

De'Onta – A Spectacular Young Man

We want you to know a young man who is very special to us at UMFS. De'Onta has been in Treatment Foster Care for about three years.

He is a rising senior in high school and has a 3.0 GPA. De'Onta has been awarded Outstanding Geometry Student and Outstanding English Student at his school. He hopes to attend college at Ohio State and become an architect.

De'Onta is quite the athlete. De'Onta plays varsity football at the positions of linebacker and long snap center and enjoys weight and strength training for football during the summer. He ran track as a distance runner and in the 400- and 800-meter run. He ran the Ukrops Monument Avenue 10k and finished 4000th out of 34,000 runners with a time of 00:59:19. In May, De'Onta threw out a first pitch at a Richmond Flying Squirrels game and then got the autograph of the catcher and a picture with "Nutzy," the team mascot. (See photo of De'Onta and Nutzy above!)



De'Onta is active as a volunteer as well. He has read to children at the Children's Museum of Richmond — and even dressed as a pirate! He volunteers at his church's food pantry and kitchen to feed the homeless. Additionally, he volunteers for his church's play productions. De'Onta also enjoys participating in his youth group. When asked why he chooses to give his time as a volunteer De'Onta said, "It is the right thing to do to give back to the community for all the blessings I have received."

Want another amazing fact about De'Onta? He followed the slave trail established by Harriet Tubman into Canada with his foster parents!

We know De'Onta is special, and we wanted you to know too!

If you want to help youth like De'Onta, please make a contribution to UMFS today and/or inquire about becoming a foster parent.

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Many thanks to Worth Higgins & Associates, Inc., our printer, for its support of UMFS and our network of services.

Join UMFS for the Night of the Arts on November 5

This November 5, UMFS will host a Night of the Arts. Youth who are served through our Charterhouse School, Richmond Regional Center, and Project LIFE will be contributing various forms of art which will be displayed at a Richmond gallery, Crossroads Art Center.

Our very special guests, the young artists, will be honored for their works on display. UMFS youth will also have the opportunity to share their poetry readings and various media forms. Prizes will be awarded to many talented students. We anticipate smiles all around!



Lara, a volunteer (photo at left), is organizing the art show with support from UMFS staff. Lara is completing this project as a part of her path to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award; the award is similar to the Eagle Award for Boy Scouts. When asked about this project, Lara said, "I chose to do my Gold Award project at UMFS because someone I am very close to was helped at UMFS and I want to help more children in the same way. UMFS does a great job with children who need special care that is not otherwise available in the community. It is a great place for families to know their child is safe, loved and cared for by professionals."

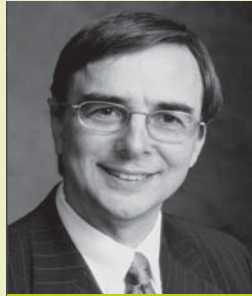
We hope that you will be able to join us for Night of the Arts on November 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. Crossroads Art Center is located at 2016 Staples Mill Road in Richmond. Visit online at www.crossroadsartcenter.com. Watch for more details to come about Night of the Arts!

Crossroads Art Center
... where art and people meet!

FROM THE CEO



One hundred ten years ago, the first eight children came to live at an orphanage on 3900 West Broad Street in Richmond, Virginia. The United Methodist Church envisioned a place that could give at-risk children and families support, care, and hope. Over the years, the needs of children and families have dramatically changed. To remain relevant with a cutting edge mission and vision, the orphanage transitioned into a children's home and a family services agency. Today as UMFS (United Methodist Family Services), a nonprofit, faith-based organization, we continue to reinvent ourselves to better serve children and families with our hearts and expertise.



Greg Peters
President & CEO

Thirty years ago, Rev. Gerould Ward began his role as Executive Director and wrote in the *Guardian*, "I want to tell you that I am impressed by the program I have found at your Children's Home. We provide a very effective on-campus program for adolescents. We teach care here. We provide an atmosphere which allows the youth on our campus to care about each other, as well as about themselves." He went on to say, "I am concerned about our off campus program. We presently are serving 36 children and youth in our family services program. I am concerned that it is not a larger program. We need to expand our off-campus program."

