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THANKS FOR SHARING

Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser



These past few weeks have been as busy as usual for Family Promise. There is always something happening. I know you will enjoy reading all the GOOD NEWS in this edition of our monthly publication.

I want to especially point you to the article on page 2 about Ansleigh Byrd. She is a remarkable young lady! It is so heart warming to see youth of all ages serving in our community.

I am also pleased to share with you that another guest family, Michael and his son, graduated from our program and moved into their own apartment. They also received a vehicle donation while in the program; see photo on page 5. Parenting a one year old alone keeps Michael very busy but he gleams at fatherhood and is thankful to Family Promise for all the support he has received during his transition. Keep up the good work, Michael!



Michael and Diane Kinsley recently presented a check for \$5,740 to Family Promise on behalf of Center Stage for Christ and Perry United Methodist Church. Their generous donation was made possible by their recent, fabulously

funny play "St. Francis of Assisted Living". Many THANKS to the Kinsleys, the cast and crew of Center Stage for Christ, and Perry UMC for your support!





Youth Volunteerism: Meet Ansleigh

Last month we shared the news about the wooden fence installed at the Day Center by a great group of volunteers from The Assembly Church. Ansleigh Byrd, a young lady from the church, heard about the project and asked her mom and dad what she could do to help homeless people. They told her more about the church's partnership with Family Promise. That finalized Ansleigh's decision; she wanted to do something to help. She asked her mom to print bookmarks that she could color and sell so that she could use those funds to help homeless families in our community. The church staff heard about her project and allowed her to set up a table to sell her bookmarks one Sunday morning and one Wednesday night. She asked for 50 cents per bookmark, but many people gave a larger amount when they realized she was raising money to support Family Promise, and Ansleigh raised a remarkable \$240.

Nicole recently had the opportunity to meet Ansleigh and her parents, Shannon and Jana Byrd, and shares this about Ansleigh.

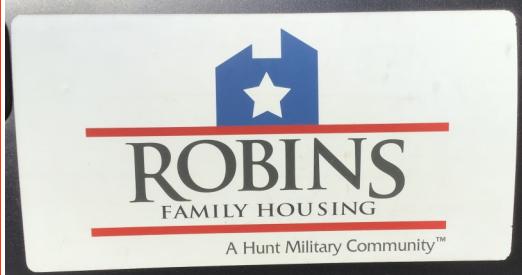
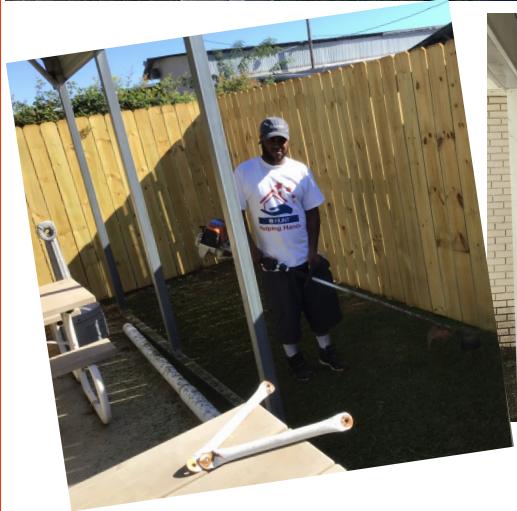
"Ansleigh is 7 years old and attends Lake Joy Elementary.

She said, 'I chose Family Promise after hearing about the program and the homeless children at my church.' Ansleigh's parents were all smiles as I talked with her...not only for the accomplishment of raising money but their daughter's passion to help families less fortunate. When Ansleigh is not begin a super fundraiser she enjoys reading and loves art."

Ansleigh's heart for others is a great challenge to each of us! Any financial support or amount of volunteerism goes a long way in showing our guests we care about them.

