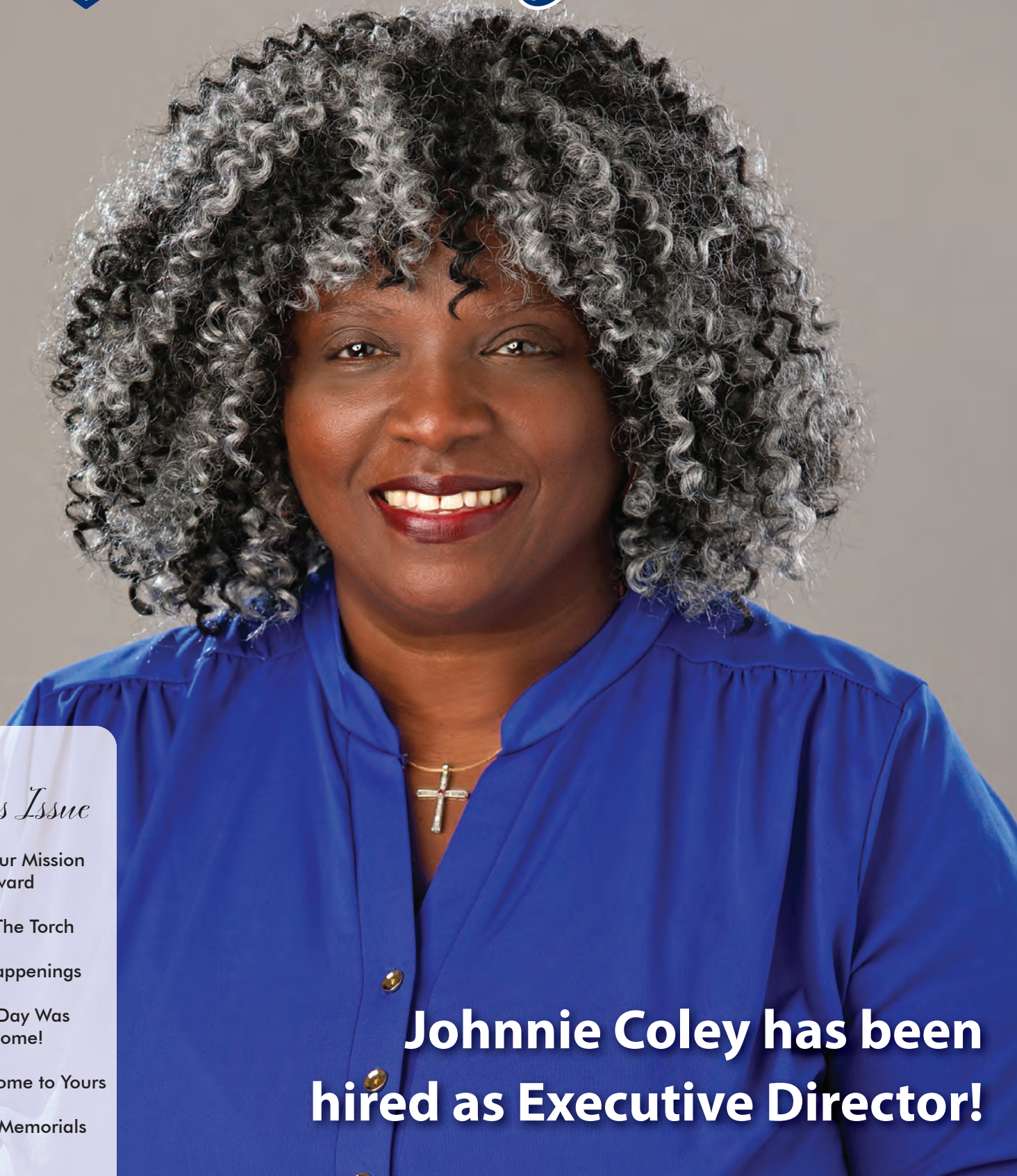




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# Moving our Mission Forward

**Johnnie Coley, Executive Director**  
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Valparaiso, Indiana is the refreshing relocation God has strategically placed me in. He has joined me to a team of people who love Him and His Word, and are passionate about providing for the needs of children and their families. My heart smiles every day because I am joyously in the middle of the Lord's purposes for Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services. Being here has ignited my passion and course for the work with children and families in this community and beyond.

