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created monthly by  
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**We wish all of  
our students a  
great new  
school year!**

## Director's Corner

### By: Nicole Rosser

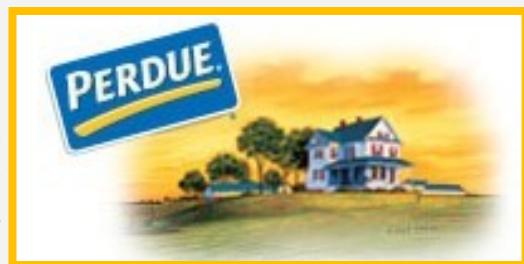
Community Supporters



This month we would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge businesses in the community that hire guests in our program. One of the most crucial points of sustainability for our families is permanent employment. Our families work hard to save money during their 90 day stay. While each family's financial situation is different, most families save \$1,000—\$1,200 while in the program.

It is important to note that our families meet the qualifications for various positions as our partners only hire qualified candidates. During our five years of serving families we have had several businesses to employ our guests. We would like to highlight two businesses this month; American Wizard Janitorial Services and Perdue Farms. Their support helps our families become productive citizens in our community.

Any businesses interested in partnering with Family Promise with full-time or part-time employment opportunities please contact me at 478-328-8181. We look forward to partnering with you and helping your business hire excellent employees.



**American Wizard  
Janitorial**

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## Christmas in July Update

*Thanks to the generosity of some amazing donors, Christmas in July was a huge success. We were able to purchase school clothes & shoes for 14 children ages 4-16. Family Promise started the Christmas in July program three years ago. This is such a needed project for our families as parents work hard to maintain day to day expenses such as rent, daycare, and transportation; new clothing for growing children is one thing that is difficult to keep up with.*

*There is nothing more rewarding than passing out presents to children. The smiles on their faces are priceless!*

*A special thank you to our Elves Barb, Megan, and Diane who helped with planning, shopping and delivering!*



Our grateful appreciation to those that generously provided the gift cards / funds for this project: Hugh & Martha Davis, Carlton & Marie Driskell, Ronnie & Janet Foskey, Brian & Darcy Hatin, The Vine Church of Perry, Shirley Hills Baptist Church, and Betty Haselden's Class at SHB

## IMPORTANT UPDATE!

In the June and July editions of this publication we have given you information about the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This month we received updated information from The Kroger Company about this program.

**The new account number for Family Promise of Greater Houston County  
In the Kroger Community Rewards Program is:  
SU460**



Kroger has recently upgraded this program and has assigned all the participating non-profit organizations new account numbers. The new number for FPGHC is SU460. The good news for everyone already participating in this program is that the upgrade automatically updated the number in your Kroger account; therefore you do not have to make the change. We have also learned that as participants in the program, we do not have to re-enroll each year, as has been the practice in the past. Once you enroll in the program FPGHC will receive the benefits each time you shop.

"The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!"

Dave Razo shared this testimony about using his Kroger rewards card: "We recently purchased gift cards at Kroger and received 4X fuel points. The next time we purchased gasoline at Kroger we received \$1.00 per gallon off of the regular price. Therefore, we received a great price on our gasoline and Kroger gives a portion of all of our purchases to Family Promise."

It is a win-win program! If you shop regularly at Kroger, and have not already done so, please consider listing FPGHC as the organization you want to support. It does not effect your points.



## HAPPY TO BE HOME!

We are always glad to report when one of our guest families graduate from our program and move into their own place. It gives all of us a 'warm, fuzzy feeling'; we are proud to have been a part of helping them get back on their feet, but more importantly we are so proud of them for all their hard work. We have guided them along the way, but they are the ones that put in the work to make it happen.

This is a photo of the new home of one of our recent graduates. Sometimes the situation is such that the family has furniture in storage to use in their new home. In other circumstances they start from scratch. In those cases we can often help them by giving them furniture and home items that have been donated to FPGHC and kept in a warehouse until needed.

Every graduation is a wonderful day of celebration and each person that gives and/or volunteers with FPGHC is a part of the celebration.

**Congratulations to all of our graduates!**

### Trailer Donated to FPGHC

We are pleased to share that FPGHC was recently given a 12' x 6' enclosed trailer. It will be helpful when we pick up donated furniture and when we move our guests into their new homes. Thank you, John and Dobie Luppino for your generous donation!



L-R: Dave Razo, Michelle Hartman, Betsy Phillips, June Taylor, and Carolyn Schomer

### Ladies Golf Association Supports FPGHC

Family Promise received a \$330 donation from the Southern Landings Ladies Golf Association. They held a golf tournament August 11th and chose Family Promise as the organization to receive 50% of the proceeds received from a 50/50 raffle held at the event. Thank you Dave and Carolyn for assisting with the raffle. Thank you Michelle, Betsy, and June for choosing Family Promise of Greater Houston County as the non-profit organization to bless this year. We are most grateful!

**REMEMBER, Belk is holding an additional Charity Sale this Saturday, August 25th. If you need tickets call the office, 328-8181, to schedule a time to purchase them.**



### Volunteer Training

*The next regularly scheduled Volunteer Training Day will be Monday, September 10th, 6:00 PM, in the conference room of the Day Center.*

*Family Promise Day Center, 2762 Watson Blvd*

*Contact Nicole to let her know of your interest, or for further information about this training class: nrosser.familypromise@ gmail.com or 478-328-8181*



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of local congregations.

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One Family at a Time*