I arrived at UMFS in 1980: at this time, staff were attempting to meet the growing needs of children throughout Virginia from our original site in Richmond, but it became clear that many of the problems facing children and their families required solutions closer to their home communities. In 1984, my wife and I moved to Virginia Beach as UMFS opened its first regional center. Today, as President & CEO of UMFS, I am proud that the Board of Directors, staff, donors and volunteers took Gerould's challenge to expand throughout Virginia's communities very seriously. Today, over 5,500 children, youth, and family members are served from 12 community sites. We continue to believe that building caring relationships and constantly improving our network of services allows us to achieve our mission: *Touch a Life, Create a Future*.

Today, as I walk around the Richmond campus, I encounter over 300 residents: youth receiving intensive treatment services and seniors living in our Guardian Place apartments. From my office

each morning, I watch school buses and parents bring children to our Charterhouse School Day Program. Two buildings down from mine, social workers come and go as they visit birth, foster, and adoptive families in the community. It is not unusual for prospective foster and adoptive families to come to my building as they are looking for the group that will prepare them as a temporary or permanent family for a child who has experienced numerous losses and moves or those who have no family to call their own.

To visit many of our programs, I need to get in my car and drive, drive, and drive some more. Our regional center and project site staff are in many of our communities, finding adoptive and treatment foster homes for youth who have been in group care or institutions. Our staff members are working with families in their respective homes so that those experiencing chaos can steadily improve their communication and relationship building skills. Our staff is also working with young adults who are aging out of the foster care system, to make sure they are empowered and develop skills for independence and lifelong connections. Staff lead numerous support groups for youth, adoptive and foster families throughout Virginia.

Parents and community agencies entrust us to provide high quality services to their children and families and we are able to meet their needs because of the many blessings we have received. Donors invest in the future of at-risk children, families, and communities through their financial gifts. Volunteers unselfishly give of their time because they are passionate about our mission and principles that break the cycle of despair and hopelessness. Our connection to the Virginia Conference has given us a strong foundation and a network of caring congregations and individuals to support and undergird our mission. I am often humbled that I have been chosen to lead a highly skilled, compassionate staff, who do whatever it takes to turn lives right side up. We, at UMFS, have the daily opportunity to witness the courage of children, youth, and families as they overcome challenges and put their lives back together by building lifelong connections and developing their God-given strengths.

In this edition of the *Guardian*, you will read many stories of our young people's and agency's recent successes but this would not be possible without you. We thank you, our community, for supporting thousands of children and families over the last 110 years. I am hopeful that you will continue to help us in our mission of touching lives and creating futures.

Turn a Life Right Side Up: Meet Tarrell!

Tarrell is a bright-eyed youngster with a great sense of humor. He enjoys school and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Some of Tarrell's hobbies include collecting rocks and playing basketball. His favorite food is pizza, and he loves going to CiCi's Pizza for their all-you-can-eat buffet. Tarrell loves pets, especially cats! He will do well with a two-parent family that encourages him to broaden his horizons. Tarrell has boundary issues and often an over-active imagination. A childless family with lots of patience and understanding will help Tarrell to improve his self-worth and confidence, so he will stay on the right path to a future as bright as his eyes. **Could you be the family Tarrell is waiting for? Call UMFS at 866-558-3533 for more information.**





Steven: A Shining Example

Steven has managed to overcome a great amount of adversity at a young age.

Steven has been in foster care for five years and has become a part of the UMFS family, as well as his foster parents' family.

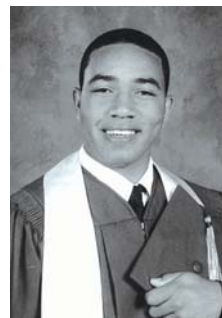
While in school, Steven has stayed on the A/B Honor Roll. Steven will graduate from high school in June and has been accepted into Longwood University and Old Dominion University. To help Steven on his way was awarded \$3,000 from the UMFS Pop Smith Scholarship Fund. (To read more about this scholarship, see page 7.) In addition, Steven was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from James River High School for academic achievement.

