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## Director's Corner

**Nicole Rosser, MPA**  
**Executive Director**

This month we had the pleasure of celebrating the two wonderful women who brought Family Promise to Greater Houston County; Shirley Boan and Vivian Stilley. We often see the fruits of a beautiful thing

without recognizing the labor. It was astounding to me, even as Director, the many hours, days, and months spent before bringing the idea to the community. We were blessed that both Shirley and Vivian had worked closely with a Family Promise Affiliate in Ohio and understood first hand how much of an asset the program would be to our community.

Both Shirley and Vivian have volunteered with Family Promise in every capacity possible; serving as board members, faithful donors and fund raisers, van drivers, overnight host you name it, they have done it.

It was a very small luncheon with lots of love and laughs in the room as we shared stories of humble beginnings with our affiliate. We talked about crossing paths with close to 100 families over the past seven years and how each one has been such a blessing. The most important things each individual present received from this time of fellowship is the importance of following through on our ideas when we get that little nudge from God. If Shirley Boan had ignored the nudge she received, we would have missed the opportunity to be vessels in the lives of so many... especially children.

What an honor and a privilege to work with these two beautiful souls. Our community will forever be stronger because of their obedience to the nudge. Thank You, ladies, for your passion and commitment to serving others.



L-R: Nicole, Vivian, Shirley, and Ronnie Shivers;  
President of the Board

## Belk Charity Sale Update



The Fall Belk Charity Sale Event was a great success! With everyone working together we raised over \$2,435, a new record for FPGHC. WOO-HOO and APPLAUSE PLEASE!! Thank you to all the sellers and buyers of the tickets. We appreciate your efforts and are confident you enjoyed shopping all the low prices at Belk during the event. Thank you to those that visited the new ticket website Belk created this year, [belk.donately.com](http://belk.donately.com). We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the generosity of Belk during this campaign. As you know they doubled your money during this fall sale by giving each shopper a \$10 credit for their \$5 donation, they allowed folks to use their tickets for on-line shopping, and because of pandemic issues they allowed shoppers one full week of the opportunity to use their Charity Day Ticket with their Belk Card at the store and to take their purchases home at that time. This is a wonderful program established by Belk to support local non-profit organizations and we are proud to participate. Last, but not least, we give a big THANK YOU to Vivian Stilley for coordinating all of this with our local Belk store. We look forward to the next Charity Sale in 2021.



## Mount Calvary Lutheran Church Accepts the Challenge of "Prescription to End Homelessness"

Last month we reminded our readers of the "Prescription to End Homelessness" program. Vivian Stilley, a member of Mount Calvary, organized the distribution and collection of the bottles to the congregation. Our dear friends there gave quarters and checks totaling a donation of over \$1,900 to help end homelessness in Houston County. AMEN and PTL! God Bless each of you for your support. We greatly appreciate your generosity!



Would your congregation, small group, or club accept the challenge also? Call our office to obtain your RX Bottles to support our children and their families.





### This week—October 18-25, 2020—is National Family Promise Week

Affiliates across the country set aside a week in October to celebrate the work we all do every day – preventing families from becoming homeless, sheltering those in crisis, and stabilizing families so they are no longer at risk. This national event increases awareness of the issue of family homelessness and is an opportunity to engage and thank volunteers, donors, supporters, and community leaders.

We can not sufficiently express how much we appreciate the support of everyone in Houston County that is a part of this ministry. YOU are “ending homelessness one family at a time”.

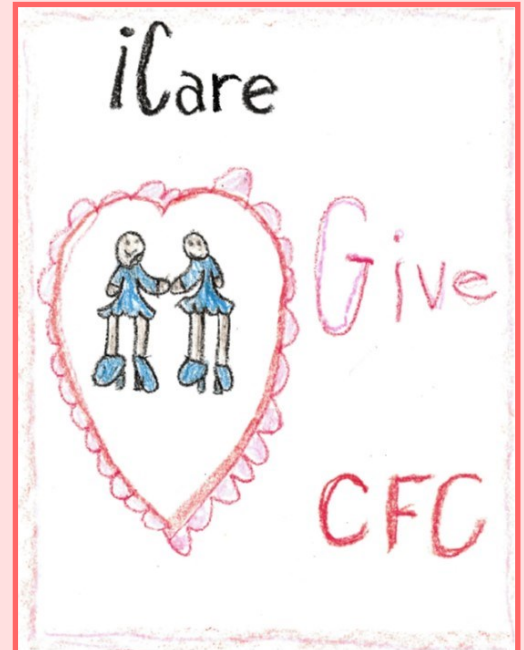


We have had several supporters ask how our young guests are managing with school during the pandemic and the issues associated with this situation. We are pleased to tell you that with the support of our donors they have what they need and are doing well with their school activities.

### Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

All Houston County cities have set trick-or-treating hours from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, October 31, 2020





These pictures, drawn by children, are part of the emphasis for CFC this year to encourage donors to support non-profit organizations through this giving campaign. We want to again remind our Federal employee friends, at RAFB and the USPS, you have the opportunity to support Family Promise by completing a CFC pledge form to indicate FPGHC #90951 as the charity you support. Your donations are greatly beneficial to the homeless families we serve. All donations are tax deductible.



### *Keep in Touch:*



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shelter, meals and support services to  
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