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Thank you, Donors

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

Experience Property Nicole Rosser



Family Promise of Greater Houston County is so much more than a shelter. As we celebrate moving into our new Day Center, I can't help but acknowledge our 5 year anniversary. The month of May marks five years that we have been providing services to children and their families. It is a privilege to work with so many wonderful people; both volunteers and our guests. Through team efforts we help our families reach their fullest potential and long term results. We provide the program essentials, but our families do the work!

5 Year Highlights

Served 118 children to date

Served 57 families to date

Accommodated various family dynamics: married couples, veterans with children, grandparents raising grandchildren, Single fathers, and single mothers

6 High school seniors have graduated while in the program

2 guests under the age of 20 earned their GED

14 vehicles donated to families that have graduated the program

We have an 85% success rate with our families sustaining employment and housing within one year of graduation

12 former guests are now trained volunteers

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!



RazBytes Dave Razo Board President

Ribbon Cutting and Open House You're Invited!

WOW! Can you believe it? Just a few short years ago we were a fledgling wannabe organization. We were just beginning our journey into helping homeless families in Houston County. Now, here we are celebrating our five year anniversary with our second ribbon cutting and open house in the building we received through the generosity of HODAC. We have been busy these past few months as several aspects of remodeling and renovation have occurred.

The biggest change has been the complete renovation of the bathrooms making them ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant and adding two new showers so that our guests always have a place with necessary accommodations. This major reconstruction project also included the addition of a new laundry room with two washers and dryers so that our guests can easily take care of their laundry needs while in the program. These have been major changes to the building and we are grateful for the work completed by the Upshaw Construction Company.

We've also had a lot of help from "self-help" projects. A huge transformation has occurred through-out the entire campus. This has been totally amazing as the community has come together to complete painting, carpeting, refurbishing walls, and repairing electrical connections—completely re-organizing the rooms in the building, making them suitable for the needs of our guests. The outside needed some work too, and we have been doing some basic land-scaping and tree trimming. We have a small team of dedicated individuals who took on the challenge of renovating the rooms. Many people have helped but we would like to especially acknowledge Judy and Larry Cornwell, Dean Pace, Mike Jackson, and Deb Matthews. This team of workers have been extraordinary volunteers over the past two months. We want to thank them and everyone who has contributed to the remodeling and clean up process. We appreciate each of your efforts and your accomplishments.

There is still more to do, and we hope to put on a "pretty face" for the ribbon cutting and open house. We invite you to come and visit on 1 May from 4-6 pm at our new Family Promise Day Center located at 2762 Watson Blvd as we celebrate what has been accomplished—knowing there is still more to do. Please join us as we celebrate the road traveled and the road ahead as we open our doors to you and to the community in the work we will be doing there.

Family Promise of Greater Houston County

Ending Homelessness One Family At a Time



The original Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in 2013

Join us for a Family Promise BBQ Picnic
In Celebration of our Wonderful Volunteers
SATURDAY, April 28, 2018

Central Baptist Church Park

1120 Lake Joy Road

3:00 - 5:00 pm

RSVP by Friday, April 20, 2018

Nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com

Bring your family, chairs, and blankets

Door Prizes/Games

Delicious Food



Invites you to the

GRAND OPENING



CEREMONY

Of Our New Day Center
May 1, 2018 - 4 PM

2762 Watson Blvd, Warner Robins, GA

Co-hosted with the Robins Regional and Perry Chambers of Commerce



Will follow with light refreshments

Additional parking available behind our neighboring businesses to the west



Congratulations, Family Promise Of Greater Houston County







Through their "Recycled Rides" program, GEICO recently selected a Family Promise graduate as a recipient of one of their automobiles. Now able to get to two jobs, take care of private business, and support her daughter's activities, the car will be a life changer for this family. This donation represents the 14th automobile donated, by individuals or groups, to Family Promise graduates; helping overcome one of the contributing causes of homelessness for children and their families in Houston County—lack of transportation.

Congratulations! We rejoice with you!



We are pleased to announce our newest Host Congregation, Crossroads United Methodist Church in Perry. They will not only begin welcoming guests later this summer, they adopted the 'Rx to End Homelessness' fundraiser during the month of April.

Welcome Crossroads United Methodist!



Laundry Detergent Dryer Sheets

Walmart Gift Cards First Aid Kit

Ironing Board Iron

REMINDER

The Spring Belk Charity Day Sale is Saturday morning, May 5th, 6—10 AM. You can still get your tickets by contacting Sharon Aman. Sharon will have tickets available at the Volunteer Picnic and at the Grand Opening. Your purchase of a \$5.00 ticket supports FPGHC and Belk takes that amount off of your purchase. It a WIN-WIN!!

Contact Sharon: sharon.aman@us.af.mil or 478-960-0938





The next Volunteer Training Day for new volunteers will be Monday, May 7th, 6:00 PM, in the conference room of our new Day Center.

We are also looking for Office Angels to help at the new Day Center. These volunteers will provide administrative support; answering the phone, updating forms, data entry, etc.

Contact Nicole if you are interested in volunteering a few hours a month in this capacity. This training day will be Friday, May 25th (place and time will be announced in the May newsletter and on Facebook).

Schedules will be discussed during that training session.

For both of these classes contact Nicole to register and for further information: nrosser.familypromise@gmail.com Family Promise Day Center, 2762 Watson Blvd, 328-8181

Board of Directors Volunteers Needed

Nominate yourself or another member today.



Board of Directors Volunteers Are Needed!

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of our Family Promise Guests?

Nominate yourself or someone else to join the FPGHC Board of Directors. Contact Board Member, Dekesha Bridgeforth, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, and let her know of your interest in serving. dmbridgeforth@gmail.com or 478.957.0143

Renovations continue at the new Day Center. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers that have been a part of getting our facility ready for the Grand Opening!



The Kitchen Cabinets have been refinished. Thank you Dean Dennis, Debbie Matthews, and Judy Cornwell.



Tyler Shoman works at setting up several computer stations to be used by our guests; parents and children.



Volunteer completes some needed painting in the Activities Building.



Steve and Deanna Schultz refinished the front doors, offering a great first impression for visitors.

Volunteers helping with repairs and cleaning



Janet Foskey has the reception area ready for Office Angels



Dave Schomer readies the window frames for painting



Lessia Razo and LeeAnn Cladin led a "Extreme Couponing Tips for Normal People" class on April 21st for our current and previous quests. This class gave them some great tips and ideas for saving money and finding bargains as they shop for their families. Thank you ladies for the helpful information!

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