Steven has showed his ability to prioritize and model balance, as he has volunteered in his high school working guidance and attendance departments and has also maintained a part-time job throughout his junior and senior year of high school.

Steven attends church with his foster parents, who are pastors, and enjoys participating in church youth activities and volunteering through his church in the community.

We, at UMFS, wish Steven all the best that the world has to offer.

If you want to help youth like Steven, make a contribution to UMFS today and/or inquire about becoming a foster parent. Visit www.umfs.org for more information!



Making Strides for Foster Care Awareness

by Heather Wines, Northern Region Independent Living Consultant

The Northern Region Project LIFE office held our 1st Annual Foster Care Awareness Walk in Leesburg on May 29. We were excited to have approximately 80 participants, which included foster care youth, social workers, foster parents, friends, and volunteers. We started our walk at the Georgetown Park and ended at the Fox Ridge Park site, making the stretch a little over two miles.



After walking, participants were able to enjoy fellowship together. Our region's Independent Living Coordinators Committee Chairperson, Cathy Bartholomew of Alexandria, brought information about Great Expectations, Band Together and other resources that are available in the community to assist foster youth and foster parents.

We grilled hot dogs and hamburgers; enjoyed potato salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, and baked beans; munched on chips and dips; and topped off our meal with a slice of yummy foster care heroes cake and watermelon! Youth enjoyed playing basketball and participating in an egg toss.

A very special thank you goes to Karen and Stephen Sayre for cooking our delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, turkey burgers, and veggie burgers. We thank Paulette Bird, with Loudoun County Department of Family Services, for supplying us with Frisbees and information. Thank you for our Northern Region Youth Advisory Council-Northern Advocates, for all your help during the walk sign-in and help at the cookout. Finally

a big thank you goes to everyone who participated and supported this wonderful event. Without you, it would not have been a success.

We heard laughs, saw many smiles, and above all, we shared a great Saturday afternoon making memories. Our ability to raise awareness in the community helps us find foster and adoptive families for the thousands of youth who are waiting. We hope you will learn more about becoming a foster parent by visiting www.umfs.org or calling 866-558-3533.

For more information about Project LIFE, visit www.vaprojectlife.org.

UMFS Recruits 100 Foster Families in 200 Days!

Each year, UMFS staff recruits and trains foster families for youth. Teenagers are especially difficult to place with foster families, may wait for years to find families, and often age out of foster care without finding permanent family connections.

- **There are more than 6,300 children in foster care in Virginia.**
- **Teens without lifelong family connections are twice as likely to become homeless or incarcerated than they are to attend college.**
- **Fewer than 6 out of 10 will graduate high school.**

This year, UMFS focused a statewide effort on recruiting foster parents for teenagers, and achieved its goal of recruiting 100 foster families in 200 days!

While achieving this goal is a remarkable feat, the fact remains that thousands of youth still wait for families. You might be the family that a teenager has waited for years to find!

Consider becoming a foster parent: call UMFS toll-free at 866-558-3533 or visit www.umfs.org to start learning more.

It just might turn YOUR life right side up!

DONATE



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The BBB Wise Giving Alliance Standards for Charity Accountability were developed to assist donors in making sound giving decisions and to foster public confidence in charitable organizations. The standards seek to encourage fair and honest solicitation practices, to promote ethical conduct by charitable organizations and to advance support of philanthropy. Organizations that meet all 20 Standards for Charity Accountability have provided documentation that they meet basic standards:

- In how they govern their organization,
- In the ways they spend their money,
- In the truthfulness of their representations, and
- In their willingness to disclose basic information to the public.

Content has been taken directly from www.bbb.org/us/Charity-Standards/ and we encourage you to visit the website to learn more.

Do You Ever Wonder How Your Gifts Are Used? Giving to an Accountable and Transparent Organization

Do you ever wonder where your gift goes? Do you wonder how the organization you support uses that money? Do you ever wonder what organizations do with the information they collect about you? If you wonder about these things, we are sure that you are not alone. With many organizations coming under fire for unethical practices, or just plain old inconsiderate behaviors these questions and worries are not unfounded. You should expect a high level of transparency, respect, professionalism, and ethical behavior from the organizations you support.