After having worked in this profession for more than 35 years, it is apparent that God has groomed me especially for the work at Shults-Lewis. I am excited to continue investing in the lives of those whom

God has sent to us!

My position as Executive Director is huge in terms of the responsibility and I embrace it confidently knowing that God will lead us and provide for everything that we need. With all that we do, we are seeking to bring love, value and respect to every child and family we serve. The framework, as we reset our course for a new beginning, is Jesus' **LOVE** ("...as I have loved you, so you must love one another" John 13:34); God's **VALUES** ("...value others above yourselves" Philippians 2:3); and the Holy Spirit's standard of **RESPECT** ("Show proper respect to everyone..." I Peter 2:17). These three fundamental characteristics shape everything that we do and say at Shults-Lewis.

I envision this organization rising to new heights as we breathe life into children whose hearts are broken because they need an example of Jesus, shelter, safety and a place to call home for a season in their lives. Shults-Lewis is that place.

We are strong, we have the staff and resources to not only make a difference in the lives of children, but we are ready to be the difference in the lives of disadvantaged children.

The future for Shults-Lewis is bright, our resilience is real and we are ecstatic to have been chosen to provide services in the Midwest. I invite each one of you to join us on this beautiful and phenomenal journey.

The Board of Trustees at Shults Lewis has stood beside this 65 year old organization, through every bump in the road. They have made sure that the vision, the values and mission of Shults Lewis stayed alive and well. Their oversight of this organization is priceless.

I have been telling my Florida friends, how working for Shults Lewis is a perfect fit for me. However, my only challenge will likely be the winters that I have heard about. I know that because I have never seen snow in my entire life and I have already mistakenly identified the fall season as winter. I am thankful to God for the blessing of my amazing team of staff who are looking out for me and teaching me about Indiana winters. I always listen as I am shaking my head from side to side.

I appreciate my staff, my team, my brothers and sisters in Christ. In my heart, I call them, my "All hands-on deck" kind of people. They have clearly identified that this is who they are. I love them and I have great respect for them. I value their hard work and I am honored to journey with them for years to come. We will champion the cause for Christ through the values, beliefs and mission of Shults Lewis.

I would like to thank our faithful donors who continue to believe in our work. Your amazing support helps to keep our focus strong. We are grateful and looking forward to others who will join in to make the life of a child a little easier. Thank you.





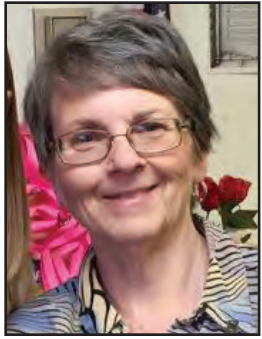
# PASSING THE TORCH

As most of you know, Irene and Jim Gordon (Jim, a board member for Shults-Lewis, and Irene, his wife and retired Oncologist) left the warmth of Texas to volunteer to help Shults-Lewis after a few key roles had become vacant. Irene stepped in as Interim Executive Director and Jim stepped in to help at the school. Both sacrificed greatly from November 2021 through September of 2022. Johnnie Coley, our new Executive Director jumped right in to her first Annual Day role and surprised Jim and Irene with a plaque for their services to Shults-Lewis during that time. It was a wonderful way for them to say goodbye as the torch was passed to Johnnie. We have been blessed by the Gordons and Johnnie and we ask you to pray for each of them during their next transition in life.



# School Happenings

Vickie Terhune, School Principal  
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"If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands!" We sang this song at our assembly on our first day of the new school year because H. A. P. P. Y. is our school theme for this year. The letters in HAPPY stand for "Have a Positive, Productive Year." It was fun decorating with smiley faces and posters to emphasize the theme.

Here are some of the things that we

Your prayers on our behalf and for your donations.

"Happy are the people whose God is the LORD!" Psalm 144:15



are happy about:

Welcoming our new Executive Director, Johnnie Coley.

Enjoying the arrival of the Sojourners and thanking them for all of their help getting ready for Annual Day.

