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**This newsletter is  
created monthly by  
FPGHC volunteers.**

**THANK YOU FOR  
SHARING IT**



## Family Promise Week: October 18-25



### Thanks to you, we have a lot to celebrate!

- We **opened our doors** to homeless children and their families in May 2014
- Our **first Day Center/Office**, a small 2 bedroom house, was donated and renovated by First United Methodist Church and furnished by volunteers
- In May 2018 we **moved into our current location**, a gift from HODAC, a larger facility, renovated and furnished with grants, donations, and the hard work of many volunteers
- **Families are provided with food, shelter, and social services** through a network of 35 area churches, community agencies, service organizations, and local businesses
- **We have served 175 children** in 71 families
- **90% of guest families complete the program** and leave with an income source
- Over **2,400 volunteers** provide 12,750+ hours of service each year

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**We do have a lot to celebrate!** Among our greatest thrills is seeing the **smiles of children** when they help their parents put the key in the door of their new home!

Even so, **the homeless challenge continues** to impact approximately 600 children in Houston County. Family Promise has the opportunity to meet the needs of many more families. These needs can only be met through the continued support of our community. This past year we have had several unexpected challenges at the Day Center; the need of a new roof, new HVAC units, extensive pest control (due to our location near eating establishments), and tree removal following storms, to name just a few.

Therefore, we humbly ask you to be a part of meeting the needs of the children of Houston County by giving toward our goal of \$10,000 by the end of 2019. Please consider giving a generous gift to meet this financial goal as we continue to serve the growing needs in our community. **THANK YOU!**

**Family Promise, PO Box 8434, Warner Robins, GA 31095**



## Director's Corner

Nicole Rosser, MPA  
Executive Director

As you will read throughout this newsletter, it has been, and continues to be, busy at Family Promise of Greater Houston County. These times are the reasons we celebrate our accomplishments. We are proud to be a part of the national celebration of Family Promise Week, October 18-25, to emphasize the work done through the 192 Family Promise affiliates across America.

This event gives each affiliate the opportunity to share the joys and challenges of meeting the needs of homeless children in their communities. The national office has also chosen to delegate October 25 as "Giving Day". As you have read in the opening article, we need your financial support during this last quarter of 2019 to meet our obligations in serving our guest families. The good news is that for every \$1 we receive we are able to provide \$3 in goods and services because of the tremendous work done by our faithful volunteers. I wish you could see the smiles of the children we serve and hear the many words of gratitude from their parents. We are blessed to be a part of their lives as they work and play, moving toward their goal of becoming independent and obtaining a self-sustainable livelihood.

Thank you for being a part of their efforts and supporting this great organization!



**SHARE THE PROMISE**



## ***Civic Leaders recognize the work of Family Promise of Greater Houston County during Family Promise Week***



*In support of Family Promise Week, Proclamations have been given to honor Family Promise of Greater Houston County from the City of Centerville, the City of Perry, the City of Warner Robins, and the Houston County Board of Commissioners.*

*FP Director, Nicole Rosser, and Board Members Carolyn Schomer and Angela Anderson were honored to accept these proclamations.*



*These Proclamations recognize the need for a community response to homeless children and their families and declares appreciation of the services provided by FPGHC through our network of churches, local agencies, civic organizations, business partners, and volunteers.*

*We are proud to be a part of such a caring community and accept these proclamations on behalf of the our guest families and all those who sacrificially give of themselves to serve others.*



### **Photos:**

- 1. Centerville Mayor, John Harley with FP Director, Nicole Rosser**
- 2. L-R: FP Board Member-Carolyn Schomer, Perry Mayor-Randall Walker, Nicole Rosser, FP Board Member- Angela Anderson**
- 3. Angela Anderson with Community Planner, Jacob Cox; on behalf of the Houston County Board of Commissioners.**

**At this time, we are not able to provide a photo of the WR presentation.**



## **DID YOU KNOW...**

- ♦ Homeless families now comprise nearly 40% of the homeless population
- ♦ One out of every 45 children will experience homelessness this year
- ♦ 64% of communities turn away homeless families with children because of the lack of bed space and services available

## THANK YOU, Amazon Smile Customers!

Your purchases helped FPGHC pay our Day Center water bill for one month last quarter. That means our guest families were able to wash their laundry, use clean restrooms, and have all the benefits of available water. These simple uses may seem mundane, but are benefits a homeless family often does not have.



If you are not signed up to support FPGHC through Amazon Smile, go to their website, [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com), and sign up today. You can obtain further information from our website, [www.familypromisehoustonco.org](http://www.familypromisehoustonco.org); scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on Amazon Smile.



One of our Community Partners, the Greenbriar Garden Club, recently visited the Day Center to again give our facility some extra color. They hung beautiful fall wreaths on the front doors and donated two potted camelia bushes to brighten the front of our building. The camelia's are budding and will soon have beautiful blooms.



Thank you, Garden Club Members, for your faithful service!



*You are invited to a “virtual” Pampered Chef Party hosted by one of our wonderful volunteers. Between now and October 27th you are invited to go the website listed below, place an order, and have it shipped to your door. A percentage of your purchase will be donated to FPGHC. Just in time for holiday preparations or gift giving, join us in having some ‘virtual fun’ and supporting homeless families.*

<https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/familypromisefund>

*A positive attitude is the one characteristic that all successful people have in common.*



The Fall Belk Charity Sale is Saturday, November 9th, just three weeks away. The good news is that the Sale is all day long, 7am—closing. This is a tremendous service Belk does for communities, allowing non-profit organizations to raise money by selling \$5 tickets to Belk shoppers. It is a WIN-WIN for everyone!



We have tickets available at the Day Center for you to purchase. However, you need to call the office to be sure someone is available to serve you. We could also use the help of volunteers to sell tickets at Belk. Don't want to sell tickets by yourself? Join one of our veteran volunteers and see how much fun it can be! Call or come by the office to find out what times are available to serve in this way. It is a great way to meet new friends and share about the work of Family Promise. Have questions? Call the office, 328-8181.

We look forward to seeing you there November 9th!



Are you a part of the Kroger Community Rewards Program? Did you realize you can give financial support to Family Promise of Greater Houston County by simply swiping your Kroger Shopper's Card each time you make a purchase at Kroger?

You can join by visiting:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>

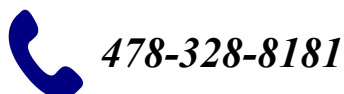


Our Non-Profit Organization number is SU460.

We have further information, and the Link, listed on our website (see below).



*FamilyPromiseHoustonCounty*



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non-profit, organization for  
families in transition and part of a national  
organization founded in 1986. The Family  
Promise Network Program provides  
shelter, meals and support services to  
families without homes through a network  
of local congregations.

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for these  
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