UMFS strives for the highest standards of stewardship. When thinking about supporting an organization you should consider the following:

- **Know the mission.** UMFS' mission is "Touch a life. Create a future." In 2009, we served over 5,500 individuals across Virginia through adoption, treatment foster care, intensive treatment, school-based services, FamilyCARE, and Project LIFE. This would not be possible without generous supporters like you.
- **Give to organizations that secure your information.** UMFS does everything possible to keep your information safe. Our technology is current and we have measures to prevent unauthorized access to any area that hosts your information. Employees who process your donations are trustworthy, fully vetted, and are held to high standards. Your name and address is never shared with other organizations. If you wish to keep your gifts anonymous, we

will honor that and not print your name in any publications.

- **Support organizations that are accountable and transparent.** UMFS submits to a voluntary audit each year by a respected Richmond accounting firm. We publish an Annual Report and an Outcomes Report each year. UMFS updates our GuideStar (www.guidestar.org) report regularly and has recently completed the new GiveRichmond report (<https://giverichmond.guidestar.org>). If you would like to see a copy of our 990 Form, Annual Report, or Outcomes Report, please visit www.umfs.org. If you would like more information, please contact Bethanie Constant at bconstant@umfs.org or 804-254-9674.
- **Support organizations where the fundraising staff are members of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) or other ethics-based professional associations.** AFP exists to foster the development and growth of fundraising professionals and the profession, to promote high ethical behavior in the fundraising profession and to preserve and enhance philanthropy and volunteerism. AFP requires that members sign a Code of Ethical Principles and Standards.

We are honored that you have chosen to support UMFS. If you ever have any questions or feedback about your gifts, we encourage you to contact us. We also hope you will visit UMFS so you can see firsthand what good work your gifts allow us to do.

UMFS, a Transparent Organization

UMFS is now one of the most transparent nonprofits in the Richmond Metropolitan region. If you've been reading the paper recently, you may be wondering how much you really know about the community organizations you support. We are proud to be among the first nonprofits recognized by the Community Foundation Serving Richmond and Central Virginia with a Reviewed Status in their new knowledge base. To see our Portrait, visit www.giverichmond.guidestar.org. You'll be asked to establish a login, and then you'll be able to see our portrait by entering our organization's name in the Find Nonprofits search field. To search the knowledge base or share it with others, visit www.giverichmond.guidestar.org.

Donate Your Vehicle

We are pleased to be a member of V-DAC, Vehicle Donation to Any Charity. A free, convenient service for converting that car, truck, motorcycle, RV, boat, airplane, farm equipment, etc. into a tax-deductible donation benefiting United Methodist Family Services of Virginia, Inc. *You must contact V-DAC, not UMFS, to process this donation.* You can donate online at www.v-dac.com/?org?id=540505969 or call 877-999-8322 to make your donation.



Bethanie Constant Honored by VAFRE

Bethanie Constant, UMFS Development Manager, has received the 2010 Rising Star Award from the Virginia Association of Fundraising Executives (VAFRE). The award was presented at a luncheon meeting at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond on April 6. The Rising Star Award is presented annually to a VAFRE member who exhibits excellent potential and who has demonstrated remarkable talents at an early stage in his/her fundraising career. Award winners are selected from a competitive field of VAFRE members who are nominated by the membership. At upper right, Bethanie is pictured with Maureen McDonnell, First Lady of Virginia, who addressed the luncheon guests.



Planned Giving

Through effective gift plans, many UMFS donors are able to balance their personal financial goals with charitable interests while realizing significant tax benefits. Various types of planned gifts are possible, ranging from a simple bequest in your will to various kinds of charitable trusts. Through planned giving, you can increase your current income or provide additional retirement income, while earning a current tax deduction and providing for a future gift to UMFS.

Planned Gifts can include:

- Bequests in your will
- Life insurance gifts
- Gifts of cash or cash equivalents
- Life real estate arrangements
- Gift annuities
- Charitable trusts
- Appreciated stock
- Memorial gifts
- Retirement plan gifts

Donors who have chosen to include UMFS in their plans can be recognized in The 1900 Society. Not only does this society recognize the year UMFS was founded, but also establishes a listing of special individuals who have chosen to include UMFS in their estate plans. Please consult your financial advisor for details relative to your individual circumstances.

