



# Family Promise

of Greater Houston County



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## Director's Corner

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

are stepping up daily to make sure their needs are met. While our program may look a bit different than it has in years past, our mission is still the same in helping families become self sufficient. Our numbers have in fact increased as we have been providing outreach and financial support to families with children in the community.

We want to thank these churches for stepping up this month: First Baptist, Sacred Heart, Shady Grove, Fellowship Bible Baptist, Shirley Hills, First Christian-Perry, and Union Grove. We appreciate you!



I also want to share with you that our Board of Directors is working on a fun Fundraiser Event to take place August 29th. See page two for information and watch us on Facebook and the Website to keep up to date on the plans. We hope to see many sport enthusiasts there!

# Sporting Clays Tournament



"Aiming to Help Homeless Families"

August 29, 2020

Ocmulgee River Club

169 Marcar Rd, Macon, GA

Registration: 9:00AM

Tournament: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Tickets Available July 13, 2020

Sponsorships Available

478-328-8181



All proceeds support

**FamilyPromise**

of Greater Houston County

"Ending Homelessness One Family at a Time"

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## Family Promise CEO, Claas Ehlers, named to Charity Navigator's Consultative Council of Nonprofit Leaders



Recently Class Ehlers, National Family Promise CEO, was selected by Charity Navigator to join their Consultative Council of Nonprofit Leaders. According to the nonprofit evaluator, "This diverse team of 24 experienced nonprofit leaders will advise Charity Navigator on various aspects of the sector, shed light on factors that influence nonprofit success, and work collaboratively to help strengthen our current and future initiatives." Additionally, the group will advise the nonprofit rating organization as they increase the number of rated organizations in the coming months.

Charity Navigator is a resource for donors that provides guidance on the financial health, accountability and transparency, and impact of nonprofits. Family Promise has received Charity Navigator's 4-star rating, the highest available, for seven consecutive years. Only 6% of nonprofits have received seven consecutive 4-star ratings.



To learn more about Charity Navigator, visit their website:  
[Charitynavigator.org](http://Charitynavigator.org).

Because of your generosity, Family Promise of Greater Houston County has extended the time frame for accepting applications for the *Sustainability Relief Assistance Program*. See the information below about this program.

If your family, or if you know of a FAMILY, that needs financial assistance because of circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic tell them about the program.



We want to again say THANK YOU for your gifts.  
You are a blessing!



### ***Sustainability Relief Assistance Program***

Is designed to assist working or temporarily displaced families with children who are financially fragile due to the current pandemic. The purpose of this program is to prevent homelessness.

- \* Must have a valid Georgia ID or Driver's License
- \* Must have children under the age of 18, currently residing with you
- \* Must show proof of employment prior to March 1, 2020
- \* Must show past due balance
- \* Must reside in Houston County

The amount of assistance provided will vary based on family size, income and need.

Call our office, 478-328-8181, to schedule a screening or for further information.

## Could You Help With This Need?

### WEARING A MASK



Due to our current national virus crisis Family Promise of Greater Houston County has not been able to house families with our host congregations over the past few months. With guidelines changing and activities returning to 'near normal' our Executive Director and Board of Directors are making plans toward our goal of working with our great congregations again.

It has come to our attention that we need child size masks for our young guests to wear; masks for children of different ages, thus several sizes needed for their use. Therefore, we are looking for someone to help fill this need. Are you a seamstress, or could you pass this on to one, who could volunteer some time to make smaller masks for our guests? If so, please contact Nicole Rosser for further information at [nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com](mailto:nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com).

## THE NETWORK EXPANDED

As the pandemic grew, so did our Network in reaching out to families in need. As you read in our May edition, Moe's sponsored a free Taco Kit for each one purchased to be given to families in need. The process was challenging as Moe's needed to know how many people would be fed from each "kit". To connect with families in need, we reached out to our FP congregations and a number of community agencies. Through work with groups such as Perry Volunteer Outreach, Grace Village, Department of Family and Children Services, ABBA House, Board of Education, and the Housing Authorities some 80 families were identified. Once families were identified each week, Moe's prepared the kits for the number of people in each household and on Saturdays they were delivered by volunteers from Family Promise and some of the other agencies. As one recipient posted on her Facebook page, "What a blessing to come home after a double shift at work and have a hot meal already prepared and ready for my family".

We thank Moe's for selecting Family Promise to coordinate their generosity, and all these community partners as we form a larger and stronger Network for working with families in Houston County.



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families without homes through a network  
of local congregations.

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purchasing on Amazon; Amazon Smile donates .5% of your  
purchase to FPGHC, at no cost to you. It is a win-win! Join  
today! THANK YOU!



A Belk Charity Day Sale will not be held in  
August, as we had suggested in the May  
newsletter. The fall sale will be held in  
November. We will post further information  
as we get closer to the date.  
Thank you for your understanding.