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of Greater Houston County

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This newsletter is  
created monthly by  
FPGHC volunteers.  
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your friends.



**Family Promise of Greater Houston County**

Graciously welcomes you  
to our  
"From a Pastors Perspective"  
Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



**RSVP by 17 April at: [rsvpfamilypromise@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpfamilypromise@gmail.com)**

Saturday, 29 April 2017  
11:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Shirley Hills Baptist Church  
615 Corder Road  
Warner Robins, GA

**Attention Family Promise Volunteers!**

April 23rd—29th is National Volunteer Appreciation Week and you are invited to our annual Volunteer Appreciation Event. This year it will be a brunch with thoughts "From a Pastor's Perspective". It will held at the place, date, and time listed above. However, we **MUST** have your attendance confirmation so that our hosts can plan accordingly. If you have not already sent in your reservation, please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!** As you can read, this notice is already past our original RSVP date. Send your reservation to the email address listed above or call the Day Center, at 328-8181, and leave a message. We hope you will be able to join us! If you work with a group of volunteers for FPGHC please be sure to share this information with them in the event they do not receive it. We appreciate each of you so very much and we look forward to seeing you at the brunch, April 29th at 11 AM!!



### Happy Shopping!

Saturday, April 29th, is also the day of the Spring Belk Charity Sale. You can go shopping early that morning and then meet us at the Appreciation Brunch, OR you can shop before the 29th and Belk will hold your purchases for you to pick up later.

We need a few volunteers to help us sell tickets at Belk. You can also still obtain tickets from Vivian to sell at your convenience. Contact Vivian at 478-333-3357 or [vivianstilley@cox.net](mailto:vivianstilley@cox.net) and let her know how you can help her with this event. **THANK YOU!**



Mrs. Georgia, Melanie Caceres



Mrs. Georgia with Pauline Abbott and Nicole Rosser

Mrs. Georgia, Melanie Caceres, is an advocate for homeless families and has worked with several Family Promise affiliates throughout Georgia. We are excited to share that she extended her efforts and advocacy to Houston County. Melanie blessed us with Easter baskets for our children this year.

## SAVE THE DATE!

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





# Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser

As mentioned on the first page of our newsletter, this month we celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week. With this in mind, I would like to take this time to highlight our hardworking families along with a special thanks to our awesome volunteers.

Graduating from Family Promise is just the beginning of the journey to financial stability, strengthening the family, and making dreams come true. I have the pleasure of meeting some of the most hard working, dedicated, and talented parents.



*To our Volunteers:* Thank you for showing up for other people. You contribute so much more than you know. It may be the conversation, listening, establishment of a relationship, or just your presence that gives a family strength to press forward. As you look at the pictures of these amazing hardworking families, know they will forever carry a piece of you with them. "Because of YOU...THEY THRIVE".

*To our Families:* You are doing great work in our community! Continue to Press Forward.

*To our Family Promise teens:* Thank you for your willingness to help your parents.

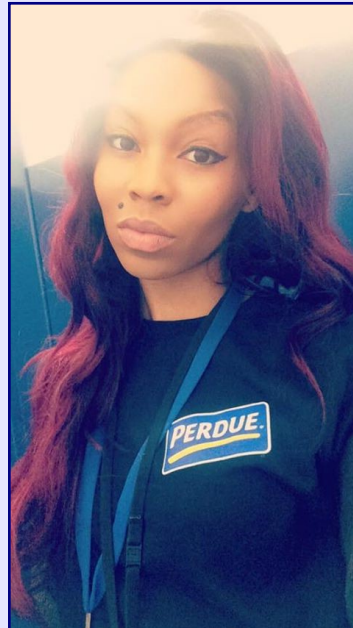
I would be remiss if I did not thank the *local businesses* that hire our families. *We appreciate your support!*



Maurice Smith  
E2 Combat  
Medic, US Army



Teenager mowing lawns to help with graduation costs.



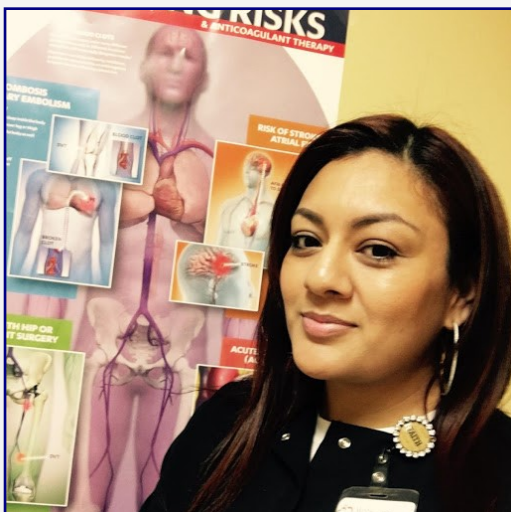
See more photos of our hardworking families on page 4



## Hardworking Family Members of FPGHC



Mike, a single dad working to repair and clean pools.



Toni at work. She is a graduate and a FP volunteer.



Teen who has been in the program for just 2 weeks got her first job at Wendy's.





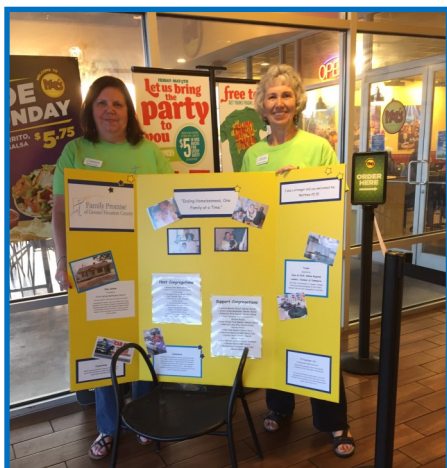
FPGHC volunteers and Nicole with Bonnie holding the keys to her new car.

## Congratulations, Bonnie!!

If you remember the article "Paying it Forward" in our January newsletter, we talked about the wonderful gentleman that donated a car to Family Promise. Well, in March we were able to bless one



of our graduates, Bonnie Smith, with the car. This donation has been a blessing to Bonnie and eliminated many of the challenges she and her children faced without transportation. Bonnie is able to work more hours and get her children to extra curricular activities. We wish you the best Bonnie and are so glad to be a part of your success!



## Spirit Day at Moe's a Success!

Three cheers to Shon Barnwell for organizing this event. We had a great night at Moe's, April 13th, with a bucket full of receipts and lots more people have now heard about FPGHC. Thank you for your support!

Carolyn Schomer and Sharon Aman greeted guests as they arrived and shared information about FPGHC.



Some of our current needs:

Walmart Gift Cards

Bottled Water

Baby Clothes: Girl 9-12 months

Diapers: size 4

Baby wipes

Women's underwear size 8 and 10



Today is the first day  
of the rest of your life!

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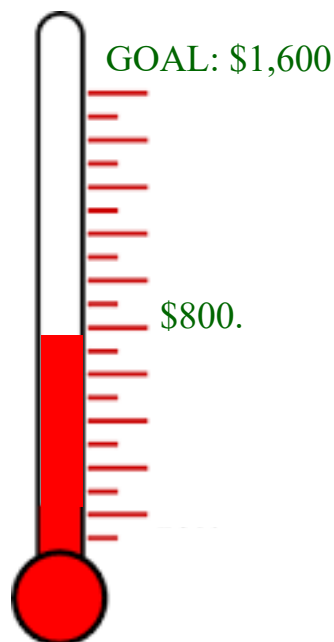
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**Rollaway Bed Goal**



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