More information is available by contacting David Baker at dbaker@umfs.org or 804-254-9663.



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Adoption Tax Credits: What You Need to Know

This is not suitable to be used as professional financial advice and should not be relied upon without consulting your tax advisor.

The Adoption Tax Credit is a valuable benefit for adopting families, but a complicated tax law provision.

First, you will need to know what the tax credit covers, and how it is affected by other incentives, such as employer-paid adoption benefits. You will also need to determine eligibility.

- The tax credit applies to domestic and international adoptions, but the procedure is not the same. For example: credit for expenses for international adoptions can be claimed only after finalization but for domestic adoptions the credit can be applied even if the adoption does not go through.
- The full credit can be taken for domestic special needs adoption even when the qualifying expenses don't reach that limit.

- The credit of \$10,960 is per child, not per year, so even if you claim expenses paid out over more than one year for one adoption; the total credit amount remains \$10,960.
- The tax credit does not cover expenses for adoption of a spouse's child (stepparent adoption).

Second, you will need to:

- develop a system to track and document expenses;
- gather the correct forms (a few include Form 8839, and Form 1040 or 1040A);
- and complete your taxes with a professional.

Many states provide some reimbursement of non-recurring adoption expenses. Be sure to check with your state tax office and your local IRS office (www.irs.gov) to learn more. Finally, consult your own tax advisor to make sure you have all the current and legal information.

Scholarship Information for Foster Youth and UMFS Alumni

The Alfred & Dottie Whitt Scholarship is administered through The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education. This scholarship is awarded annually to one foster youth in the Commonwealth of Virginia that will receive higher education at a Virginia Community College. This scholarship pays for two years of tuition. To apply, contact the UMFS Development Office at 804-254-9450.

The Pop Smith Scholarship is administered through UMFS, which disburses this scholarship to deserving students for their career and educational goals in commemoration of the beloved Leon "Pop" Smith, the executive director of UMFS from 1949 to 1974. The Pop Smith Scholarship is available for any type of educational training (anything from cosmetology school to a B.A. degree) to cover tuition and/or book fees. There is no age limit for applicants. To be eligible for consideration, the potential candidate need only meet the following two requirements:

- The potential applicant must have been a recipient of UMFS direct services for at least six months (ex: Treatment Foster Care, Adoption, Intensive Treatment/Residential, FamilyCARE, etc.); and
- The candidate must be a high school graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA.

Financial support may be ongoing, as long as the student continues to meet the 2.0 GPA requirement in his/her chosen field. The deadline to apply is June 1 of each year. To apply, contact the UMFS Development Office at 804-254-9450.

VOLUNTEER



Hot Tamale Café Makes Generous Offer

Hot Tamale Café will be giving UMFS 20% of all sales from lunch and dinner every third Thursday of each month. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. and dinner is served from 5 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. You must tell your waiter that you are with UMFS. Happy Hour sales do count. Coupons may not be used in conjunction with this fundraiser.

Upcoming Dates to Benefit UMFS:

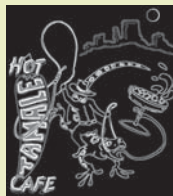
Thursday, August 19

Thursday, September 16

Thursday, October 21

Thursday, November 18

Thursday, December 16



Hot Tamale Café is located at 13815 Fribble Way in Midlothian, just off Hull Street Road at Deer Run Drive. For more information, call 804-595-0138.

River City Diner Supports Foster Care Recruitment

In May, River City Diner at Bellgrade welcomed UMFS foster care recruitment materials, hung flyers in the restaurant, and staff wore UMFS buttons for Foster Care Month. We thank River City Diner for supporting the children and teens in foster care!

We Love Our Volunteers!

UMFS had a busy spring volunteer schedule, as the following list illustrates:

April 1: The **Junior League of Richmond** provided support group volunteers to the Richmond Regional Center.

April 4, Easter Sunday: Approximately 30 members of **Imago Dei** brought a potluck meal and Easter egg hunt supplies for our youth at the UMFS Treatment Center.

