



Methodist Children's Home Makes Positive Impact with Clean Financial Audit

October 17, 2014, Ruston, LA – In 1904, at the invitation of Ruston's citizens, the former Louisiana Methodist Orphanage moved from a white frame house in Bunkie, Louisiana, to its permanent home in Ruston. With that move, Ruston became the corporate home for a growing ministry which now provides an array of services to children, families, and communities across Louisiana.

According to Rick Wheat, President and CEO, "From the beginning, the citizens of Ruston and Lincoln Parish have helped us care for our children. With their support, the employees of Louisiana Methodist Children's Home do incredible work to heal children and families. At the same time, for more than a century, the continuous operation of the Home in Ruston has had a very positive economic impact in our community."

Wheat continues, "Today, we employ more than 500 remarkable individuals who pursue our mission with passion. In addition to performing a significant role in our local community, Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services makes positive contributions to the social and economic health of communities throughout Louisiana."

Every year, Louisiana Methodist Children's Home undergoes a financial audit which objectively evaluates our organization's fiscal stability and financial responsibility. The current audit report, just released by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for fiscal year 2013, was conducted by Robinson, Gardner, Langston and Bryan, CPAs, of Monroe.

Robinson, Gardner, Langston and Bryan, CPAs, issued the following statement, which we are pleased to share: "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services, Inc. as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

This indicates a clean audit in which financial statements are presented in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The complete audit report is available from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website at: <http://www.la.state.la.us/>

Learn more about mission and ministry of Louisiana Methodist Children's Home at: <http://www.LMCH.org>

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