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## **SECOND ANNUAL CAR CITY EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS!**

**Written by:  
Carolyn Schomer,  
FPGHC Board Member**



Family Promise of Greater Houston County held its 2nd Annual fall event Friday evening, Sept. 25, at Central Georgia Technical College. Volunteers and community leaders spent a rainy night in their cars to experience homelessness for one night; raising awareness for homeless children and their families in Houston County. The event culminated with breakfast on Saturday morning, September 26. While last year attendees spent a night in the bitter cold of late November, this year, youth groups, volunteers, political, and military supporters experienced a cool rainy night. It helped to demonstrate the struggles our homeless families face in all kinds of weather!



Participants huddled under an overhang in line for soup prepared by Scout Troop 566. Girl Scout Troop 60185 provided an amazing table of homemade goodies. Thankfully, CGTC allowed participants to enjoy the auditorium for entertainment and a movie. Performers included: Light Word Band, Grace Thomas-Miss Warner Robins Outstanding Teen, Melanie Woods-Miss Outstanding Gwinnett County Teen, Heart of Georgia Barbershop Chorus, and Destined 4 Greatness of Union Grove Baptist Church. "The Pursuit of Happiness" movie indoors was augmented by popcorn, hot chocolate, and marshmallow roasting outdoors. The Car Decorating Contest was rained out, but the Flashlight Scavenger Hunt was a big hit. Mayor Randy Toms gave heartfelt comments and was seen with his family and flashlight in the parking lot Scavenger Hunt! (Continued on page 2)

## CAR CITY EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS! (continued)

CAR CITY was also a fund raiser.....participants obtained sponsors to pay for their “Parking Space” for a minimum of \$100 per vehicle. In addition businesses, organizations, and individuals sponsored “Parking Lots”: Diamond Sponsors, the “Priority Lot”; Ruby Sponsors, the “Prime Lot”; Sapphire Sponsors, the “Reserved Lot”; and Emerald Sponsors, the “Fleet Lot”. Logo Lot participants provided vehicles to be used in the Scavenger Hunt. We also had two Event Sponsors—BetrOptions and Central Georgia Technical College [in-kind]. Many other donations contributed to the overall financial blessing of the event.

Thanks to each and every one who participated in any way!!

### Scavenger Hunt winners, left to right:

**1st Place: Members of the Union Grove Missionary Baptist Ensemble**



**2nd Place: Caven Wood and Friends**

**3rd: Place: Donnie Bagley Family**

Be sure and check out the slide show on our website to view more great photos.

<http://familypromisehoustonco.org>



Board Member, Ronnie Shivers, presenting restaurant certificates at a drawing held at a recent Perry Chamber Business Event. Family Promise volunteers—Vivian Stilley, Sheree Evans, and Carolyn Schomer— manned a booth at the event enticing folks to register, grab some chocolate and learn about Family Promise.



**The Combined Federal Campaign  
kicks off November 2nd and continues  
through December 15th**

**Please consider supporting Family Promise**

**Member # 90951**

## NATIONAL FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

In observation of National Family Promise Week, October 18-24, proclamations were signed by Mayors of Centerville, Perry, Warner Robins, and the Houston County Commissioners. One of 191 Networks in 43 states, Family Promise of Greater Houston County began organizing in 2011 and welcomed its first families in May 2013. Shelter, food, and support services are provided to homeless children and their families with the mission of assisting families obtain an independent, self-sustainable livelihood. The network is composed of 31 congregations partnering with social service agencies, educational and community organizations, local businesses, and volunteers addressing individual family needs twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Our families are called "guests" and we have been privileged to celebrate the accomplishments of 32 families and the many goals they have achieved. Volunteers are especially pleased to see children blossom from the love and attention of so many supportive adults. The Family Promise Network has provided more than a safety net...it has provided resources and support to build a safer future....helping to end homelessness, one family at a time.



Members of the Board of Family Promise of Greater Houston County proudly display proclamations

Pictured left to right: Vivian Stilley, Ronnie Shivers, Sharon Aman-Treasurer, Dave Razo-President, Shirley Boan, Nicole Rosser-Fogle-Executive Director, Daryl Sullivan, Bill Dunmon-Secretary, Paul Shealy-Vice President, Carolyn Schomer, and Donald Bagley

Could you consider serving Family Promise in any of these areas?

Like to Volunteer at Home on your Own Time?  
Join our Facebook Administration Team to keep us current!

Partner with a Belk's Ticket Seller at our Family Promise Display:  
Slots available at Belk's everyday between now and Nov 6;  
Help us tell the Family Promise Story!

Join our "Moving Team": We often receive donations to be stored  
until our guests are ready to move into their new homes....times and schedules flexible.

Have You Always Wanted to Make a Movie?  
We are looking for a team to develop a video of our local program to be used in PR efforts



November 7th offers two opportunities to support  
Family Promise of Greater Houston County

Get some great buys at the Belk Charity Sale and then Test Drive a Ford



The Fall Belk Charity Day is Saturday, Nov 7th, 6-10am

Plans for the Belk Charity Day are in full swing. Thanks to everyone selling tickets in the community and those who have volunteered to sell tickets at the store. We still have tickets to sell, and open times each day through Nov. 6th to sell tickets at Belk and tell folks about Family Promise. Contact Vivian Stilley at [vivian.stilley@cox.net](mailto:vivian.stilley@cox.net) or 333-3357 to help with this semi-annual fundraiser event. Thank you for your help!

*Happy Shopping and Happy Driving!*

### Ford Drive for UR Community Event

**When:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 10am—2pm

**Where:** Central Georgia Tech, 80 Cohen Walker Drive  
@ the circle drive in front of Building A

For every test drive Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the 2015 Robins Leadership Class for the benefit of Family Promise of Greater Houston County.

**More Test Drives = More Money**

Come out and support your 2015 Robins Leadership Class raise \$6,000 for Family Promise of Greater Houston County!



**\*No sales \*No obligations \*Must be 18 or older**

Georgia Gives Day is a unique, all-online fundraising initiative built for nonprofits and fueled by a large statewide coalition of corporations and foundations, government officials, media partners and volunteers.

Each year bigger than the last, we're building a giving movement in Georgia Gives Day, powering community nonprofits statewide. Join us in making our fourth Georgia Gives Day on November 12, 2015 the biggest day of giving in our state's history.

See more at: <http://www.gcn.org/Georgia-Gives-Day>



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**Family Promise of Greater  
Houston County, Inc.**

Is a non-profit 501c3 non-denominational 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.

**Contributions are tax deductible  
to the extent allowed by law.**

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**Donate online:**

<https://www.gagivesday.org>  
Type "Family Promise of Greater Houston County" in the search box



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**Recent Donations have  
been received from:**

**Individual Donations:**

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**Church Donations:**

First Christian Grace Group

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**Club 247:**

Dave and Carolyn Schomer

Ronnie and Janet Foskey

**Longhorn Fundraiser****Ruby Tuesday Fundraiser**

**Thank you, once again, to every business and individual that  
supported the CAR CITY EVENT**



Bleach  
Pillows  
Bath Towels  
Cleaning Supplies  
Liquid Hand Soap  
Disinfectant Wipes

You can leave items at the Day Center. If no one  
is home just leave them on the porch. Thank You!

**kroger community rewards**



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