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



Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser



Angela Lingard

We would like to take time to recognize a special group of volunteers. Our Family Promise Van Drivers are worth their weight in gold. They give their talent and time with no compensation. While many may think not much goes into driving the van, our drivers rise early and work late to meet the needs of our adult and children guests. The logistics involved can be quite challenging sometimes, but our committed volunteers have been on the road for the past 5 years. We thank you so much for your flexibility and being a part of this ministry. If you see one of our drivers on the road, give them a honk.

We applaud you!



Annette Anderson



Carolyn Holmes



Diane South



Pauline Abbott

*We greatly
appreciate ALL
of our Van Drivers!*

We would also like to recognize our part-time van driver employee, Rosetta Parker. Rosetta just celebrated her one year anniversary with Family Promise.



Rosetta



RazBytes

*From: Dave Razo
Board President*

"Mommy, why do we have to sleep in a church?" How do you explain to your little girl that you are discouraged, exhausted, homeless, and relying on the kindness of complete strangers for your next meal and a warm place to sleep?

This is a typical question from our Family Promise guests. With more than 347 homeless children in our county schools, the problem is larger than most people realize. We know there are even more homeless children that are under school age, or not counted in the school system survey—all of them struggling families who made that difficult phone call to Family Promise of Greater Houston County.

Thanks to your generous gifts, Family Promise was there to provide a temporary home, and staff who assisted with employment, transportation, case management, budgeting, child care, and locating affordable housing. All along their journey, our Family Promise guests are supported and encouraged by compassionate and loving volunteers.

This year has already been exciting and challenging. We "inherited" a building on Watson Blvd (exciting) and we have been transitioning this building into a new Day Center (challenging). Much of the renovation work has been "volunteer support with generous donations," but contract work included new bathrooms, laundry room, lighting, tree service, and signage. As you might imagine, all these renovation efforts are only possible through your generous donations.

We need your continued financial support and volunteer efforts in order to meet our commitment to end homelessness, one family at a time. Please consider giving a generous donation. Every gift make a lasting difference.

Thank you for your support!



A lot of happy folks helping Beth celebrate receiving an automobile for her family. L-R: Dave Razo, Carolyn Schomer, Nicole Rosser, John McIntyre, Beth and sons, Pauline Abbott, and Carolyn Holmes.



L-R: Beth, Dave, and John sign the paper work making the donation official.

Beth graduated from our program in early March. She and her sons moved into their own home, but they did not have their own transportation. John McIntyre generously donated a vehicle to Family Promise which Beth was blessed to receive. She will no longer have to worry about how to get to work or how to transport her sons to their various activities. Thank you, John, and everyone involved in this wonderful event!

*Collections continue for **Christmas in July***

As a reminder; this year we are 'adopting' 8 families (current guests and some recent graduates) to help their children get ready to go back to school. Through your generosity we will assist in providing clothes for the school age children of these families. This is a great support to our hard working parents and provides a bit of relief to our guests as they prepare for the return to school for the 2018-2019 year.



We kindly ask you to consider providing gift cards from JC Penney or Target to be used for this purpose. Financial donations will also be accepted; be sure to mark your donation for this cause. We will accept donations through July 31st.

Please call the office, 328-8181, if you have questions or to set up a time to drop off your gift cards; or donations can be mailed to Family Promise, PO Box 8434, WR, GA 31095.

Thank You for your support of our families!



RX to End Homelessness

A great story from our new friend, Tammy Norton

I recently established a service group, "Party with a Purpose". This is a small group of ladies that meet once a month with the purpose of helping others. We host small, themed parties and collect items to donate, gifts, monies, etc. for our chosen charity or organization for the month. During the month of

June we chose to support FPGHC through "RX to End Homelessness". Our small group collected quarters with a goal of \$100, and were pleased to receive \$290. We are blessed to be a part of "Ending Homelessness, One Family at a Time"!

Last month we invited those who have not already done so to join the Kroger Community Rewards program and list Family Promise of Greater Houston County, # 76557, as the organization they want to support.

This month we need to remind you that during the month of August Kroger requires everyone to go to their Kroger accounts to re-affirm their support of FPGHC.



THANK YOU for taking the time to support FPGHC in this way!

The participation of everyone adds up quickly.



A special volunteer training session will be held for all the folks at First Baptist Church, 210 Garman Street, Warner Robins, Thursday, July 26th, 6 pm. This training will be held at the church.

Contact Dee Neal at the church for further information.

The next monthly Volunteer Training will be Monday, August 13th, 6:00 PM

An Office Angel Training Session will be held Saturday, August 18th, 10AM

Both of these classes will be held in the conference room located to the left side of the front of the building.

Family Promise Day Center, 2762 Watson Blvd

*Contact Nicole Rosser to let her know of your interest, or for further information about these training classes:
nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com or 478-328-8181*



Want to save \$5 on a purchase from Belk and have that same \$5 go to Family Promise to help our families here in Houston County? Belk is having an "extra" Charity Day Sale August 25th. This is in addition to their spring and fall Charity Day Sales. Call the office, 328-8181, to find out how to obtain tickets. Contact Sharon Aman, 960-0938, to let her know you would like to support FPGHC by helping to sell tickets at Belk.



We appreciate you!



Wishlist

Our monthly Wish List:

**Toilet Paper Paper Towels Trash Bags
Bottled Water Vacuum Cleaner**

Many times as we help graduating guests move into their own homes we provide them with appliances and furniture from our warehouse of donated items.

We need these types of gently used items:

**Washers Small Dressers Small Coffee Tables End Tables
Small Kitchen / Dining Room Tables and Chairs**

Thank you! Please call the office to schedule a time to drop off your donations: 328-8181

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