall is upon us and soon it will be Thanksgiving, then Christmas and then, Lord willing, we will be in another new year. This is the time of year when I start reflecting on all I need and want to accomplish by the end of the year.

Our theme for 2019 has been "Togetherness". I am wondering how this has been shown throughout this past year at Shults-Lewis. Something I would like to focus on in this article is how ALL of us work together for this mission.

Our mission reads "Responding with God's love to serve and strengthen children and families". Each one of our staff portrays God's love in their own special way. The houseparents show it by providing tasty, nutritious meals for the teens and by making sure they get plenty to eat. They make sure the kids have a warm and safe environment in which to live. They make sure each child has the proper clothing to wear. The social services staff makes sure the residents have a loving, listening ear to listen to their stories and help them learn new ways to manage their trauma. Social Services also is readily available to handle residents when they just cannot seem to self-regulate and need a little extra help and attention in order to redirect themselves. They are always ready and willing to offer and give support to the Houseparents. Our education staff is hard at work in providing the education that these children need in order to have a good job and a successful way to provide for themselves. Most of the youth that are placed in our program are academically deficient in their schooling. Many of them haven't attended school on a regular basis for quite some time. Our teachers work very hard in the classroom and individually with the kids to help them "catch-up" so when they leave our program, they can return back to school to the grade they should be (age-wise). Our development staff is hard at work raising money to keep Shults-Lewis running. Operations makes sure all our bills get paid in a timely manner and that staff have the tools to do their jobs effectively. Our support staff serves by making sure all the paperwork is taken care of in the appropriate way, making sure our campus is well-maintained, and that all those "unseen" tasks are completed.

A recent example of staff working "together" with God's love could easily be seen at Annual Day. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It takes months of planning and preparation to pull off a full day of

fun and fellowship.

Churches come from surrounding cities and states to participate in this event where all the proceeds go to Shults-Lewis. It is a day filled with reconnecting with old friends and of making new ones. Our residents enjoy the day filled with good food and time to browse all the neat items vendors have for sale. After the day is over, all the staff and residents stay and clean up the grounds, making sure it looks just as good after the event as it did before.

All of this can only be accomplished as we work "together" with one another. We count it an honor and a blessing to work together with our donors and churches to make this ministry successful. We ask that you continually remember us in your prayers.

I also want to personally ask each one of you to take a good look and see how you can be an active part of this ministry. Whether it be through monetary donations, volunteer work, or whatever, I ask you to seriously consider becoming a part of our team. We are always in need of houseparents; our ministry cannot help youth and families if we don't have houseparents. We need a Director of Operations, a school Principal, teachers, and counselors.

Not a single one of our staff can do this work alone, but "together" – and always with God's guidance – our work knows no bounds. Please call or better yet, come visit our campus and see how you can be a part of this wonderful mission.

Won't you come and work "together" with us?

I pray God's richest blessings upon all of you as we approach the holiday season.

God Bless you all.



Latest Developments

"It's the most wonderful time of year..."

Beth Frump, Director of Development
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Did you hear it? I'm sure you heard it. The excited scream coming from the Development Team when Annual Day totals came in and we saw that 2019 Annual Day raised more money than the previous years! THANK YOU! I am so grateful for everyone who came, who made crafts & treats, who made quilts, who painted rocks, who created amazing baskets for the auction, who painted faces & ran the Ring Toss, who bought crafts & treats, and who prayed for the event! What an awesome time we had! Thank you!

I can't even begin to list all of the awesome people who made Annual Day perfect, but I do want to give a few quick shout-outs. First off, the **Sojourners**. I can tell you that if they did not come, Annual Day would not happen. They work for three weeks solid making sure campus is ready, and put in countless hours getting our Garage Sale ready! Plus, having the extra "grandparent" love on campus for a few weeks is awesome! I love spending time with them every year. Some of them have been family friends since before I was even born, and so getting to connect with them every year is one of my favorite things to do.

Also, a few local businesses who help us with our Annual Day. **Strack & Van Til**, a local grocery chain, provided the bags for our \$5 Fill A Bag for our Garage Sale AND they also provided the donuts for breakfast at a great price so that your purchase benefited the children! **Northwest Tents & Events** provide our tents, chairs, and tables. They do an awesome job of getting things put up and taken down, quickly and efficiently. They work with us every year and just make it so easy. **Capital Carpet Cleaning** who works us in every year to make sure that our offices and school

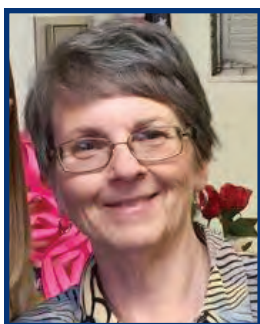
look great for your visit! Finally, **Magic Sports** who provides shirts for our staff and kids for Annual Day. **Magic Sports** does all of our merch and always provides amazing service and great prices to help us out! We are so thankful for the Valparaiso Community who continues to support our open house.

