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**This newsletter is
created monthly by
FPGHC volunteers.
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your friends.**



HIGHLIGHTS OF CAR CITY

We were so pleased with the turnout for the Fourth Annual CAR CITY hosted by our in-kind sponsor, Central Georgia Technical College; our largest gathering to date. We began with the National Anthem sung by Jadis Marcum. The evening under the stars included a soup/bread line served by Boy Scout Troup 566 and a great assortment of desserts provided by the Girl Scouts, entertainment by a wide array of vocal and instrumental groups, a flashlight scavenger hunt, a bouncy house, and an outdoor movie accompanied with smores provided by the KAZ sorority.



Soup Line



**Amanda Milner
introduces
Jadis Marcum**

This year we were blessed by a great line-up of HOMETOWN HEADLINERS to include returning super star Jared Leland (actor on The Walking Dead). Amanda Milner (2006 Miss Georgia and 2015 Georgia Teacher of the Year) once again helped MC the event.

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Enjoying Smores



Jared with two new friends

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT ALL THE PHOTOS
AND VIDEO CLIPS; FPHOPE.ORG**



L-R: Nova Kopp, Mayor Randy Toms, and Lexi Henry

We welcomed newcomers, Lexi Henry and Charles Richardson, to our stage to host as well. Lexi is the 2016 Ms. US National Forestry Queen and current Ms. Georgia South and Mrs. Georgia Petite. Charles Richardson is an editor with the Macon Telegraph. As a special treat, the beautiful Nova Kopp, 2015 Mrs. Georgia and the 2017 Ms. International, shared the stage as she lent her support to the cause of homeless children and their families. In addition, Lindsey Richardson, 2017 Miss Warner Robins and current Miss Columbus, sang and Grace Thomas, former Miss Warner Robins Outstanding Teen and current Miss Southeast Georgia Outstanding Teen, shared her talents for the third year.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a donated vehicle to one of our Family Promise guests and his daughter. Totally amazed and thankful, Mike now has the resource to maintain his employment and prepare to move into their own home.



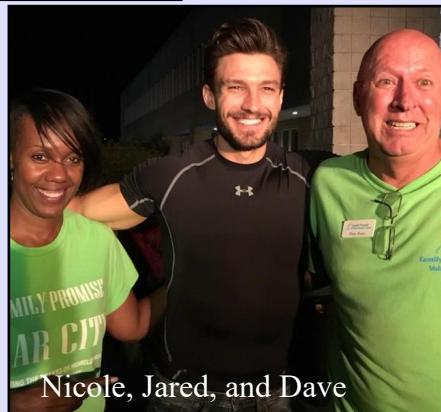
Lindsey Richardson and Charles Richardson
(they are not related)

Several individuals spent the night sleeping in their vehicles to "experience homelessness" and these brave overnighters enjoyed breakfast together Saturday morning.

We definitely want to THANK our sponsors, donors and volunteers. On behalf of the 100+ children, who after coming through the Family Promise program in Houston County, are now residing in their own homes with their families. Thank you ALL for making this possible! Visit www.fphope.org to see a list of all our sponsors.



Grace Thomas introduced by Amanda Milner



Nicole, Jared, and Dave



Photo above:
Tom Schoonover presents keys of the donated vehicle to our guest family. Dave Razo and Nicole Rosser join the celebration.



Sweet Georgia Sounds Share at CAR CITY



YOUR PIE and Family Promise of Greater Houston County have developed a great partnership!

The YOUR PIE owner, Robert Bearden, was seeking divine guidance on what charity he might partner for the opening of his new restaurant. He did his homework, and thanks to many individuals in our community, he decided to work with Family Promise to help him with his "soft opening". So after some preliminary coordination, and ensuring that all the necessary inspections and certificates were in place, the invitations went out and we hoped to reserve 200 slots for lunch and 200 slots for dinner on three consecutive days: Monday—Wednesday, September 25th—27th.

The turnout was great and YOUR PIE was generous, as all their entrées were free for the soft opening and we only asked for a donation from these faithful Family Promise customers. It was a Win-Win for YOUR PIE and for our community!

