

connection AND restoration

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From Paintbrushes to Purpose

At My Father's Arrows, one of the things that truly sets us apart is our commitment to teaching life skills—and it's your support that makes it all possible. While many residential homes focus solely on providing basic care, your generosity allows us to go further by preparing our children for life beyond our doors.

Because of you, they're learning practical skills through hands-on projects like painting, organizing, and helping with daily responsibilities.

These experiences build confidence, independence, and a strong work ethic. And of course, we balance the hard work with fun—Kona Ice on a hot day is always a hit!

Your donations aren't just funding a program—they're creating meaningful moments and lasting lessons. Thank you for investing in brighter futures and tasty treats!





From Field to Freezer: Lessons in Work and Provision

Thanks to our generous donors, we weren't just given corn—we took the Boy Arrows out to pick fresh corn themselves! They also learned valuable life skills by cleaning the corn and stocking the freezer.

These hands-on activities teach responsibility, teamwork, and the joy of hard work.

At My Father's Arrows, we want our kids to see how

God provides, but also that His blessings require effort—it's not just about receiving a handout. By working together, the boys learn the value of diligence and trusting God through the process.

We're grateful for a community that supports and uplifts our Arrows. Your kindness makes these experiences possible and helps shape brighter futures. Thank you!



A SLICE OF PEACE: SPA DAY AND SELF-CARE AT MFA

At My Father's Arrows, we believe in caring for the whole person—body, mind, and soul. Recently, the girls enjoyed a peaceful afternoon of rest and spa time, taking a break from their busy routines to focus on self-care. With soothing music, face masks, and quiet moments, they learned the value of tending to their physical well-being as part of a healthy, balanced life.

These special times are more than just fun—they're part of teaching our children how to live whole and healed lives. Thank you for making moments like this possible through your faithful support.



GIVING BACK TO A GIVING CHURCH

The higher level girl arrows had such a fun time giving back at Pine Level Baptist church. The girls pitched in to help with vacation Bible school by prepping dinner, serving the kids, and helping to clean up.

It's such a blessing to give back to one of our faithful supporting churches.

From Bike Repairs to Flight Museums: Education That Sticks

At My Father's Arrows, we are blessed to have our own private school onsite, providing structure and support tailored to each child's needs. But here, education goes far beyond textbooks and tests. While our school building has been undergoing renovation, we've continued academic instruction in the dining hall—but more importantly, we've embraced unique opportunities for hands-on learning outside the classroom.

This season has been full of practical experiences. A guest volunteer came to tune up our bicycles and took time to teach our Arrows how to do basic maintenance themselves. In the kitchen, the kids explored new recipes, learning cooking skills and confidence. They got their hands messy with painting—both for art and practical projects around campus.

We've enjoyed old-fashioned picnic lunches under the Florida sky and took a fun and educational field trip to the flight museum, where imaginations soared and history came alive.

These moments of active learning build confidence, life skills, and connection. Thank you to our incredible supporters—your generosity makes all of this possible. You're not just investing in education; you're helping us raise well-rounded children who are growing in knowledge, skill, and heart every single day.

*Whatever thy hand
findeth to do, do it
with thy might...*

Ecclesiastes 9:10 (KJV)



Building What You Can't See (Yet)

We're in a season of preparing for growth—the kind that doesn't always look exciting on the surface, but is absolutely essential. Right now, our team is installing new septic systems, clearing land, and running plumbing lines to the horse barn and bunkhouse. **These behind-the-scenes projects may not seem glamorous, but they are critical steps toward expanding the care and support we offer to children and families in crisis.**

This season is about more than pipes and permits—it's about faithfulness in the groundwork. **It's about trusting that the investment we make now will allow us to open more doors in the future.** We're not just building systems; we're building capacity. We're preparing a safe, stable, Christ-centered place where healing can take root and futures can be restored.

Every trench dug and every pipe laid represents hope—hope for a child who needs a warm bed, a loving adult, and a safe place to heal. Growth doesn't happen overnight. It begins quietly, with steady hands and committed hearts doing the slow, often invisible work of preparation. That's what you're helping make possible.

It's also a reflection of the spiritual work we're called to. Just like we can't house more children until the infrastructure is ready, we also can't step into new spiritual responsibilities until our hearts are prepared. Growth requires digging, rerouting, cleaning out, and even demolition—both in buildings and in our lives. When we allow God to dig deep into the foundations of our hearts, He can build something lasting. We have to be willing to dig deep.

As Luke 6:48 (KJV) reminds us:

“He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.”

Thank you for standing with us and digging deep—physically and spiritually—for the children and families we serve. The foundation you help us build today will carry hope into tomorrow.

Sarah Ellis

*Executive Director
My Father's Arrows*



Clippers & Kindness: We Appreciate You!

Thank you to Fay, Tiffany, and Rilo for using your time and talent to bless our children with fresh haircuts.

You didn't just shape styles—you boosted confidence, sparked smiles, and reminded each child they are seen and valued. We are so grateful for your generous hearts and steady hands.



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.

- Bleach
- White Vinegar
- Tylenol
- Cooking Oil
- Motrin
- Hair Brushes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toilet Paper
- Detangle Spray
- Paper Towels
- AA & AAA Batteries

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For more
information:



myfathersarrows.org/everyday_needs/

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

GIVE ONLINE!

Just point
your phone's
camera here:



<https://myfathersarrows.org/get-involved/>

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 kitchen 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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THE arrow BULLETIN



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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.



Woohyeon

13
August 10th



Wendie

12
August 23rd

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:



myfathersarrows.org/donate/



GIFTS IN MEMORY OF A SPECIAL FATHER

James Hendricks
(by Nancy Padgett)

Larry McLeod (Mac) Jones
(by David and Kathy Smith)

VEHICLE PROGRAM

Donating your car, truck, boat, ATV or other vehicle is

a great way to meet the extensive transportation needs that we

have at My Father's Arrows. The

vehicle is used on the farm, donated to an aged out youth, or sold to help support our ministry. We even offer to take care of all the small repairs and will pickup the vehicle for free!

Please call (850)675-4403 to discuss the options to get involved.

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."

