

1 **UNITED METHODIST YOUTH HOME – EVANSVILLE**

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3 The United Methodist Youth Home was founded in 1979, to provide a safe haven for
4 young women ages 10-21 who had been made wards of the court due to abuse, neglect
5 or behavior problems. Our mission is helping at-risk youth become responsible and
6 productive members of the community. In the past 30 years, more than 1,000 young
7 women have changed their lives thanks to the programs and services offered by the
8 United Methodist Youth Home.

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10 UMYH accepts referrals from throughout the state of Indiana. All of our programs are
11 available to young people and their families regardless of race, color, national origin or
12 religious affiliation. Our programs also accept pregnant and parenting teens with
13 programs designed to teach basic parenting and child development skills.

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15 Funding for our residents' care is based on a per diem rate paid by the Department of
16 Child Services and by the generous support from the United Methodist Church
17 community, individual donors, corporations and grants.

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19 Our residential programs offer troubled female youth a safe and nurturing environment
20 where they can receive the care they need to rebuild their damaged lives. Our smaller
21 home-like setting allows the residents (many for the first time) to experience a "family-
22 like" environment. The UMYH treatment program includes 24-hour supervision, health
23 care, education, behavior modification, counseling, religious education and recreational
24 activities. In January 2009, UMYH added a full time staff position to coordinate our
25 LifeMAP (Life Skills and Mentoring Adolescents) program, which teaches basic life skills
26 to our residents and provides an after-care mentoring program for them as they
27 transition into independent living. In 2008, the United Methodist Youth Home provided
28 programs and services to 100 young women and 4 infants in our residential programs

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30 The United Methodist Home treatment team is led by Clinical Psychologist Barbara C.
31 Jessen, Psy.D., H.S.P.P., Executive Director and Clinical Director. Our treatment staff
32 includes two case managers, a licensed social worker, a services coordinator, the
33 supervising youth care worker and our independent living skills instructor, as well as a
34 staff of full and part-time youth care workers. In addition we have an administrative staff
35 which includes our accounting/hr coordinator, development director, office manager and
36 facilities manager.

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38 The United Methodist Youth Home is grateful for the continued support we receive from
39 the Health and Welfare Committee of the South Indiana Conference, the Golden Cross
40 Offering, the Bishop's Christmas Offering and the United Methodist Church community.
41 Your support has enabled us to help young women that might be overlooked or even
42 forgotten without our services.

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12 *Case Manager*

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13 *Case Manager*

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14 *Social Worker*

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