

connection AND restoration

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Celebrating a Life Transformed

One of the greatest blessings of this ministry is seeing how the love, guidance, and prayers poured into each child continue to bear fruit long after they leave our care. While our time with them may be for a season, the impact of a safe home, godly mentorship, and the truth of God's Word lasts a lifetime.

Recently, we received a heartfelt message from a former resident, Rose, who transitioned out of our program as a teenager and has been walking boldly into the next chapter of her life. Her words remind us why this ministry exists and how God is always working in the lives of His children.

"I've come to realize how much I've grown and how my story, with all its ups and downs, can be a source of hope and encouragement to others. It's been humbling and empowering to see how God has used my journey to make a difference in the lives of others."

Rose's journey wasn't always easy. Like many of the children who come through our doors, she carried burdens from her past—questions about her worth, fears about her future, and wounds that needed healing. But through the

unwavering support of our staff, the prayers of people like you, and the transformative power of God's love, she found strength, purpose, and hope.

Now, Rose is using her experiences to encourage others, proving that what the enemy meant for harm, God has turned for good (Genesis 50:20). Her testimony is a reminder that every act of kindness, every moment of encouragement, and every seed of faith planted in a child's heart can grow into something powerful.

She went on to say:

"I cannot thank you enough for pouring into me with such love, patience, and wisdom. You've helped shape me into the person I'm becoming, and for that, I'm forever grateful."

This is the impact of your generosity. Your support doesn't just provide food, shelter, or education—it helps shape lives. It gives children a foundation of faith, confidence in their worth, and the tools to navigate life with God's guidance. Because of you, children like Rose don't just survive their circumstances; they rise above them, equipped to make a difference in the world.

Sharing the Love of Jesus both Near and Far



Jason and Sarah were honored to speak about our work at My Father's Arrows at the 2025 missions conference at Christ Methodist Church in Milton, FL tonight. It's so encouraging to hear missionaries within the United States testify to God's goodness and provision.

If you would like Jason and Sarah to speak at your church, organization, or foundation, feel free to contact us at info@myfathersarrows.org. We love to come speak in person, via video, or through zoom. We never tire of sharing the stories of the children and God's faithfulness in meeting them right where they are. Let us know if we can come and share with you!

Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

Opry in the Barn
Saturday, May 3rd

Gospel Music | Silent Auction | FREE Dinner

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Gates Open @ 5:30 p.m. | Dinner 6:00 p.m.



Our new therapy dog, Chief, is officially learning the ropes! Chief is training to provide comfort, interrupt negative behaviors, and offer unconditional support to the children who need him most.

A Joyful Celebration: Several Children Choose Baptism!

We have exciting news to share from our children's home—several of our children have recently made the life-changing decision to be baptized! This incredible moment is a testament to the work God is doing in their hearts and the love and support they receive from this home, our staff, and generous friends like you.

Over the past several months, we have seen God moving in powerful ways. Through daily devotions, church services, revival services at a local church, and the loving guidance of our staff, these children have come to understand the depth of God's love for them.

As they publicly declared their faith through baptism, there was overwhelming joy among their peers and caregivers. The children expressed their excitement about their new journey in Christ, knowing that they are fully embraced as sons and daughters of the King.

Moments like these remind us why this ministry exists—not just to provide a safe place for children in need, but to lead them into the hope and healing found in Christ.

We are reminded of Romans 6:4, which says,

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

These children are stepping into a new life with Jesus, and we praise God for His faithfulness!

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your prayers and support make these moments possible! Please continue to lift up our children as they grow in their faith.



The Blessings of Rain: Trusting God in Every Season

March is a season of rain—sometimes gentle showers, other times powerful storms. Here at My Father's Arrows, we often see how the changing weather reflects the journey of the children in our care. Some arrive during seasons of rocky transition, while others come from the storms of loss, hardship, and uncertainty. But through it all, we know that just as rain nourishes the earth, God's provision and faithfulness sustain us in every season.

