



Murphy-Harpst

June 1, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sarah Murphy and Ethel Harpst dedicated their lives to meeting the needs of hurting youth. Both were confronted by the children left homeless by pandemics and the economic plight of their communities. "We'll make room!" was Sarah's constant encouragement nearly 100 years ago.

Sarah's words, and her and Ethel's indomitable spirits, have been reflected on our campus and across the North GA Conference this year. In the face of severe challenges, the tireless devotion of our staff along with the prayers and gifts from individuals and churches made room for children suffering from abandonment and despair. We all experienced separation during the pandemic, but the young people who arrive at Murphy-Harpst have felt the harsh realities of isolation and loss throughout their lives. Many of them come to us without a sense of family or belonging. Your acts of love have enabled us to provide both the life-changing space and the essential services for them to recover, find a home, and experience the love of Christ. MH could not do this vital work without your friendship and without the North GA Conference connecting with us during the year to care for the vulnerable youth we serve. Thank you!

So as we make room and embrace children in the coming year, please **remember the Special Offering for Murphy-Harpst taking place on July 18th**. Each year this offering marks the beginning of our fiscal and academic year. Together with churches all across the Conference, we unite for worship in a concert of prayer and support for our children and for the thousands of others still languishing in the foster care system. If you and your congregation have not participated in the MH Special Offering, would you consider joining us this year?

The MH team is ready to assist you and your congregation as you plan for this offering. We designed a digital suite of resources (video clips, testimonials and images) that can easily be included in your worship experience or shared on your church's website and social media. <http://www.murphyharpst.org/churchpartners>

Please contact us for an in-person mission moment, a Sunday message, or to explore ways of church engagement in your local community.

Thank you so much for making the care of the children at Murphy-Harpst a generous part of your mission. Your love continues to make room and extend hope to these kids.

With gratitude,

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