



“Don’t let anybody tell you that you can’t be something and don’t let your past hold you down.”

MARK SMITH
YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

With the love and support of his UMFS family, Mark Smith has been working hard to change his life.

Mark had a rough childhood, which included the imprisonment of his father and the death of his mother. He moved through several foster homes and a residential facility before he became part of the UMFS Treatment Foster Care program in 2014. Like many foster children, he was behind in school and struggling with anger and depression.

UMFS matched Mark with a loving foster family, and provided the entire family with unwavering support. As a result, Mark was able to catch up in school, and even more impressive, graduate with honors. His success earned him a college scholarship, making Mark the first in his family to attend college.

There are 5,330 children like Mark in foster care in Virginia. Nationally, only 50% of foster youth complete high school by age 18, and less than 9% graduate from college.

Give other foster youth the same love and support that helped Mark to shatter these statistics. Your financial gift to UMFS supports foster children like Mark across the state of Virginia.

Be a champion. Support UMFS.



How UMFS Works Around the State

Your support of United Methodist Family Services helps children in foster care across the state of Virginia. At UMFS, our mission is to be unwavering champions for high-risk children and families. Local churches join in our mission by providing critical financial support, passionate volunteers, much needed prayers, and valuable donations to support the high-risk children and families we serve. We deeply appreciate this partnership.

“O Lord, you championed my cause, you redeemed my life.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:58

Because UMFS does not receive any apportionment funds, the generosity of our local church partners is invaluable. The money raised through this offering will support ministries in UMFS regional centers across the state:

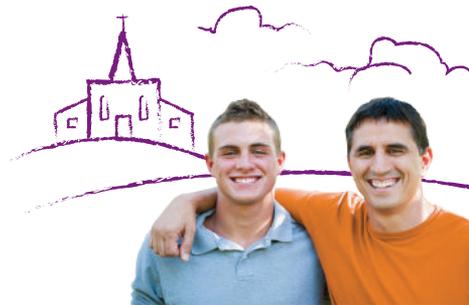
Treatment foster care and community based services which support foster families and adoptive families throughout Virginia.

UMFS Charterhouse Schools in Richmond and Edinburg which provide specialized therapeutic education for students with emotional, behavioral, or developmental challenges, or autism.

UMFS Child & Family Healing Center, a residential program providing round-the-clock support for children with acute needs.

Donate Generously Today

Your support helps create a better future for all of the children in these programs. Thank you for being champions for high-risk children and families in Virginia.



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