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



Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser



In this issue of our monthly newsletter we want to give you a glimpse of the fun we had at the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and the great celebration at the Ribbon Cutting / Open House of our new Day Center. Enjoy the photos and check out Facebook and our website for more great photos!



We are pleased to inform you that a guest family of four, mom and 3 children, recently graduated from our program. They are now in their own home. We are so proud of our graduate families!

We regret to share with you the news of the passing, May 20th, of Mrs. Sandra "Sandy" Wade, a former coordinator of FPGHC. We send our sincere sympathies to her family and the members of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Byron. Sandy was passionate about serving; a committed volunteer and coordinator at Shady Grove for more than three years. She will be missed! You can read about the planned services at www.heritagememorialfuneralhome.com



Highlights of the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic, April 20th



Jason Young receives the “Former Guest Volunteer of the Year” award. Jason is pictured with his daughter and David Clarke, Board Member.



Nicole and Dave present the “Host Church / Support Church Collaborative” award to Shady Grove Baptist / Fellowship Bible Baptist / First Baptist-Garman Street



Angela Lingard, “Volunteer of the Year”, was not able to attend the picnic but Nicole met with her later to present the award. Angela, coordinator at Christ Chapel, also serves with Shirley Hills Baptist during their host weeks, and makes herself available to serve wherever help is needed.



The kids had a great time playing the Balloon Race Game.



Dave presents Nicole with a gift to celebrate her 5 years of leadership. This beautiful wooden serving tray is engraved, "Nicole Rosser, For Exceptional Service, Family Promise of Greater Houston County".

Further Highlights of the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic



Children having fun!



Jason Young and Kenya Peek, both former FPGHC guests and now active volunteers, cooking and serving burgers and dogs for the crowd at the picnic.



Some of the folks attending the picnic.



New Day Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

A large, enthusiastic crowd gathered on a beautiful, sunny day, May 1st, to be part of the ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of our new day center. The ceremony was co-hosted by the Robins Regional Chamber and the Perry Area Chamber of Commerce. We were honored to have State Representatives Shaw Blackmon and Heath Clark in attendance. Mayor Randy Toms of Warner Robins and Mayor John Harley of Centerville both spoke, welcoming Family Promise to this new location at 2762 Watson Blvd. We are grateful for each one that had a part in sharing this joyous occasion with us.



L-R: Mayor Randy Toms, Mayor John Hartley, FP Board Chairman Dave Razo, and FP Director Nicole Rosser each spoke at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Chamber Leaders welcome Family Promise to this new location.

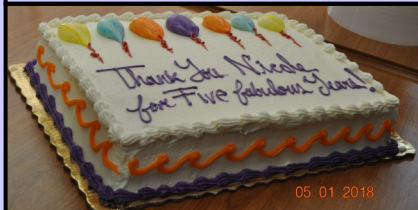


Open House Celebration

Immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony we had an Open House celebration to rejoice in this tremendous milestone and to allow everyone to see this wonderful facility.



Dave recognizes Nicole for her capable leadership during the past five years, looking forward to many more great years!



Snacks were provided by some of our new neighbors. Thank you to Your Pie, Del Taco, and Wing Stop for their kind welcome. We also want to say Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 60172 for providing cookies.



Nicole's new office.



The Day Center now has an activity room for our guests. The computer room is available for adults and children to use.



Above: The Quiet Room

Left: Two adjoining family rooms for our guests to enjoy.



Wishlist

The Wishlist for May:

Walmart Gift Cards—
provides gasoline for
the van and items for
the Day Center

Pet Smart Gift Cards—
provides needs for the
fish tank

Ibuprofen
Cough Drops
First Aid Kit
Bottled Water

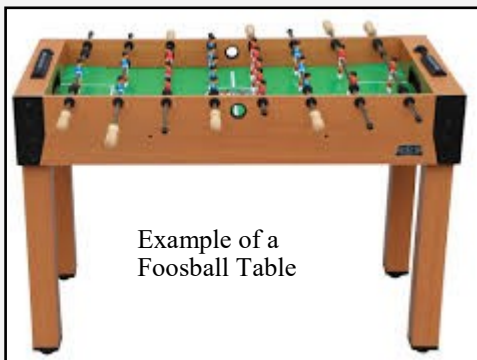
Each month we give a short list of some of the items needed to use at the Day Center as you can see here for this month.

However, we also want to share a little more information with you about our current needs.

Below is a photo of our new laundry room. We are so excited to have a separate laundry room now with two sets of appliances! With this extra space it would be so helpful to also have an ironing board, iron, drying rack, and clothes rack to use in this room. Could you or your group help provide part of these needs?



Example of a Drying Rack



Example of a
Foosball Table

On page 5 you saw a picture showing part of our activity room. The other end of the room has exercise equipment for adults and older children to use. One of our wishes is to also have a Foosball game for our guests to play. Would have a one in good condition that you no longer need to donate or could your group provide one?



Example of a
Clothes Rack

This article describes some of our wishes, however, with a ministry of this size there are always ongoing needs as well as additional services needed at the day center. We have created a brochure that shares these types of needs—both material needs and volunteer needs. Visit our website; on the right side of the home page you will see a Wish List there; click on the statement "For complete list click here!" and read about other ways you may be able to support Family Promise of Greater Houston County.

Please note: We do greatly appreciate all donations, however, due to safety issues, items can not simply be left at the front door. If you are interested in making a donation please first contact our office, 478-328-8181, to make sure the need has not already been met, and to schedule a time to bring your donation to the day center.

Thank you for your understanding and generosity!



The next Volunteer Training Day for new volunteers will be Monday, July 9th, 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, June 8th, 10 AM in the conference room. Your questions will be answered and schedules discussed at this training session.

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



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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**



We do not yet have a total of the amount donated during the recent Belk Charity Day Sale event. We hope to provide that information in the next newsletter. Thank you for your part in supporting FPGHC in this way. We want to send out a special Thank you to the volunteers that took time to sell tickets at the store and to share about the work of Family Promise!



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