

Charlene White



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Founder of Serenity House Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Children ill with AIDS lost a friend when Charlene White died from complications from a heart condition. White, 55, died at her Casselberry home. Fourteen years earlier, she and her husband, Jim White, became Central Florida's first foster parents for children with AIDS and the virus that causes it, HIV. Through the years, the Whites took care of about 130 children, 10 to 15 of them HIV-positive. They adopted six children, most of them born to HIV-positive mothers. The couple also established Serenity House Pediatric AIDS Foundation and the Cub House, a day-care program for kids affected by AIDS.