



## Instructions

*Answer a child's prayer.*

*We hope your congregation will help us support thousands of children, teens, and families that are suffering from abuse, neglect, crisis, and trauma in Virginia. UMFS does not receive any funds through apportionments.*

*We ask that you provide your congregation with the opportunity to participate in the UMFS Offering by sharing the enclosed materials. Giving to UMFS is above and beyond gifts to the local church.*

## In Your UMFS Offering Package

**Bulletin Insert with Attached Envelope and/or Bulletin Shells:** Please provide these materials to your congregation. Your bulletin inserts and/or bulletin shells can be used at any time. To order more FREE materials please contact us at [development@umfs.org](mailto:development@umfs.org) or (804) 254-9450.

## Online Resources

**Informational Video and PowerPoint Announcement Slide:** A 2 ½ minute video about the mission of UMFS and ways to get involved is available online as well as a PowerPoint slide to add to your worship service or announcements. Go to: [www.umfs.org](http://www.umfs.org). Contact us at [development@umfs.org](mailto:development@umfs.org) to request a hard copy of the DVD if needed.

**Worship Resources:** Scripture, readings, and songs recommendations are available online. Included are items helpful to the service in which the UMFS Offering will be taken. You can access resources at: [www.umfs.org](http://www.umfs.org). You are welcome to use the text throughout the year.

## Giving

**Many churches choose to set aside a Sunday offering (usually in December) for UMFS, other churches choose to have UMFS be their "love" offering or "not your birthday" offering on Christmas Eve.**

- Parishioners wishing to make a contribution need to complete the requested information on the provided return envelope, place the check inside the envelope, stamp the envelope, and mail it to UMFS. A completed envelope allows us to thank those who faithfully support UMFS and enables us to send the donor a receipt for their tax-deductible contribution.
- Checks must be made payable to UMFS.
- Donating online at [www.umfs.org](http://www.umfs.org) is also an option.

