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KY United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth Relocating from Versailles to Nicholasville

Move Brings Hope to Kentucky Families

Versailles, KY (March 14, 2016) - Providing the best possible care for Kentucky children and youth is the focus of an agreement between The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth (KyUMH) and Frontier Nursing University (FNU), announced today. The Versailles Campus of KyUMH will move to Nicholasville fall 2017 and reside at 1115 Ashgrove Road, and FNU will move into the current KyUMH Versailles campus.

Reverend Randy Coy, President/CEO of KyUMH stated, “We couldn’t be happier about the contract between KyUMH and FNU. The property will stay intact and the entire community will benefit from their excellent educational services.”

The discussion to relocate began with the KyUMH Board of Trustees determining a need to replace aging facilities and downsizing from 216 acres to a more manageable 36 acres.

“The nature of how we help kids has changed dramatically and the campus simply doesn’t meet our current program needs,” said Coy.

The Jessamine County site, Coy explains, will open doors for expanded program services and solid educational opportunities.

“Besides the new location being serene, it will be well-suited for our equine therapy program and give us access to an excellent alternative public education system which is where our youth thrive.”

The Versailles Campus of KyUMH has been an active member of the community for more than 70 years and considered this fact during the decision-making process.

“Woodford County has been our home since the 1930’s, so in seeking a buyer, we kept the good of the community in mind. We believe FNU will be a great neighbor and local partner,” said Melinda Ryles-Smith, KyUMH Vice President of Advancement.

KyUMH impacted the lives of more than 750 children and youth in 2015. KyUMH also has a campus in Owensboro (Mary Kendall Campus), an independent living program in Lexington, as well as community programs throughout the state.

About The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth:

For 145 years, The Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth has served young people—originally as an orphanage and now offering care to children with histories of abuse, neglect and/or family trauma. Our programs are both residential and community-based. For more information, visit kyumh.org.

About Frontier Nursing University:

For more than 75 years, Frontier Nursing University, with its heart in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, has educated nursing and midwifery leaders who have touched the lives of children and families across the nation and around the globe. Our master’s and doctoral programs educate nurse-midwives and nurse practitioners in the primary care of women and families with an emphasis on rural and underserved populations. By utilizing distance-learning methods, FNU makes graduate-level education accessible to nurses in all areas, and ultimately fosters access to quality healthcare by graduating advanced-practice nurses and midwives to work in underserved communities. FNU offers the #1 Nurse-Midwifery program in the United States, as ranked by U.S. News & World Report. Learn more: www.Frontier.edu.