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



Director's Corner

By: Nicole Fogle, MPA

Her Crowning Glory

Hair is not merely a cosmetic appendage for a woman, it often defines how she sees herself. 90% of the time when women first come into the program their hair is either wrapped up or pulled back. It is not because they don't care, but most mothers don't feel pretty on the inside or the outside when they can't take care of their family the way they would like. While working on the inside can take a bit more work, working on the outside can be refreshing and uplifting to the spirit. Diane at Godis Beauty Salon did just that; she volunteered her time and talents to style one of our moms. The smile on her face when she looked in the mirror was priceless.



Accomplishments

July has been the month of major accomplishments for two of our guests. As if getting a new job at RAFB and joining Fellowship Bible Baptist Church was not big enough...Nia moved into her 3 bedroom apartment this month and after weeks of practicing, she passed her driving test and is now a licensed driver. Whoo Hoo! What many of us take for granted in our day to day events can be huge challenges for others. Nia, I speak for everyone when I say we are extremely proud of you and all that you have accomplished for yourself and your 5 children.

While Toni is three weeks into her exciting new position with a local medical professional she continues to grow spiritually. She joined Union Grove Baptist Church and was baptized July 19th.



It is important to note that both Nia and Toni became employed after only a couple weeks of being in the program. Both ladies continued to interview while employed and both were able to move to different jobs that offer long-term career opportunities. Neither became satisfied with just having a job.

We have such awesome volunteers...Here is an extra shout out to Tony and Nicole, Pastor Clarke, Brenda Hopson, Diane South, Carolyn H, Pauline, Sheree, Ronnie, and Dave.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK!

Photos of some of our volunteers that recently helped move our most recent Family Promise graduate and her family.



Sheree Evans and her granddaughter, Baylee Cleghorn, assist with loading belongings ready for transport to our graduating family's new home.



Dave Razo with Listen Mesherle and Lucy Weatherall, young adults from Shirley Hills Baptist Church, moving donated furnishings to the home of our recent graduate.



Vivian Stillely with her three grandsons, Jo, Jeff, & Cory Kirchoff, were also part of the moving crew. Jo, Jeff, & Cory live out of state and were here for a visit but grandmother put them to work.

This is just one of the many ways volunteers serve with Family Promise. Contact Shirley Boan, Volunteer Chair, at 929-0769 or shboan@cox.net, to find out how you can serve others through Family Promise.

Q & A

Question: I'd like to volunteer with Family Promise, however, my church is not involved. Is there a way for me to participate?

Answer: Absolutely! There are several host congregations that would love to have extra hands with set up, meals, overnight hosting, and other needs....you could be matched with one of those and their coordinator would include you in their scheduled week's activities four times a year. Or you could be a "floater" and be placed by the Director when needed. There are also special events, such as Car City, and needs, such as being part of a "moving team" when families graduate and move into new homes. For some activities attending a training class in advance is required. Contact Director, Nicole Fogle, or Volunteer Chair, Shirley Boan, or email familypromisehoco@gmail.com.

Question: Are you looking for the latest update on Family Promise for your organization?

Answer: We are always happy to provide speakers for your group. Contact Carolyn Schomer, Public Relations Chair at schomerc@gmail.com or 922-2965.

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is
**GOOD
MOOD**

RAVING CRAVINGS: The families are talking about some of the delicious meals prepared by our awesome volunteers. We hear that Grace Church in Perry had delicious chicken and dumplings and the best homemade spaghetti and meatballs. They were also pretty impressed with the loaded potato casserole at Centerville United Methodist. But wait...there is one more...They loved the lemon herb chicken prepared by Vickie Shealy.

**RUBY WINS WITH FAMILY PROMISE**

See the information below about the upcoming fund raiser event sponsored by Ruby Tuesday. Please note you must present a copy of this flyer (either paper or electronic version) to your server to assure Family Promise of Greater Houston County receives credit for your participation. Also notice there are four dates from which you can choose, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, August 18 & 19 or 25 & 26. You can attend any or all of these dates, just take a flyer each time you visit. You can print this page of the newsletter or print the flyer from our website; under the GET INVOLVED / EVENTS tab.

