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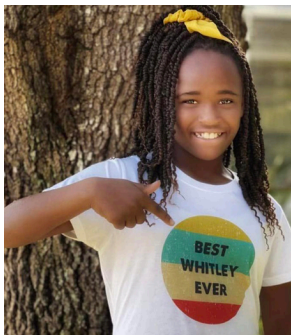
TREATMENT AT DANIEL WAS THE TURNING POINT IN A TRAUMATIC JOURNEY

Before her 10th birthday, Whitley had been abused, abandoned, and shuffled through 20 different foster homes and 10 schools. She was adopted once, but the couple dropped Whitley off at school one day and never returned to pick her up.

"They just decided they wanted a baby," said Emily Smith who met Whitley in 2019 as a troubled young girl with severe trust issues.

Whitley's traumatic journey brought her to the residential treatment program at Daniel's Belfort Road campus, a unique setting where an interdisciplinary team works intensively with kids who struggle with severe mental and emotional issues. It's one of the few places in Florida where children who've faced severe trauma can receive focused, 24-hour care in a residential setting.

Emily and Scott Smith began mentoring Whitley while she was at Daniel in 2019. They fell in love with her and began working to adopt her, a process they completed in 2020. Today, they say Daniel's treatment program saved her life.



"When she came to Daniel, she was so mad and so afraid," Emily said. "She had been so many places and she had no one. She's a completely different kid now. Her smile is radiant. It lights up any room she's in."

Emily credits the "incredible" staff at Daniel. "They really care," she said. "They helped Whitley understand the emotions she had, and how to deal with them. They gave her structure, and that's something she thrives on."

Daniel's residential treatment program provides comprehensive treatment services for children ages 5-17 who are exhibiting severe symptoms of mental and emotional distress. The agency's intensive, comprehensive care includes individual, group, and family counseling, as well as psychiatric treatment.

Professional counselors in the program from diverse educational and cultural backgrounds rely on evidenced-based, trauma-informed therapeutic practices to help kids heal the scars of physical, emotional and sexual abuse as well as abandonment and other damaging experiences.

The time Whitley spent at Daniel represented the most significant turning point in her young life, Emily said. Daniel's staff helped her evolve into the bright young person she is today – a strong student and an accomplished competitive surfer whose smile even brightens the beach, according to Emily. "The people at Daniel are just phenomenal," she said.

Daniel continues to raise money to renovate the original buildings on its campus, focusing first on the cottages where children like Whitley reside in order to create optimal healing environments. If you'd like to contribute toward renovating the cottages in the residential treatment program, please contact Madison Shelly at 904-296-1055, ext. 1031.



SAVE THE DATE

Daniel's 22nd Annual Hank Haynes Golf Classic

October 24, 2022
San Jose Country Club

Sponsorship Opportunities Now Available

Contact David Cognetta at dcognetta@danielkids.org or 904.296.1055 ext. 1033 or visit danielkids.org/events for more information.

CAMPUS RENOVATION PROGRESS

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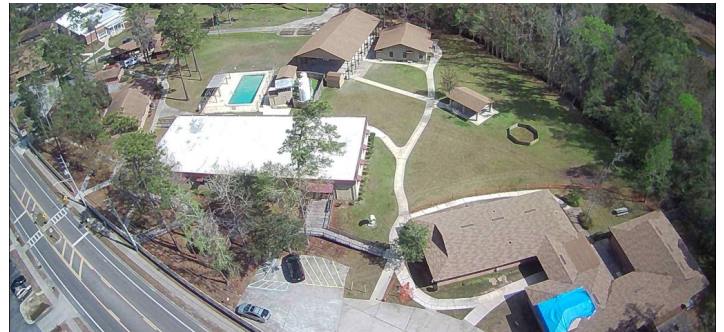
Back in 2018, the Daniel team began dedicating our efforts to updating our Belfort Road campus, which was built in the 1960s. Our first priority has been renovating the residential treatment program cottages where we serve youth with severe mental and emotional issues.

Not only has normal wear and tear affected these cottages, but today's newer therapies often require different spaces.

Thanks to generous private donors and community support, we've already renovated one of the cottages known as Haynes Cottage in memory of Hank Haynes, a long-time Daniel Board Trustee.

In 2021, we finished fundraising for the Creekside-Cedarwood Cottage, which is currently under construction.

We're now in the process of raising funds to renovate Midview Cottage. We thank those who have been a part of these exciting changes, and hope you'll continue to support us in providing Daniel's kids in crisis with newer, brighter environments where they can heal.



An aerial photo of Daniel's Belfort Road campus showing some of the cottages in the agency's residential treatment program.



Construction and renovations are underway at Creekside-Cedarwood Cottage, while funds are still being raised to restore Midview Cottage.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

This school year just ended, but we're already preparing to help kids in 2022-23! Supplies can be dropped off at our corporate office, located at 4203 Southpoint Boulevard.

We're accepting donations Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., now through July 31.

For more info visit danielkids.org/seasonal-drives



THANK YOU FROM DANIEL'S BOARD CHAIR



"It's my honor to serve as Chair of the Board for Daniel. This is an organization that I've been passionate about and supported for more than 20 years. Thank you for joining me in helping some of the most vulnerable children in our community get the support and care they so desperately need." - Betsy Cox



ABOUT OUR ACCREDITATION

Daniel recently completed its Council on Accreditation review. The on-site peer reviewers were extremely complimentary and impressed with Daniel programs, staff, and board of trustees, as well as the appearance of the cottages on the Belfort Road campus. Thank you to everyone involved in this process.

1884 GIVING SOCIETY CELEBRATION

Daniel, Florida's oldest child service agency, recently hosted its annual 1884 Giving Society event at its Belfort Road campus in Southpoint. The outdoor event celebrated the generosity of the nonprofit's loyal donors and enabled them to see how their gifts are making a positive impact with opportunities to tour one of their newly renovated residential treatment cottages and to get a peek at the cottage currently under construction.



(L to R) Madison Shelly, Barbara Harrell, William Harrell, Lesley Wells



Lesley Wells, Daniel President/CEO



Trustee Erin Colledge with husband William and sons Shepherd and Rawlings



Trustee Phil Buhler and wife Gloria



Trustee Shep Colledge with wife Eleanor and grandson Shepherd



Casey and Judy Jones



Belvelyn Williams and her friend Cindy



Rick Powell, Barefoot Marine Construction, with wife Kelly Kenne-Powell, Abentras



(L to R) Angi Palmieri, Stacey Starsiak, Janet Coulther, Mindy Sigle, ShiAnne O'Connor, Annie Cuneo, and Stuart Ferber of the Ferber Company



Attendees taking a tour of Haynes Cottage

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