

# PROGRAMS & SERVICES



## OUR ROOTS

After the Civil War, a large number of widows and orphans were left without a home and financial support. To answer this need, the Methodist Episcopal Church South established the Widows and Orphans Home in 1871. Over the years, opportunities became available for widows to support themselves and eventually, we became solely an orphanage. In 1931, in response to overcrowded conditions, we moved to a 120 acre farm in Versailles, KY.

In the late 70's, more foster homes became available for the orphaned children making orphanages unnecessary. Also at this time, an unmet need became apparent—a safe place to help abused, neglected and abandoned children. In answer, we created the first treatment program in Kentucky.

In 1984 we expanded, acquiring the Owensboro Mary Kendall Campus, and shortly thereafter became known as The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth (KyUMH).

By the 1990's, KyUMH provided residential services and home-based services to Kentucky children and youth. In 2016, we recognized the need for a new facility to better suit the needs of our community-based services. We moved to the Nicholasville campus in 2017 and renamed ourselves The Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes.

## THE CURRENT CRISIS



In Kentucky there were

# 25,119

substantiated cases of  
abuse in 2017

*According to U.S. Department  
of Health and Human Services*

Today, KyUMH offers programs that can make a difference in the lives of those struggling with extremely challenging situations. We serve all 120 counties in Kentucky.

Our work focuses on restoring young people to the lives God intended. Through nurturing, therapeutic care, KyUMH brings hope and healing to our communities, one child at a time.

***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”***

Jeremiah 29:11



Our campuses in Owensboro and Nicholasville offer varying services. The stars denote where we offer each program.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT ★ ★

*24/7 Therapeutic Care*

When home is no longer safe and foster care does not meet their needs, KyUMH's residential treatment provides a therapeutic environment for youth ages 12-17 to heal. Therapists and counselors address emotional and behavioral challenges to help youth build a brighter future.

## INDEPENDENT LIVING ★ ★

*Helping Teens Become Adults*

Youth aging out of the foster care system are the fastest growing population in the nation. Navigating the adult world is daunting without guidance, especially for those who have lived without family support. Through KyUMH, young people 16.5-20 years old receive housing, counseling on basic life skills and assistance with education and job placement.

## ADOPTION PROGRAM ★

*Home Studies and Support*

The love of a child is a precious gift and KyUMH provides a chance for every family to experience this life-changing event. We work with adoption agencies and alongside the family to provide support during waiting periods, at placement and through the first few years of life with their new child.

## COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES ★ ★

*Outpatient Therapy and Case Management*

Before a child is removed from the home, there are often warning signs that a family crisis may occur. KyUMH meets families where they are. Therapists and case managers work together to provide therapeutic intervention while linking youth to community supports. Staff, youth and family rally together to correct the issues.

Our community-based services include substance use disorder treatment, home monitoring for youth at risk of being placed in detention, and in-office mental health counseling. Our licensed clinicians and case managers provide mental health assessments, individualized treatment plans and proven counseling approaches.

*\*In Owensboro, our Evolve Counseling Center sees clients of all ages.*

*\*For their privacy, photos used  
do not depict actual clients*







## MEET ASHLEY

As a toddler, Ashley knew all too well abandonment and pain. Ashley was abused and removed from her birth parents as an infant and moved 20 times during her young life. Her journey led her to The Kentucky United Methodist Children's Homes.

Our therapists worked intensely with Ashley to help her heal from her painful history. She graduated from high school and now works hard to support herself.

## OUR MISSION:



TO SERVE CHRIST  
*by providing for the*

**PHYSICAL  
EMOTIONAL  
EDUCATIONAL  
& SPIRITUAL**

NEEDS OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES.

## OUR IMPACT:

**>800**

YOUTH & FAMILIES  
SERVED EACH YEAR

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*one child at a time***



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