April 7: Providence UMC's Confirmand Class volunteered by putting UMFS marketing packages together to help UMFS spread the word of the services and programs we offer across Virginia. **Tyler Harris, Savannah Elliot, Molly Roberson, Andrew Bowers, and Keller Baker** – we thank you for your generosity!

April 16: UMFS' 3rd Clean Up for Kids was a great success! We welcomed 101 volunteers to our campus on a beautiful spring day. Volunteers from the community beautified our campus through painting and landscaping. Volunteers represented **CarMax, Delta Sigma Theta, Disney's Give a Day Get a Day, Dominion, Genworth, HandsOn Greater Richmond, Kimberly Pinchbeck P.C., New Hope UMC, Sycamore UMC, Trinity UMC, VCU, and the Young Women's Christian League.**

June 3: Twenty-five **Genworth Financial** employees celebrated their Month of Service through volunteerism by building shelving units for four cottages for the UMFS Treatment Center.

June 11: **Deloitte** celebrated their Impact Day by volunteering in the Charterhouse School Library. Seven volunteers sorted and organized books and magazines through the Dewey Decimal system.

We appreciate our volunteers! To learn more about how you can volunteer, visit www.umfs.org.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A variety of volunteer projects as shown by Imago Dei; Providence UMC Confirmands; Clean Up for Kids volunteers, painting and gardening; Deloitte Impact Day; and Genworth volunteers.



Need a Speaker? Call UMFS!

The UMFS Speakers Network is available to make presentations to faith, civic, community, and business organizations. Presentations can be tailored to your organization's needs and interests. For more details, visit www.umfs.org or contact Connie Dye at cdye@umfs.org or 804-254-9468.



30 Years and Counting: An Interview with Juanita Brown

"I came to UMFS in 1976 and have held a variety of roles during my time with the agency. I started as secretary in what was called Clinical Services at the time. UMFS had fewer youth back in the 1970s and only had a location here in Richmond. I took a little time off when my daughter was born but came back to UMFS in 1980 and have been here since that time.

"I have worked as an executive assistant for executive directors, in the HR department as an assistant, and helped get the development department up and running, to name a few roles. Since 2006, I have been in the IT department working with document management and in that time I have scanned almost 1 million pages of client files. Last week, I scanned 13,000 pages.

"I have observed many changes at UMFS over the last 30 years. Technology has revolutionized the



Juanita Brown

way we are able to work. We used Dictaphones, typewriters and other instruments that most youth now have never seen or touched, when I started. I also have seen many social changes and programmatic changes. The other thing I have seen change is my hair — when I came here I was not gray!

"I have stayed at UMFS for 30 years because of the people. The people who come to work for UMFS are here because they want to make a difference and they want to help young people.

Our mission here is admirable and it works.

"For those who are considering coming to work at UMFS or to become involved in a volunteer capacity, I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to be here. You will grow personally and professionally and you will learn so many new things."

110 Years in a Nutshell: Key Dates in UMFS History

1900: The Virginia Annual Conference is granted a charter from the state legislature and builds an orphanage in Richmond at 3900 West Broad Street. The orphanage flourishes as a farming community with a school, print shop and dairy.

1929: During the Great Depression, many children are placed at the orphanage because of financial necessity. The number of residents peaks at 365 children between 1929 and 1935.

1933: The church designates the month of December to raise funds for the orphanage.

1951: The name of the orphanage changes to the Virginia Methodist Children's Home.

1953: The farming operation is discontinued because of child labor laws.

1979: Charterhouse School opens and is named after the Methodist founder John Wesley's school.

1980: The Annual Conference changes the name of the Children's Home to United Methodist Family Services of Virginia.

1984: Programs expand to include adoption, foster care, and residential treatment for youth. Regional centers open in Northern Virginia and Tidewater.

1993: A groundbreaking takes place for Guardian Place, a 120-unit apartment building for people over 55.

1996: Fredericksburg Regional Center opens.

1998: United Methodist Family Services teams with WRIC-TV and corporate sponsors to create "A Child Waiting," a weekly TV series profiling children waiting for adoption. An outcomes measurement system is created.