The Bible reminds us in Isaiah 55:10-11:

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Just as rain has a purpose—to refresh, replenish, and bring growth—so does every trial we face. The children who come to our home may have endured difficult pasts, but we have the joy of witnessing God's work in their lives. They are being restored, healed, and nurtured, just like the earth after a long winter.

Recently, we had a young boy named Jacob

who struggled with trust when he first arrived. His past experiences had taught him that people leave, that love is conditional, and that hope is fleeting. But as time passed, through the patient love of our staff and the steady encouragement of God's Word, we saw a transformation. Jacob began to open his heart, to believe that he was truly loved, and to trust that God had a plan for his life. Today, he is thriving—doing well in school, laughing freely, and even leading prayers during devotions. What a testimony to the faithfulness of God!

The rains of life may sometimes feel overwhelming, but we hold fast to the promise found in **Deuteronomy 11:14 (KJV)**:

"That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil."

God's blessings come in their appointed time. Even when we do not yet see the harvest, we trust that He is at work, nourishing the seeds of faith, hope, and love in the hearts of these children.

Blessings,

Sarah Ellis

Sarah Ellis
Executive Director
My Father's Arrows



Special Thanks for Birthday Celebrations

We are very thankful for the volunteers and special guests that take time to cook for us and bring special activities.

Thank you Mr. Ed and Mr. Chris from the VFW 4833 John O'Connor for providing pizza, drinks, birthday cake and ice cream.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS



You can help with the most pressing needs at MFA. Shop using this helpful list of daily needs. Then drop off or ship the items to our location.

- Baby Shampoo
- Dawn Dish Soap
- Brillo Pads
- Socks
- Children's Tylenol
- Children's Motrin
- White Flat Sheets (Tw)
- Standard Bed Pillows
- White Pillow Cases
- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags



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WAYS TO GIVE

Did you know that you can make MFA a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, or 401K policy? In addition, you can assist with:

- Financial Donations
- Everyday Needs
- Vehicle Program
- Wills, Estates, & Planned Gifts



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STAFF NEEDS

A good team of staff members is critical to continuing the ministry at MFA and giving children the stability and security they need to thrive. **We currently have openings for school volunteers.**

Please contact us via email at info@myfathersarrows.org or call us at (850) 675-4403 for our most recent openings.

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Let's Celebrate!

Join us in praying over this child on her birthday, that God would be real to her and that she would find peace, hope, and their future in Him.



Marigold | 18
April 6th

Joy | 8
April 11th

Mark | 18
April 16th

BLESS A CHILD ON THEIR BIRTHDAY

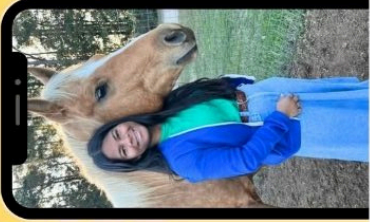
Join our Birthday team and sponsor a child's birthday with a \$25 donation. This donation makes it possible for us to take a child on an individual shopping trip and invest not only in a special gift, but also in them as an individual.

GIVE ONLINE!
Just point your phone's camera here:



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STAY IN THE LOOP



Be among the first to receive updates about the children, prayer requests, photos, special events and more.

SCAN HERE
to sign up
for our emails:



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ESTATE PLANNING

Did you know that you can make MFA a beneficiary of your life insurance, IRA, or 401K policy? Our legacy has your name on it! Provide a child a secure, stable avenue out of their desperate situation through your legacy gift to My Father's Arrows.

To help in this way, please contact our Executive Director, Sarah Ellis, at sarah@myfathersarrows.org or (850) 675-4403. Thank you for blessing our children with your legacy gift.

IN ORDER TO TRUST THE LORD AS YOUR SHEPHERD, YOU MUST KNOW HIM AS YOUR SAVIOR.

Do you know Him?

I CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

ROMANS 10:9-10

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

