



**When you support the UMFS December Offering, your gift will provide:**

- Programs and ministries of a spiritual nature for the children and families we serve.
- Scholarships for children in our residential and treatment foster care programs.
- Education and life skills necessary for the children in our residential program to become productive citizens.
- Training for families interested in becoming foster and adoptive parents.
- Counseling for children and families unable to afford services.
- Ongoing counseling and support to adoptive families.
- Science, music, art and horticulture programming for children in our residential program.

UMFS is built on the faith of its founders. Since 1900, we have provided residential care, treatment and services for children and families in need. In 2006, UMFS reached more than 6,000 individuals. We provided direct services to 665 individuals and 271 families. Through these services more than 5,000 others were involved in family counseling and adoption. UMFS is located across the Commonwealth of Virginia with centers in Richmond, Virginia Beach, Centreville, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Farmville, Charlottesville and LaCrosse. We offer an array of services to address a variety of needs: adoption, treatment foster care, in-home services, mentoring, individual and family counseling, active senior living, education through our accredited Charterhouse School, and Residential Treatment Programs. The success of our ministry depends on the generous support of many individuals, churches and organizations across Virginia. **Please join us as a partner in faith with your gift.**

**For more information about making a gift to UMFS or about our programs and services, please contact:**

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*Serving families with our hearts and our expertise.*



### **The Christmas season will soon be upon us.**

Each year UMFS comes to you in December with a special appeal for the children and families we serve through our ministry. Our theme Forever Present focuses on God as a constant and everlasting presence in our lives. We all need to belong and have permanent connections. When my daughter left for college last year her physical presence in our home changed but her need for emotional support and our being there for her remained constant.

By the time many of the children and families come to UMFS not only have they experienced physical separation, but also due to many serious life struggles they have become emotionally isolated. We work with families and their children to heal these barriers to reestablish an everlasting relationship. When this is not possible this constant presence is found for children through loving foster and adoptive parents and compassionate staff.

UMFS is committed to the importance of lifelong connections through touching the lives of over 6,000 children and families. Without your support our ability to be a consistent support providing quality care year after year would be jeopardized.

Through the Christmas offering you have an opportunity to give a present that keeps on giving. Your gift will not only turn lives right side up, but also ensure that children will experience lifelong connections!

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Greg Peters, LCSW  
President & Chief Executive Officer

