



Family Promise<sup>®</sup>  
of Greater Houston County

Building communities, strengthening lives.



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This newsletter is created monthly by FPGHC volunteers. Please share it with your friends.



## Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser

school begins in August.

To participate in this event: We will be accepting gift cards to use at Wal-Mart and JC Penney during the month of July. We will adopt 7 families. Each child will receive 2 outfits and 1 pair of shoes.

We kindly ask you to call the office to schedule a time to drop off your gift card donations. We appreciate your support of our families!

We will be hosting our 2nd Annual 'Christmas in July' next month. We use this time to encourage our families by providing clothes for their school aged children before



A Volunteer Training Class will be held:

Monday, June 26th, 6 PM  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
129 S Houston Road  
Room 104



To register, or for more information call the office @ 328-8181



### Random Acts of Kindness

*There are so many different ways we can encourage and support our current guests and graduate families. Sometimes we just need to think outside of the box.*

*Recently one of our guest families received a donated lawn mower. Another donor provided gas and oil for the mower and a local business gave the mower a complimentary tune-up. Not only can our newly graduated family use it to keep their own lawn looking good, one of the older boys now has a summer job mowing lawns in the neighborhood.*



### DRUM ROLL PLEASE!

**The total collected during  
the May Belk Charity Sale  
is  
\$2,458.75**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### SAVE THE DATE!

**OUR ANNUAL  
CAR CITY EVENT  
WILL BE HELD  
SEPTEMBER 29TH.**



**EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS FOR ONE NIGHT**



Are you an avid coupon user? Would you be interested in teaching others how to save money using coupons? We are looking for an individual to donate their time to lead a coupon class this summer for our guests. If you are interested in serving our families in this way please call our office at 328-8181.

## Family Promise: CLUB 247

**What is Club 247?** An avenue of financial support for FPGHC

**Why is it needed?** 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Family Promise provides overnight accommodations, meals, clothing, and services for parents and children who are currently without a permanent home. Our mission is to help these families regain their independence while offering services and programs that will help them meet their needs.

**How can I be a part of Club 247?** By donating \$2.47 (or more) per week to Family Promise of Greater Houston County. You can give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly; whatever is the easiest way for you to give a total of \$128.44 for one year. Individuals, Clubs, Sunday School classes, Bible Study Groups, and others can support FPGHC in this way; making a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families in our community.



**What will \$2.47 a week provide?** Some examples: 1+ gallon of gasoline for our van to transport our guests each day, 5 hours of Utilities at the Day Center, 3 hours of insurance (vehicle & liability), 10 minutes of job search guidance and support for our guests, 14 size 4 diapers, 4 rolls of toilet paper, 1 bottle of shampoo, 2 toothbrushes, or 1 toothpaste.

**How do you spend \$2.47 each day?** \$2.47 could buy a morning 'coffee shop' drink, a breakfast biscuit, a couple of donuts, or an energy drink. It's not that much is it? Would you be willing to consider giving this amount *weekly* to help our guest families?

**How to get started:** Simply send your donation to the PO Box address listed on the last page of the newsletter and write "Club 247" in the memo line. It's that easy!

**Thank you for building our community and strengthening families in Houston County.**



The Middle Georgia Community Action Agency Staff took on the challenge and became a blessing to our Family Promise Guests!

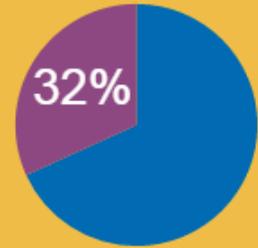
Pictured here with Nicole Rosser are Alma Clay, Purchasing Clerk, and Robin Sergent, Executive Director, as they presented Nicole with 700+ cleaning and household items. Their staff divided into four teams and had a competition to see who could bring in the most items.

The MGCA selects local non-profits to assist and responded to our Needs List. A huge thank you to all the MGCA staff for their generosity!

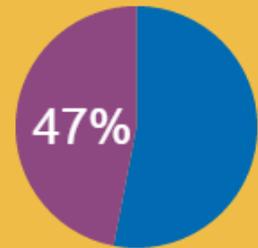
# The Reality for Working Parents

The average annual cost of childcare in the United States is \$9,589 for one child.

Two parents working full-time at federal minimum wage make \$30,160. Childcare for one child is 32% of their income.



The poverty level for a family of 3 is \$20,420. Childcare for one child accounts for 47% of that income.



\$9,589

Childcare in 33 states costs more than the national average of in-state college tuition.



\$9,410

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*Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

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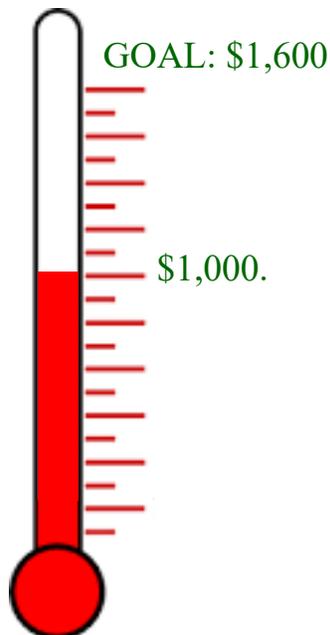
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**Rollaway Bed Goal**



Be sure to mark your  
donation for this need.

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