



Wesley Group Home Ministries

Wesley Group Home, an Advance Mission Special of the Florida Conference, is a home for developmentally delayed individuals who cannot live without assistance. Its purpose is to provide independent living and rehabilitation to the members of the group home family. Residents participate in many different activities every day, from going to school or work to performing household chores.

Currently, there is one home with six beds located in Hallandale, Fla. The goal is to have one home in every district in the Florida Conference, but we need your help.

How you can help:

- Use our promotional video to educate your congregation and United Methodist Men's group about this vital ministry;
- Develop fund raising activities to promote United Methodist Men's commitment to this ministry;
- Make a pledge to the Together! capital and endowment campaign on behalf of Wesley Group Home Ministries.

To offer your assistance—or to volunteer—contact the Florida Conference United Methodist Men, 877-815-3692, or visit www.ummflconf.org

United Methodist Men and “Together!” Join Forces

The Florida Conference United Methodist Men has joined forces with the “Together!” capital and endowment campaign to raise funds for the shared ministries of the Florida Annual Conference. United Methodist Men has selected Wesley Group Home Ministries as one of its areas of emphasis.

The goal is to raise at least \$500,000 during the leadership and public phases of the “Together!” campaign that will allow Wesley Group Home Ministries to hire an Executive Director who will help expand the ministry to each of the nine districts in the Florida Conference. The gift will fund a five-year declining percentage of the director's salary and establish two new group homes in partnership with local churches.

“Wesley Group Home is a well kept secret in the Florida Conference,” said Rodney Akers, the current United Methodist Men's president in Florida. “We're asking every United Methodist Men's group to support the ‘Together!’ capital campaign to raise money for the home, as well as asking men's groups to volunteer their time and talent with maintenance at the home.”

For more information on United Methodist Men in the Florida Conference, visit www.ummflconf.org
For more information on the Together! campaign, visit www.fumf.org/together



United Methodist Men's president, Rodney Akers, greets June Johns, president of the Wesley Group Home.

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A Call to Action

There is a critical need for group homes for developmentally delayed individuals in Florida. There is a population base of more than 10,000 people in the Florida Conference who could potentially benefit from such a ministry as Wesley Group Homes.

The Florida Conference United Methodist Men is urging people across the Florida Conference to get involved with Wesley Group Homes and the "Together!" campaign, either by pledging to the campaign or pledging to help with other needs, such as maintenance of the home.

"By supporting Wesley Group Home Ministries, we can change lives and expand a vital conference ministry," said Rodney Akers, conference president of United Methodist Men.

Bishop Tim Whitaker of the Florida Conference said, "I am grateful to the United Methodist Men for taking the lead to educate United Methodists about the exciting opportunity we have together to take this ministry to a new level. With proper funding, we can hire the staff we need to develop Wesley Group Home Ministries state-wide and extend the love of Christ to many developmentally disabled adults and their families."

We are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Get involved. For more information about United Methodist Men's Ministry in the Florida Conference, visit

www.ummflconf.org

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~ History ~

Wesley Group Home Ministries began as a ministry of Riverside United Methodist Church in what was the Miami District (now the South East District) of the Florida Conference. It was incorporated in May 1987 and a board of directors was formed. With funds from a HUD grant, construction began on the home in July 1997; it was dedicated on June 7, 1998.

Although funding from federal and state agencies help fund the Wesley Group Home Ministries, there is ongoing need to cover operational expenses. In addition, the Florida Conference's capital campaign, 'Together!' is seeking to raise \$500,000 in capital funds to hire and cover a five-year declining percentage of the cost of an executive director, and establish two new group homes in partnership with local churches.

For more information on the Together! campaign, visit

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For more information about how your UMM fellowship can be involved, visit

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Who are the residents of Wesley Group Home?

Wesley Group Home is a safe, loving and comfortable place for its residents. The Home gives its residents, as much as possible, an opportunity to experience a life of dignity as independent and self-sufficient adults.

The residents at Wesley Group Home work in a nearby sheltered workshop where they are assigned tasks based on their abilities.

They each receive a small salary and pay a percentage of their income in rent, which is subsidized by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Residents also perform routine household duties based on their skills and abilities. Although the facility is affiliated with The United Methodist Church, residents can be from any ethnic, religious or cultural background.

"Our goal at Wesley Group Home is to give our residents an opportunity to have a life of their own," said June Johns, president of Wesley Group Home Ministries.