As I promised in the August Telegram, an update on Day of Prayer & Giving. We've hit a snag. We raised the money for our new donations shed (as well as a few other needed items) and you all were so very generous and we are truly grateful. When we went to apply for the permit for the shed, we were told that we couldn't put the shed up. Now, that was just the initial denial and we are providing information that we believe will help clarify the reasons we need the shed and why we need it to be in that specific location. So while Mr. Glenn marked out the future shed and was ready to get it started, we have to put it on hold until we can get the permit. I was hoping to show off our new shed on Annual Day, but now, it may be Spring before it gets completed.

This is the final Telegram of 2019 and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for another amazing year of memories, correspondence, e-mails, social media interactions, and your prayer and support. I am truly blessed to have each of you in my life and am a better person because I know you.

I pray that you have an awesome holiday season and I am looking forward to all the fun we will be having in 2020!





School Happenings

Vickie Terhune, School Principal
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Wow! Annual Day was awesome! The school supplies that were donated were amazing. I visited with friends that I worked with over twenty years ago. I hugged two former students that I taught over seventeen years ago. Annual Day is certainly a time for "togetherness!" My major job that day was working at the auction. We had an abundance of donations to the auction this year. The auction raised over \$13,000 for the kids. Thanks everyone! If you missed Annual Day this year, please plan to come next year. It is so much fun!

The school year is progressing well. The students have enjoyed spending time with the Sojourners the last few weeks. The kids love the extra attention that they receive from the Sojourners. We had a pizza party the day before they left furnished by one of the couples. We look forward to next year!

We have an educational field trip planned for this week. The students and teachers will be taking a Woodland, Wetland, and Prairie Hike at the Gabis Arboretum in Valparaiso in the morning and then tour the Porter County

Museum in the afternoon. Your Box Top donations help fund these trips.

The State of Indiana is changing some of its graduation requirements to include mastery of job employability skills. One of the suggested activities starting in middle school is to have career speakers come to the school and tell about their job as well as include ideas to learn skills such as taking pride in work, time management, integrity, work ethic, perseverance, problem solving, organization and professionalism just to name a few. This is where I could really use your help. I need volunteers who would be willing to come to speak with the students on these topics. Please contact me and we will set up a time for you to come. We would love to have you meet our students!

Just a reminder that Box Tops for Education has gone digital! You can keep sending us the clipped Box Tops until they are expired but now you will need to scan your receipts through the Box Tops App and they will be added instantly to our school's earnings online. Please see the steps for this process below. Thank you for all you do for Shults-Lewis and come and see us!



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From Our Home To Yours

Jon O'Keefe, Program Director

As this is my first article for the Telegram, let me first say "hello" and "thank you" for everything you do for the children in our care! We couldn't do it without you. I have really enjoyed the short time I have been here at Shults-Lewis.

Not only am I new to the social services team, but also, Jenn Swartz is the new Social Services Secretary. Jenn has worked here at Shults-Lewis previously, so her insight to the workings of Shults-Lewis has been invaluable.

Since getting to Shults-Lewis my team and I have tried not to let any grass grow under our feet. We have placed four children in the last three months, and are looking at 5 more potential placements. We are continuing to build relationships with various entities from around Indiana and neighboring states. We have invited several of them to come visit our campus so they may become familiar with our facility and our program; thus allowing them to know exactly where, and with whom they will be placing their children.

I believe with the team that we have in the social services department we can do wonderful things for Shults-Lewis. My prayer is that by February or March, we will be full to capacity.

I will be taking an active role in training for the houseparents, as well as doing an occasional "all staff" training. I have started a training with the houseparents that I believe will be invaluable to them. It is a model known as TBRI. (Trust-Based-Relationship-Intervention). It is a model that helps the houseparents, in a non-confrontational way, gain the trust of the children in their care. It also teaches the children that there are people in this world that can be trusted.

I pray that God will continue to bless you. I fully believe that God will continue to bless Shults-Lewis as we continue to do His will. We have a great staff here at Shults-Lewis and we will do wonderful things as long as we keep God in the center of everything we do.



Thanks for the hard work and for the amazing memories!



Shults-Lewis

HONORS & REMEMBERS...

July 2, 2019 – October 1, 2019

HONORS

All the kids' birthdays!
Kenneth Slatton

Harold Downey
For your hard work around the church building!
Don & Mary Jane Baugh

Lynn & Donna Hostetler
For your amazing hospitality!
Gerald Frump

Judy LeMaster
Happy Birthday!
Leland LeMaster

Ron Loshier
Robert & Karen Loshier

Dorothy Mainer
For being a great Bible class teacher!
Don & Mary Jane Baugh

My Dad
Brenda Newman

My Great Nephews & Nieces
Brenda DuBois

Mr & Mrs Ralph Pratt
Happy 50th Anniversary!
Tom & Frances Vaughn

Shults-Lewis Sojourn
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For your hospitality!
Fred & Dot Rosenbaum

Young Adults and Children in the Lord
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Bob & Jackie Benham

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Clinical Therapist Job Opportunity



Clinical Therapist info: The Clinical Therapist applicants should meet the following minimum requirements: Faithful member of the Church of Christ, Strong passion for the mission of Shults-Lewis, Master's degree with Indiana licenses/willingness to obtain Indiana license.

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