Our efforts were wildly successful as we helped get the word out about this fantastic new restaurant, located at 2764 Watson Blvd. Together we raised \$5,681.86—helping homeless families get back on their feet!

The presentation check says it all—
For Changing Lives!
Thanks to Robert, his family, his church, and his staff!





FPGHC Director, Nicole Rosser, recently attended the 15th National Family Promise Conference, October 13-16, in Washington, DC. She said of the convention: "It had amazing workshops; building great relationships with more than 150 affiliates. We also had the wonderful opportunity to hear Dr. Ben Carson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, speak." We are glad you were able to attend, Nicole, we appreciate you!

Nicole with Family Promise CEO, Clasas Elhers



Dr. Ben Carson

Volunteer Training

COMING SOON!
A Volunteer Training class will be held
Monday, October 23rd, 6 PM at
First Christian Church, Perry
2100 US Highway 41

To register contact Nicole Rosser at 328-8181 or nrosser.familypromise@gmail.com

If you have been thinking about joining our volunteer team, this is a great opportunity to learn more about Family Promise and how you can be a part of serving our guests. We hope to see you there!

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When you travel with American Airlines, input 906334 into the Business Extra section of your reservation and you will generate points that translate into free flights for our National Family Promise employees. This does not affect your frequent flyer miles; you generate points for yourself and for FP. These points are used to provide technical assistance to developing affiliates, fly Guest Advisory Council members to events/conferences, and more.

Thank you for your support in this way!



CONGRATULATIONS!
To the Young family
And
The Thomas family
For graduating this past month.
Keep up the good work!



We Have Some Great News to Share!

We are soooo very GRATEFUL to God and to all our good friends and supporters; particularly our friends at **Hodac** and our supporters at the **Community Foundation**.

We were all sad to hear that after 45 years of serving Middle Georgia, Hodac Inc (original name: Houston Drug and Action Council) decided they would need to close their doors. By law, as a non-profit, they are required to give their assets to another non-profit and Hodac chose Family Promise of Greater Houston County—WOW, what a blessing! So now,

the Day Center is moving! The decision by Hodac was an emotional one as people had poured their heart and soul into that mission. Our goal, as we accept the assets they are donating to us, is to continue their proud tradition of serving the greater Houston County community. As we look toward accepting their building next month, we will need to do some renovations, repairs and construction in the building to make it useable for our Family Promise guests. At a minimum we are looking at creating showers, installing washer and dryer hook-ups, creating a quiet room for rest, relaxation, and study and then some expanded areas for families to lounge when they are not at work or school during the day.

We are also very thankful to the Community Foundation, as we recently received a grant from them that will help pay for these needed renovations.

We hope to start using the new facility, located at 2762 Watson Blvd., in the new year and we are beginning to work through the plans needed to get started on the repairs and renovations. We are so very grateful for all these blessings even though we know it will be take a lot of hard work to make the move.

We are also very thankful to First United Methodist Church for providing Family Promise with our first Day Center and for being such a generous and supportive church. You will always hold a special place in our hearts as your support was one of the keys to our ability to start this important mission!



As we go through the transition and prep the new building for use, we are sure to need some volunteers to help us with this project. If you think you can help us, please let us know; send an email to Dave at Dave.Razo@gmail.com.



Thank you all for your excellent example of service!



The **KAZ Sorority**, made up of local high school students, is a very active support group for Family Promise of Greater Houston County. They were very helpful again this year at CAR CITY, serving in any way needed. They also presented Family Promise with a check for \$2,000.



Remember, Saturday, November 4th, is the date of the next Belk Charity Sale. Vivian Stilley has tickets available for you to sell to friends and family. She also still needs volunteers to help sell tickets at the Belk Store leading up to the event. Contact Vivian soon and let her know how you can assist in selling tickets.

See you there!

vivian.stilley@cox.net or 333-3357

Rollaway Bed Goal



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of local congregations.

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Thank you, again, to everyone that
supported Family Promise through the
"Your Pie" and "Car City" Events! All the
good things that are happening are
because of our supporters.

We appreciate you more than we can express!