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



Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser

Last week many of us were blessed to visit with one of the guests from our second rotation...MARIE. She came to visit us all the way from New York. She is still just as witty and full of spunk as when she and her daughter, Taylor, were here with us. For those of you that do no know, while in the program with us Taylor was, unfortunately, involved in an accident and continues to receive care related to those injuries. Taylor is now 15 years old and Marie shared her progress with us:

In the past 2 years Taylor has had 12 surgeries. She attends school every-day with a curriculum of several different therapy classes. Marie says "Music Therapy is her favorite".

Taylor continues to progress in alertness and responsiveness. Much like her mother, she is witty. Marie shared a story of how Taylor does not like to get eye drops and she closes her eyes and pretends to be asleep when she see the medical assistant coming.

I found it most endearing that after all this time, Marie considers all the people involved with Family Promise to be Family and shared that the relationships developed while she was in the program continue to encourage her and Taylor. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.





Please join us in celebrating "Christmas in July" at Family Promise. While we love December and the holiday spirit of giving it brings, it is important to recognize that families need support throughout the year.

This year we will have our first "Christmas in July" which will focus on school clothes for our Family Promise children. Over the past few years we have seen a great need in this area.

We have selected seven families to be adopted in July. Families selected have been identified as those having the greatest need; parent(s) are employed but can use the extra support.

Interested individuals or groups wishing to adopt a family can contact Nicole at 328-8181. Ideally we would like each child to receive 2 outfits, one pair of shoes, and an age appropriate book. Gift cards will also be accepted for JCPenny, Walmart, and Target. Families will need to be adopted by July 1 and gifts or gift cards can be turned in Friday, July 15th. Time and location will be announced in our June newsletter.

The Greenbriar Garden Club stopped by Family Promise to show our families how to plant vegetables. A fun time was had by all.





UPDATE: Thanks to everyone that helped with the spring Belk Charity Day ticket sale. While final results are not yet available, our final total will be about \$2,000. WOO-HOO! Kudos goes to Barbara Horton who sold 12 tickets on a Monday, which is usually the slowest day for sales.

Flint Energies capped off the Family Promise VAN DRIVE with a \$5,000 check which allowed us to mark the van as "Paid In Full."

Special thanks to the Flint Energies Round Up campaign, the 2015 Chamber Leaders, and Wayne Lowe (Lowe Toyota) for their help in obtaining this very needed resource.



Board Planning Retreat

After sharing as a keynote speaker for our Appreciation Dinner, Teressa Ramsey, Regional Director, led the Board in a Planning Retreat the next day. She first conducted a review and discussion of the characteristics of successful affiliates and

the basic responsibilities of a Family Promise Board. She then led the group in reviewing our organization's progress to date and in discussing goals for the future. In preparation, Teressa had conducted an on-line self-assessment by current and former board members. After celebrating achievement of some 2014-2016 goals [replacing an oft-in-the-garage passenger van and finally having our own cargo trailer for transporting beds and guest belongings], we began to dream for the next two, five, and ten years. Stay tuned for where we are headed!



L to R Teressa Ramsey, Barbara Horton, Rolland Fall, Shirley Boan, Dave Razo, Sharon Rogers, Bill Dunmon, Nicole Fogle, Suzy Jolly; Carolyn Schomer, photographer.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET



Family Promise of Greater Houston County truly appreciates the time, effort, and sacrifice of our volunteers; without you we couldn't help our families! You are the best!



Guest Speaker, Robie Smith, sharing thanks for all the volunteers who supported her family during their stay in the program as well as their continued friendships.



Nicole with Guest Speakers: Teressa Ramsey, FP Regional Director, and Robie Smith



Ryan Sheyka shared the "Youth Volunteer of the Year" award with Mary Michael Shepphard, who could not be present.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Diane South receives the "Jill of All Trades" Award

Sheree Evans Receives the "Volunteer of the Year" Award



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**Recent Donations:****Individuals:**

Dianne and Jeff Douglass
Thomas and Charlotte Slade

Club 247:

Dave and Carolyn Schomer

Groups:

Kroger Rewards Program
Pilot Club of Warner Robins

Churches:

Trinity United Methodist

In-Kind Donations:

Carrie Dominy donated several purses to our program. Ms. Dominy has a ministry involving over 1200 people in the community who donate purses filled with toiletries.



One of our guests has a job working outdoors and needs:
Bottled Water and Gatorade

We are also in need of:
Toilet Paper, Cleaning Supplies, and Towels

We can always use: **Walmart Gift Cards**

Thank you for your consideration!

Keep in touch; We love hearing from you!



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