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

**START
where you are.
USE
what you have
DO
what you can**

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Peaches to the Beaches

The second Friday and Saturday in March
Rain or Shine

Peaches to Beaches, Georgia's biggest & longest yard sale, will be held March 9th and 10th. Once again Family Promise will be a part of this great event. Our booth will be located at Grillmaster BBQ, 1509 Sam Nunn Blvd. in Perry, from 8:00AM till 6:00PM.

How you can be a part of this fund raiser?

Donate items to sell (no clothes please)

Volunteer to transport items from our storage unit to the sale site

Volunteer at our booth (work as few or as many hours as you can)

Come browse and purchase things for yourself

We have a storage unit at Little House Self Storage, 2282 Moody Road, Warner Robins. You can bring your donated items there or we will provide pick up of them. We will gladly give you a tax deduction form for your donated items.

In the past we have raised \$2-3,000 at this event because of your generosity and service. Help us make this another great fundraiser!

Contact one of these folks for further
Information and to coordinate the donation of
your items: Diane South-860-908-6687

Ronnie Shivers -478-396-1917

Dave Razo-478-320-5367



Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser

One of my most enjoyable experiences as Director is my opportunity to work with coordinators from more than 35 churches, of many denominations. What I find most exciting is to see churches collaborating to serve our families. Our Host Support Church collaborations are the glue to our program. Together our churches bring many skills, knowledge, and resources to accomplish one goal—Serving homeless children in our community.

Shawn Stevens, Coordinator at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, shares this testimony:

Coming up in May, Sacred Heart will be celebrating 5 years of involvement with Family Promise; more specifically acting as support church to First Baptist. It almost sounds like a joke, sticking the Baptists with the Catholics....like the one about Baptists and Catholics going fishing together (if you haven't heard that one, ask me later, Ha Ha!) You get the picture. But oh, what a blessing it has been!! In so many ways it has been one of the most Christ centered activities of my adult Christian life. This is where the rubber meets the road. So many scripture passages mention this very thing: caring for the poor, the widows, the hungry....they will know we are Christians by our love. The list of scriptures would take over this newsletter if I listed them all!

Of course I can't speak for everyone, but I get the overwhelming feeling that we are all experiencing this nod of the good Lord's approval—we're doing exactly what He wants! We're loving on those very ones who need it most! We are His hands and His feet. This is our purpose. Baptist, Catholic, Methodist, Church of God, whoever we are, we all claim to know and love Christ! This is our way of proving it.

One more thing, and this is what motivates so many of us volunteers: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" ~ Matthew 25:40 We are serving Christ when we serve those in need. I'm grateful that Family Promise gives us an opportunity to do this thorough collaborative efforts.



Our newest Collaborative Partners:

Left: Brandy, Lavatar, & Teresa: Northside Baptist and Word of Life (Grace for Eternity)

Right: Pat & Dana First Christian Church of Perry and Word in Season Ministries



Guest Testimony

In November when I came into the program I was at my lowest point. I was not myself and I did not want to be on this earth any longer. One day I was standing outside Trinity United Methodist Church (who was hosting us for the week); I was crying and at my breaking point. Mrs. Pauline asked if she could pray for me. It was at that moment when she grabbed by hand and prayed with me that my life changed forever. We graduate in two weeks and that moment is a big part of where I am today.



Pauline and Beth



CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE
ALEXIS FAMILY!

THEY GRADUATED
FEBRUARY 1ST

wishlist

Pillows
Trash Bags, all sizes
Disinfectant Spray
HE Laundry Detergent

Each month we list a few items that are needed at the Day Center. If you can donate any of these items simply drop them off at the Day Center.

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Renovations Have Begun on the New Day Center!

We have so much to share, where do we begin? Let's begin with a BIG THANK YOU to the 16 volunteers that came out Saturday, February 3rd, to help prepare our new Day Center for further renovations.



Cleaning up limbs and leaves on the property



Inspection of property and list made of needed repairs



Cleaning up the debris inside

This was the start of our momentum. Shortly after the first clean up day we met with Bryan Upshaw, of Upshaw Construction, about the needed remodeling work. Due to the recent rain days that would not allow his crew to work outside, they were able to begin demolition work and repairs at the Day Center sooner than expected.

UPSHAW
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A team from Fort Valley First Assembly of God Church has already repaired, painted, and decorated the Entry Foyer. Thank you to Larry & Judy Cornwell and Dean & Kim Pace for the beautiful work! They added chair rail and painted and decorated the area. Kim Pace repurposed some existing décor into the beautiful artwork that is above the sofa. These hard workers have also completed the prep work and painting of two family rooms and the Library (quiet/resting room).

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Larry & Judy Cornwell

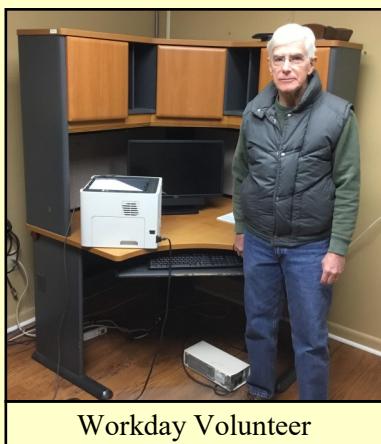


Dean Pace



Another view of the new Entry Foyer

Renovations continued:



Workday Volunteer



Workday Volunteer

Brian & Darcy Hatin
continue inspection of properties

Harold Hatton has completed the painting of the hallway and will be painting the kitchen soon.

THE NEXT RENOVATION WORK DAY WILL BE SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, 9AM

There are still many tasks to complete. A few repairs require some carpentry skills (replacing facings around windows, stair and ramp railing) and some need elbow grease and organizing of supplies. If you are available and would like to help, contact either Carolyn or Nicole to let them know what you may be able to do and they will make sure you have the needed supplies to complete your project. If you can not volunteer on March 3rd, contact one of these ladies and they will coordinate with you a day and time that is convenient for you to work. Contact information: Carolyn Schomer at schomerc@gmail.com or Nicole Rosser at nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com

Items needed for the Renovation:

With the large space we have acquired,
we need the following items:

1 Sofa, 1 Loveseat, 1 Futon, 2 Recliners,
2 Heavy Duty Washing Machines and Dryers
a Heating & Cooling Window Unit for the Youth Building

Could you, your business, civic or church group provide
one of these items? Let us know what you can donate.

Another view of the completed
Entry Foyer

This is a 'Before' and the 'After' look at the progress of remodeling a Family Room

Two more
pictures
of our first
work day are
on page 6



More Volunteers hard at work cleaning the property at our first work day

**Again, we are so grateful for the 16 volunteers
that helped us on our first work day.
Will you consider coming to our March 3rd workday?
Many Hands Make Light Work! Hope to see you then.**

With your help we will be able to move in by March 31st.



FPGHC recently received a generous donation from our Community Partner, Synovus Bank

*May your joys be as deep as the oceans
Your troubles as light as its foam
And may you find sweet peace of mind
Wherever you may roam*

Irish Blessing



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