**Thank you, Ansleigh,
for your wonderful example!**





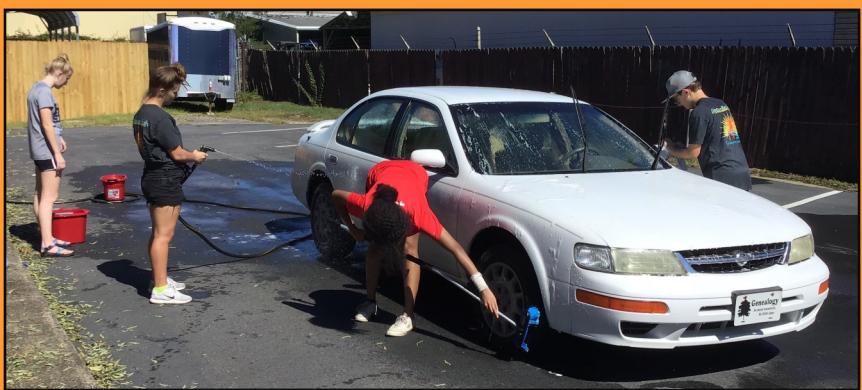
Members of the Robins Family Housing Team gave of their time to accomplish many needed tasks at the Day Center. As these photos show they cleaned the outside of the building with a pressure washer, cut the lawn and trimmed the landscaping, and gave the conference room a good cleaning. They also safely performed a roof inspection. Unfortunately, the roofing problems can not be repaired so we add a new roof to our NEEDS list. They also updated our street sign on Watson Blvd. We are most grateful to these men and women who generously gave of their time and energy to give the Day Center a face lift.





The Car Wash held October 13th was successful due to the Manpower given by members of the KAZ Sorority and the Youth from Centerville United Methodist Church.

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our event!



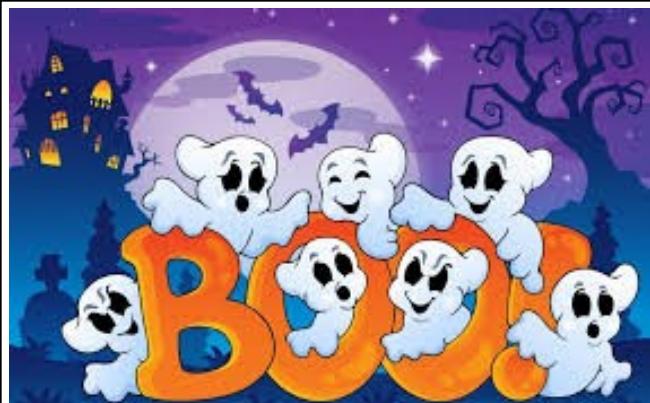
HAPPY SHOPPING!

Mark your calendar now!

The Fall Belk Charity Sale will be Saturday, November 3rd. Tickets are available to purchase or to sell to your family and friends at the Day Center. Call the office, 328-8181, before coming by to make sure Nicole or an Office Angel is there to get the tickets to you.

If you have questions contact Sharon Aman at 478-960-0938.

**We still need help selling tickets at the Belk stores.
Come by the Day Center to find out the times volunteers are needed.
Thank you for your help in this effort!**



Jack Young, owner of Emmett Head Auto Parts, congratulates Michael, our most recent Family Promise graduate, as he receives his donated automobile. Jack was able to repair a few key items on the car. Jack and the employees of Emmett Head Auto Parts are part of the Family Promise faithful that help us whenever needed. Thank you, Jack and staff, for your good work! Congratulations, Michael, on now having your own transportation!



Home Supplies Are Always Welcome!



We wanted to add another reminder that if you have gently used home items you no longer need our guests can make good use of them when they move into their new homes. Some of the items we currently need are small dinette sets, washers and dryers, and flat ware and utensils for the kitchen.



Because our guest families are so successful as they participate in the Family Promise program, we use our donated items quickly and are always looking for more home items to place in our storage units to have available as our guests move into their new homes. If you are doing some fall cleaning or down sizing we kindly ask that you consider donating your items to Family Promise. We can give you a donation letter for tax purposes. Or if you know someone that may have items available tell them about Family Promise. What a great way to move things out of your way and to help a very grateful family!



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