ENJOY A MEAL WITH US AND WE'LL GIVE BACK.

Ruby Tuesday

COMMUNITY GiveBack PROGRAM

100% OF THE GIVEBACK AMOUNT IS DONATED DIRECTLY TO THE ORGANIZATION.

Ruby Tuesday is extremely proud to be part of your hometown and believes in giving back. As a fellow member of the community, we invite you to participate in...

Ruby Tuesday's Community GiveBack Program.

Grab your family and friends and join us at the 101 RIGBY DR location on the dates listed below. Please present this flyer to your server, and we will give back **20%** of your purchase to the organization.

HOW IT WORKS

(We apologize but we cannot accommodate coupon usage or other discounts in conjunction with our GiveBack Program.)



To make a reservation, call us at 478-929-4828 or visit us online at rubytuesday.com

Organization's Name: FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER HOUSTON COUNTY

Event Name: RUBY WINS WITH FAMILY PROMISE

Date(s) of Visit: 8/18/2015 8/19/2015 8/25/2015 8/26/2015

Ruby Tuesday

For directions to the restaurant or a peek at the menu, visit rubytuesday.com

101 RIGBY DR, WARNER
ROBINS GA



EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS FOR ONE NIGHT

Spend the night in your car as we raise awareness of the 450+ homeless children in our community.

Donate funds to help us end homelessness one family at a time!

- . Music .
- . Entertainment .
- . Fellowship .
- . Inspiration .
- . Soup Line .
- . Decorate Your Vehicle Contest .



**FRIDAY
SEPT 25, 2015**

starting at 5pm
and concluding at
7am Saturday morning

**CENTRAL GEORGIA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

80 Cohen Walker Drive
Warner Robins, GA 31088



www.fphope.org

END HOMELESSNESS for CHILDREN
in Houston County

Mark Your Calendar - CAR CITY is Coming

**Friday, September 25th at
Central Georgia Technical College**

This will be our Second Annual Event and we are looking forward to even more fun this year! Plan to join us for an evening under the stars as we "Experience Homelessness" for one night and raise funds to continue this much needed mission in middle Georgia. We are excited about our initial plans as some new faces have provided ways to make this year's event bigger and better! Come and enjoy music, movie, soup line, flashlight treasure hunt, and continental breakfast Saturday morning as we raise awareness of the homeless problem in Houston County. For further information and registration forms visit our website, www.fphope.org.

CONSIDER SUPPORTING THE VAN DRIVE

Our 1996 Van was recently in the shop for the sixth time this year. As we have been sharing with you, a Van Fund Drive has been initiated and we need your help to be able to purchase one soon.

An updated vehicle is our most Important priority! If you would like to donate to the purchase of a van, write "VAN DRIVE" as a memo on your check—Thanks in advance!



VAN DRIVERS ALSO NEEDED!

Do you have a few hours a week you could volunteer as a van driver for FPGHC? We need folks available to transport our guests each morning from the host church to the Day Center and then back to the church in the late afternoon. Drivers must be at least 25 years of age and have a

valid driver's license. Family Promise will complete a criminal background check on drivers before they begin serving. Service times are flexible. If you can serve at least once a week it would benefit our guests tremendously! Contact Nicole Fogle at 328-8181 or Shirley Boan at 397-5772 for more details.

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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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Thank You

Recent Donations have been received from:

Tim & Jane Burkes
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Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
First Christian Church—Grace Group
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Trinity Methodist Church—Home Builders Class,
to purchase school supplies for our guest children

WISH LIST

Mop
Toilet Paper
Bottled Water
Laundry Detergent
Cleaning Supplies
Walmart Gift Cards
Large Laundry Baskets

*Thank you for providing these needed items.
Contact Nicole Fogle for further information.*

Our Mission

**Is to mobilize congregations and partner with
social service agencies in order to help families
obtain independent, self-sustainable living.**

Ending Homelessness One Family at a Time!

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