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**This newsletter is
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**THANK YOU FOR
SHARING IT**

*New
Year,
New
Beginnings*



Director's Corner

Nicole Rosser, MPA
Executive Director

As I look back on 2019 I think about a few challenges we faced as a nonprofit agency, but most of my thoughts are of the many volunteers who

tirelessly put forth effort to make sure the needs of others are met. I think about the van drivers and the many hands that took time to prepare a meal or hosts who slept overnight at the church away from their own beds.

But my heart always skips a beat when I think about our children and the three months they spend at Family Promise. Their stay will be a forever memory. For a small number, it is the most structure they have had, or may have, and for others it is a path to continued structure and building a strong family foundation. The best of times don't bring families in the program but our families certainly make the best of it.

We are a little shy of operating seven years here in Houston County and serving close to 170 children. Some of our former child guests are now married, parents, college students, in the military, or high school students. Some were born in the program and are on their way to school. No matter the age, it has been a blessing for me, along with countless volunteers, to be blessed with the opportunity to cross paths with our future.

Christmas cards, graduation invites, school photos, and hugs from our former child guests confirm that we do so much more than give our families a place to sleep.



Montel Powers,
Worship Pastor,
With Nicole.

We are excited to welcome three new Warner Robins congregations to our list of partner churches. Hope Church is a new host church, while Eighth Day Church and All Saints Episcopal Church are joining us as support churches. We are blessed to have each faith family join our Network.

Thank you for partnering with Family Promise!



New Logo for Family Promise

At the 2019 Family Promise National Conference updated Public Relations and Marketing Material was introduced for the organization. With the start of 2020 we will begin using the new materials in our publications and social media. You will notice the new color pallet with the larger star without the silhouette person. The five points of the star represent the five key elements of all Family Promise affiliates: Shelter, Prevention, Stabilization, Community, and Promise. Be assured there is no change to the goals and purposes of this organization. We simply have a modernized logo after 30 years of service to homeless families in America.



Officers for 2020



Left—Right: Vice President: Shirley Watson;
President: Ronnie Shivers; Secretary: Andrea
Suddeth; Treasurer: Chelle Tigner

We are pleased to announce the leadership of our 2020 Board of Directors. Ronnie, Andrea, and Chelle will continue in the positions they held in 2019. Shirley, a long time board member, is a new officer. These volunteers were unanimously elected to serve by our board of directors. Their commitment and serve is greatly appreciated!



Christmas 2019 was nothing short of Amazing for our Family Promise Families. A Huge Thank You to our volunteers and donors who helped to bring smiles to children and their parents. We would like to thank Joshua Ratchford and his dad for joining us as we delivered gifts to our families. This continues to be our favorite time of the year as we have so many groups and individuals that support our families and help them to create precious memories. We also want to thank Santa and Mrs. Clause for making our Christmas Party at the Day Center a hit. 7 Happy Families!!!



Donations from the Cantrell Center

Nicole is with employees of the Cantrell Center who recently made a generous financial donation and gathered supplies for the Day Center.

Thank you for supporting Family Promise!



SAVE THE DATE!

The annual **Peaches to the Beaches** yard sale will be held Friday and Saturday, March 13-14. We can use your donations to sell at our booth and we need your volunteer time to price items, move merchandise, set-up display tables, and help at the sale. Call the office, 328-8181, to let us know how you can participate.

More details coming soon on our Facebook page and the next newsletter.



We were blessed to give away two automobiles last month. We highlighted one of the graduates in the December issue of our newsletter. Here we would like to congratulate the second family.

We love our hard working families! And a huge THANK YOU to the wonderful transportation angels (donors) in our community.

Volunteer Training

The first Volunteer Training for this year will be held January 27th, 6:00P.M., in the Conference Room at the Day Center. Join us and bring a friend to learn more about serving our guests. Call the office, 328-8181, to let us know of your plans to attend.

Wish List

Items needed for our ministry:

Pillows
Cold Medicine
Cough Drops
Paper Towels
Large Trash Bags
Walmart Gift Cards



THE
JOSHUA RATCHFORD®
SHOW

In the December 2019 edition of the Director's Corner Nicole shared about her interview with Joshua Ratchford,

13 WMAZ Junior Journalist.

In an edition of his full show he interviewed Nicole and one of our graduates. You can enjoy that interview on YouTube, the Joshua Ratchford Show, and look for the episode titled "The Gift of Giving Holiday Special".

Note: Joshua's show is 55 minutes long; the Family Promise interviews begin at 4:50 minutes into the show and lasts 10 minutes.



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of local congregations.

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year giving emphasis Family
Promise was blessed with
generous gifts totaling \$6,500.
We know you made sacrifices
to be a part of helping FPGHC
meet its needs. Thank you!*