A successful Annual Day and getting to see all of you again.

Receiving all of the wonderful supplies for our school.

## Annual Day Was Awesome!!! Over \$20,000 Raised!

I cannot tell you all how fun and fulfilling it was to see every one of you at Annual Day. We still missed several of you but thank you for your prayers and support. A huge thank you goes out to ALL of our churches who did booths. The food and crafts were just wonderful. Thank you to those churches who switched around to cover other booths this year as well as a huge shout out to Chris Turnmire from our Whiteland congregation for stepping in last minute to cook our burgers and dogs! You all are so important to the Shults-Lewis ministry and we thank you so much for your hard work and donations at Annual Day.





# From Our Home to Yours

**Darvina Joy Smith, Interim Program Director**  
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This has been a rollercoaster of a year as I watch and am involved with so many transitions at our facility. Among the changes, our Interim Executive Director, Irene Gordon, has prepared her replacement, Johnnie Coley, to take the reins of Executive Director guiding us into an exciting journey forward. I am glad to be part of the ministry team of supporting staff members as she fulfills her calling to do these God-assigned good works.

Then there are our beloved residents. As they finish the program and return home it feels like releasing your own children leaving home for the first time. You wonder did

you prepare them adequately for life's challenges. Will they continue to eat right and make their beds. Will they remember not to put the red shirt in with the white clothes as they do the laundry. Will they do the laundry? Of course they will!

It is such a pleasure and God-inspired opportunity to serve Him by being with children who tell us no one loves them. When they receive godly affection through our level of care it might be overwhelming. But they learn to love it. And we do love them. We have gotten calls from parents who were past residents at Shults Lewis and now want to send their children here. That says it all. We are not a locked facility. Our doors are wide open, and we are leaving the light on (FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING).

## HANNAH BALDWIN SAYS GOODBYE

Hannah Baldwin, the Administrative Assistant to Development, has stepped down. Hannah was born at Shults-Lewis (well, in a hospital in Valparaiso) in 1999 to houseparents Andy and Lissa Baldwin. Since the moment she could walk, Beth Frump had her "working" in Development. Remember the little girl on your change cans? That was Hannah. Not only did Hannah volunteer her time in Development through her childhood, she shared her mom and dad with countless teenagers and 3 siblings. As Hannah grew into middle school and high school, she was helping the girls in her unit by teaching them guitar and making friendships. Hannah even worked in the school kitchen one summer. As time progressed and Hannah graduated high school, Beth hired her to work in Development part-time which would turn in to full-time within the year. As we became short staffed and we lost Beth, Hannah stepped in to help out in the Social Services department. She was splitting her days/weeks between Social Services and Development in order to help keep things running. Then, when we lost our relief houseparents in January of this year, Hannah joined forces with other staff to step in and cover relief. You see, Hannah has shared her entire life with Shults-Lewis even though she has only been officially employed here for 3 years. She has made sacrifices for this ministry personally and professionally. We are so sad to see her go but we support her as she finishes her college education. And in good ole Shults-Lewis fashion, I am sure she will be back one day. God speed, Hannah, and thank you for your sacrifices, dedication, and love for God's children.







# Honors & Remembers...

July 2, 2022 – October 1, 2022

## HONORS

### Vivian Avey

Park Forest Church of Christ in IL

### Hannah Baldwin

*For your singing at Annual Day!*  
Gerald & Phyllis Frump

### Ron & Nancy Brown

*Happy 45th Anniversary!*  
Doris Dunn

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*For sending so much to others over the years!*  
Allen & Brenda Warner

### Mary Grima

*We miss you!*  
Lon & Donna Walter

### The Kids

Elaine Steger

### Ed & Wanda Long

*For your dedicated service to the Lord!*  
Tim & Cathy Firm

### Mel & Jackie McBroom

George & Marion Beals

### Jeriel McGinness

Lois Sportsman

### For retirement!

Christopher & Beth Underwood

### Dewayne Smith

Matthew & Debbie Allgood

## All the Shults-Lewis Staff

*Appreciation of their dedication!*

Kenneth Slatton

## For Annual Day

Gerald & Phyllis Frump

## Roger & Becky Weaver

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