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## Director's Corner

**By: Nicole Rosser**



Although we have a marvelous new facility, the move has been bitter sweet. For the past five years (including the families in the program now), every adult and child we have served has utilized the Day Center at 213 McArthur Blvd. It was home for the hours of 8AM to 5PM. This 700 square foot, 2 bedroom home, was a Godsend to Family Promise and our guests. Pastor Ken, staff, and volunteers at First United Methodist Church played an essential role in helping us with our mission of

*Ending Homelessness.....One Family At a Time.*

Many see a house that was too small, but it was so much more. It gave our children a place to play, our families a place to gather for meals, and I can still hear the sound of tears, but much more laughter.

The back yard and picnic table was a place of peace for adults and gave the children space to run. One of my fondest memories is the snowball fight in December 2017 where we all laughed so hard it warmed our hearts.

We Thank God for our new facility, but we will forever be grateful for our five years at 213 McArthur Blvd.

**HAPPINESS  
IS HOMEMADE!**



*It is a bitter sweet good-bye to our home for the past 5 years*



## Family Promise Coordinators: The Links That Work for Our Families

The Coordinators at each of our Host and Support Congregations are the links which help our program be effective for our homeless children and their families. They recruit, organize, and follow up with volunteers at their churches in preparation for each hosting week. They are the link with pastors/staff at their church. They communicate with the volunteers who bring beds and belongings each Sunday afternoon and who pick them up the following Sunday morning. They are in regular contact with our Director in planning and communicating needs. They meet with other coordinators to share ideas and discuss ways to make things better for both their churches and our guests. Some of them volunteer in other ways such as van drivers, serving on the Moving Team, and supporting our various events such as Car City, Peaches to the Beaches yard sale, and Belk Charity Day sales. We could not be successful without them!

Below is a photo of some of our awesome Coordinators at a recent meeting and we are pleased to welcome 4 new Coordinators!



L-R: Linda Gove, Amy Holbeck, Norika Blanton

Linda and Norika are Co-coordinators of our newest Host Congregation, Crossroads United Methodist Church.

Amy is a 5 year volunteer at Host Church, Shady Grove Baptist, who is stepping up to the Coordinator role.



Margaret Kirkland;

Eighth Day Church recently joined the Network as our newest Support Congregation. Margaret will lead their volunteers as the Coordinator.



As the Co-Coordinators at Crossroads UMC Norika Blanton and Linda Gove led the way sponsoring the Family Promise "RX to End Homelessness" fund raiser event this spring at their church. Through the generous gifts of the folks at Crossroads \$1,600 was donated in 150+ bottles. We are grateful for their good work and this tremendous support!

Would you like to lead a group in filling prescription bottles to support Family Promise of Greater Houston County? Contact our office for information.





*It is time for our annual **Christmas in July** emphasis. This year we are 'adopting' 8 families (current guests and some recent graduates) to help their children get ready to go back to school. Through your generosity we will assist in providing clothes for the school age children of these families. This is a great support to our hard working parents and provides a bit of relief to our guests as they prepare for the return to school for the 2018-2019 year.*

*We kindly ask you to consider providing gift cards from JC Penney or Target to be used for this purpose. Financial donations will also be accepted; be sure you mark your donation for this cause. We need your donations by July 21st. This will provide us with ample time to go shopping before school begins August 1st.*

*Please call the office, 328-8181, if you have questions or to set up a time to drop off your gift cards; or donations can be mailed to Family Promise, PO Box 8434, WR, GA 31095.*

***Thank You for your support of our families!***



**Wishlist**

Family Promise could use the following items at the Day Center:

Disinfectant spray  
Sanitary Napkins  
Size 3T Pull-ups for girls  
Iron for the Laundry room  
Walmart Gift Cards

Thank you for your donations. Please call the office to schedule a time to bring them to the Day Center, 328-8181

Have you listed Family Promise of Greater Houston County as the organization you would like to support through the Kroger Community Rewards Program? It is easy to sign up. Go to [www.Kroger.com](http://www.Kroger.com), Sign into your account, Click on the Savings & Rewards tab, Scroll down to Kroger Community Rewards, Input Organization # 76557. Every time you shop at Kroger using your rewards card, you are making a donation to Family Promise.

Thank you for your support in this way!



# volunteer

*do good, feel good*

*The next Volunteer Training Day for new volunteers will be Monday, July 9th, 6:00 PM, in the conference room of the Day Center.  
(The conference room is located around the corner to the left of the front doors of the building.)*

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*The volunteer Office Angels began serving Monday, June 18th at the reception area of the Day Center. They will be giving of their time from 9-12 each morning, Monday—Friday. They are providing administrative support by answering the phone, updating forms, providing data entry, and other miscellaneous needs. We have several ladies committed to this cause, but we need a few more volunteers to assist in this manner. Contact Nicole if you are interested in volunteering a few hours a month in this capacity. Training will be provided.*

*For both of these opportunities, contact Nicole to let her know of your interest, or for further information: [nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com](mailto:nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com) or 328-8181*

*Family Promise Day Center, 2762 Watson Blvd*



Thank You to everyone that participated in the Spring Belk Charity Sale. Through your work, generous donations, and the support of Belk we received \$1,904.46!



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families without homes through a network  
of local congregations.

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recent financial donations:**

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**Darcy Hatin**

**Thomas and Charlotte Slade**

**Club 247:**

**Kirby Neal**

**Roger and Shirley Boan**

**Ronnie and Janet Foskey**

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**Churches:**

**The Assembly at Warner Robins**  
**First Christian Church—Grace Group**  
**Saint Patrick's Catholic**

**In Memory of Sandy Wade:**  
**Dyana Mark-Lewis**

**Thank you to the many individuals who  
donated through the Belk Charity Day Sale**

**Thank you, Crossroads United Methodist  
Church, for your support through  
'RX for Homelessness'**

**Ending Homelessness....  
One Family at a Time**