2000: United Methodist Family Services celebrates 100 years and conducts its first-ever capital campaign. Guardian Place II opens.

2001: The South Central Regional Center opens with a satellite office in Farmville.

2002: A national grant is awarded to UMFS creating a regional Quality Improvement Center on Adoption.

2003: The new building for Charterhouse School opens on the Richmond campus. The old Charterhouse School building houses a new Day Program for youth ages 11-18.

2004: A new program for sexually reactive male youth opens. UMFS receives a federal grant for Virginia's Children of Promise, a program that mentors children of incarcerated parents.

2005: United Methodist Family Services adopts UMFS as its operating name.

2006: UMFS becomes a local partner of Wendy's Wonderful Kids, a signature program of the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

2007: Leland House, operated by UMFS in collaboration with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Policy and Management Team, opens in Centreville.

2009: FamilyCARE Services and Therapeutic Treatment Services in the Public Schools are added to the UMFS Network of Services, along with Project LIFE, a collaborative effort of UMFS and the Virginia Department of Social Services.

2010: Charterhouse School adds career and technical education as the Day Program prepares for further expansion on the Richmond campus.

And UMFS celebrates its 110th anniversary of serving children, youth and families throughout Virginia!

For more information about UMFS history, please visit our History page at www.umfs.org and download our printable timeline.

Alumni Updates

Eunice May Hite Smith, 86, of Alexandria, passed away on May 24, 2010, at Sunrise at Mount Vernon. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Norman J. Sutton and Dale W. Smith; son, Clarence S. Sutton; parents, Grover S. Hite and Josie L. Vaughn; sisters, Nora A. Williams and Ruby E. Coutts; and her brother, Walter M. Hite. Eunice is survived by sisters-in-law, Inez L. Hite and Mary Sutton, and numerous nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held on May 28, 2010, at the Cunningham Funeral Home. The interment followed at Mount Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that contributions be made to UMFS (United Methodist Family Services), 3900 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23230. Eunice was an alumna of the Virginia Conference Orphanage of the Methodist Church, now known as UMFS. We offer our sincere condolences to family, friends, and fellow alumni.



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Services

- **FamilyCARE Services**
- **Treatment Foster Care**
- **Adoption Services**
- **Intensive Treatment**
- **School-Based Services**
- **Project LIFE**

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- **Guardian Place**

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Want to know more about PRIDE training, foster care orientation, or other upcoming events at UMFS? Contact information for our regional centers, satellite offices and Leland House is included at the bottom of this page.

Fredericksburg Regional Center Foster Care Orientation
August 13, 6-7 p.m.
No registration required.

UMFS Lunch & Dinner Benefit
Hot Tamale Café, Midlothian
Thursday, August 19

Fredericksburg Regional Center Foster Care Orientation
August 30, 6-7 p.m.
No registration required.

South Central Regional Center PRIDE Training
August 31–November 2
Pre-registration required.

Fredericksburg Regional Center PRIDE Training
September 1–October 27
Pre-registration required.

Richmond Regional Center PRIDE Training
September 7–November 11
Pre-registration required.

Northern Virginia Regional Center PRIDE Training (Option #1)
September 7–October 26
Pre-registration required.

Northern Virginia Regional Center PRIDE Training (Option #2)
September 11–October 26
Pre-registration required.

Tidewater Regional Center PRIDE Training
September 13–October 11
Contact sgreen@umfs.org to reserve your space, schedule an orientation, or to learn more.

UMFS Lunch & Dinner Benefit
Hot Tamale Café, Midlothian
Thursday, September 16

UMFS Lunch & Dinner Benefit
Hot Tamale Café, Midlothian
Thursday, October 21

Fredericksburg Regional Center Foster Care Orientation
October 25, 6-7 p.m.
No registration required.

UMFS Night of the Arts
Crossroads Art Center, Richmond
Friday, November 5

UMFS Lunch & Dinner Benefit
Hot Tamale Café, Midlothian
Thursday, November 18

UMFS Lunch & Dinner Benefit
Hot Tamale Café, Midlothian
Thursday, December 16

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