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

**Have a Safe
and Happy
Summer!**

Director's Corner

By: Nicole Fogle, MPA

The past couple of months have been extremely busy, exciting, and productive for our current families. First let me brag on the fact that all three of the moms in our program are employed. It has been quite an experience to see the ladies working together to prepare for interviews. It has been even more exciting to see them land jobs. They have all mastered the art of multitasking; saving money, parenting, working, and planning for transition.

I also need to send out a special thank you to our awesome volunteers that play such a critical role in our guests moving forward. Our volunteers have provided job leads, job coaching, transportation, childcare and much more to ensure that the ladies have been job ready. An extra special thanks to Ms. Annette, Ms. Ardell, Ms. Angela, Ms. Erikka, Ms. Rose and Ms. Pauline. You guys rock!



Two of our guests getting ready for job interviews



Pauline with the Ladies



Did You Know?

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reported that "a lone parent with 2 children earning minimum wage would have to work 50 hours a week to escape poverty"..... a huge challenge for our guests

RazBytes:
Bite-size Nuggets from the President
By: Dave Razo



Did you know at a February 2015 meeting of the House of Representatives in Washington DC, the Homelessness Caucus was informed that 2.5 million children – that’s one in thirty in the U.S.—were homeless during the 2012-2013 school year. This “America’s Youngest Outcasts” report is based on a count of homeless students done by the Department of Education. Increases in homeless children were counted in 31 states and overall the number of homeless students increased 8% over the previous school year.

Each academic year we rely on our local Board of Education to help us determine the severity of the problem here in Houston County and have also seen an increase in the number of students in the 2014-2015 academic year identified by our hometown schools. This survey is typically counted in the late summer and fall as school gets underway. We also know, from national estimates that the number of children that are identified in the school system is roughly half of the total number of homeless children, as many children are too young to be in the school system or are just not counted. In fact the largest growth in homelessness has occurred in young children that are below school age. The problem of homelessness is real in Houston County and we appreciate all your assistance in helping us end homelessness in Houston County one family at a time.

Thank You UMW of First United Methodist for Blessing Our Babies

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church held a baby shower Saturday, May 16th, to benefit the Family Promise and Caring Solutions ministries. Lots of diapers, wipes, bottles, clothes, and other miscellaneous baby items were brought as well as items for the mother/mother-to-be. Thank you for your wonderful support!

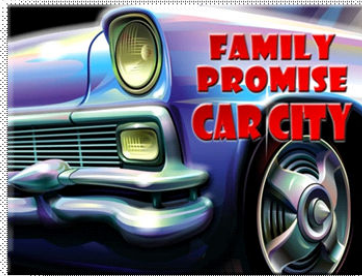


Ruby Tuesday

SIMPLE FRESH AMERICAN DINING

Plans are in the works for a Dining Out at Ruby Tuesday Fund Raiser Event in August. Watch for details to follow soon on our web site and in the next newsletter.

CAR CITY is Coming **Friday, September 25th** **Central Georgia Technical College**



CAR CITY

**PUTTING THE BRAKES
ON HOMELESSNESS
IN OUR COMMUNITY**

This will be our Second Annual Event and we are looking forward to even more fun this year! Plan to join us for an evening under the stars as we "Experience Homelessness" for one night and raise funds to continue this much needed mission in middle Georgia. We are excited about our initial plans as some new faces have provided ways to make this year's event bigger and better! Come and enjoy music, movie, soup line, and continental breakfast Saturday morning as we raise awareness of the homeless problem in Houston County. For further information contact Dave Razo at dave.razo@gmail.com.



Family Promise of Greater Houston will be featured in an article of the Summer 2015 issue of the HOUSTON COUNTY LIVING magazine. Watch the newsstands to obtain your copy. (Pictured is the Summer 2014 edition of this informational publication about Houston County.)

VAN DRIVE



We initiated a VAN Fund Drive and need your help. Our passenger van is suffering and has recently needed further repairs. An updated VAN is our most important priority. If you would like to donate to the purchase of a van, write "VAN DRIVE" as a memo on your check—Thanks in advance!

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Houston County" in the search box



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Grace Group, Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Ladies Guild, Houston Lake Presbyterian Church
Deacon's Fund, Andrew United Methodist Church
Daryl and Michelle Sullivan - proceeds from yard sale
Ned Sanders & Virginia Stewart - in memory of Ruth Kukshel

WISH LIST

Size 1 Diapers
Size 4 Diapers (Huggies)
Size 6-9 month Onesies (girl)
Gift Card to Stevie B's
Shower Gel (regular size)
Pillows & Twin Size Sheet Sets
Crossword Puzzle / Word Find Activity Books
Walmart Gift Cards (misc. for families and gas for van)

Thank you!

OTHER NEEDS

When our guests promote into a home of their own they still have many needs. One major need is transportation. Therefore we are looking for folks that can donate a vehicle to Family Promise. We also need auto mechanics that can donate car repair services to our guests. Contact us if you can support FP in this way.

Thank you
for your consideration!

**Our Mission is to
mobilize congregations
and partner with social
service agencies in order
to help families obtain
independent, self-
sustainable living.**

**Ending Homelessness
One Family at a Time!**

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