



A Decade of Serving

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FOR SHARING IT**



Director's Corner

**Nicole Rosser, MPA
Executive Director**

We have experienced so much in 10 years: a facility of 700 sq. ft. to 1700 sq. ft. to our new, large campus. Surviving through the Pandemic and serving more than 300 children in our program.

Children have graduated high school, married, become parents, served in the military, graduated college and began their careers. There have been a couple who have come in the program with their own children. 70% of the adults who have been in the program still reside in Houston County. Some moved for careers, marriage, and other life changes. We have had two parents pass away, one to Covid and one to cancer. One single dad married and lost his wife within a year. We lost two pastors and two precious dedicated Coordinators, Sandy and Ruth.

In respect to our partnering churches, some have grown and some have seen a decline in membership. We currently have 26 partnering churches but we have had a total of 37 congregations serve with us through the past 10 years. The number of businesses and civic organizations who support our program has tripled.

The economy has changed over this decade; rental rates have doubled for our clients. We have learned how to better serve our families "shelter, mental health and awareness, jobs/careers, and permanent housing".

Our Family Promise Family is a community of its own. Within our community our goal is to pour into the families that experience temporary homelessness so they may become productive citizens in Houston County. This is not an entitlement program. Our families work hard and save money in efforts to create stability for their children. Like every family we experience the cycle of life; many highs and lows, "The only thing constant is change".

We say Thank You to our Family Promise Community. Thank you for believing in us and allowing us the opportunity to serve homeless children in Houston County since 2013.

ENDING HOMELESSNESS ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

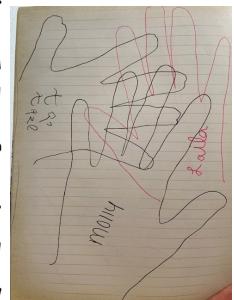


CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS

By: Nicole Rosser

I had the pleasure of chatting with one of our amazing Coordinators, Katie Cawthon, from Perry United Methodist Church. We reminisced about their partnership with Family Promise over the past 7 years and shared our excitement for this milestone year.

Katie always had a special connection with the children. As we sat in her office she pointed to cards that were given to her from former graduates expressing their appreciation. Katie also shared with me photos of the many children's handprints who visited over the years. She would pray for each child in the program. Katie readily admits that she misses the overnight role of volunteering but loves the privacy and stability the families have at the new facility. When I asked her, "What three words come to mind when talking about Family Promise?", she replied, "Empowering, Life-Giving, and Family". Although the families are no longer in a weekly rotation, Katie still prays for all the FP kids. We love Katie and all the wonderful volunteers at Perry United Methodist Church who have poured into our families.



Watch for our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon to be held in September; Celebrating all volunteers who have supported Family Promise since 2013!



The next Volunteer Training Class will be held **Monday, April 24th, 6:30PM** on our campus in the Community Center. Call 478-988-9457 to let us know you plan to attend. We look forward to meeting you!

We are excited to share with you that since the beginning of 2023 we have had four families graduate from our program. We are so proud of these parents who have faithfully worked to now be in their own homes with their families!

We know this is possible because of your support of Family Promise. Whether you donate your time as a volunteer or give financially to support this ministry our families are blessed because of you!



Meet Our Newest Board Member

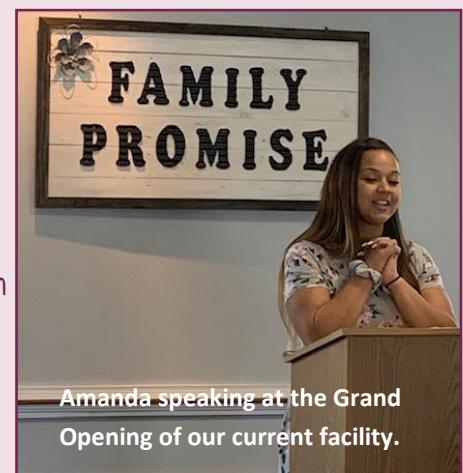
Written by: Nicole Rosser

It gives me great pleasure to introduce our newest Family Promise Board Member, Amanda Santos. Amanda is a Registered Behavioral Technician at Autism Behavioral Institute. She is currently in school to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. While she brings much professional experience to the organization, along with a grateful heart she says that Family Promise is very dear to her. When I asked her to share 3 words that come to mind when talking about Family Promise, she immediately smiled and said, "Help, Community, and Family". You see, Amanda was the very first guest to enter our program in 2013 when she was just 22 years old. She was accompanied by her young daughter and she was 7 months pregnant. She worked just a few days before her second child was born and went back to work just two weeks after giving birth. Even in the most challenging of times Amanda had a great work ethic and was determined to succeed.

It has been 10 years and Amanda will be the first to tell you she worked extremely hard and there have been ups and down, but providing for her children is daily motivation.

Amanda says she is excited to engage with the families in the program and be a change agent in the community. "Time to pay it forward."

I can't think of a better way to celebrate
"A Decade of Serving".



Amanda speaking at the Grand
Opening of our current facility.

JAZZ in the CITY

The next two pages of this newsletter will give you specific information about our signature event in celebration of

"A Decade of Serving" in Houston County. One way to help us Celebrate our 10 Year Anniversary is by becoming a sponsor or purchasing tickets to this event. Our first "JAZZ in the CITY" was very well received and we expect an even greater turnout this year. Be sure to order your tickets soon because space is limited. You are welcome to print the flyer and the Sponsor Sheet to share with your friends or business associates.

Hope to see you soon!



JAZZ in the CITY



**Featuring: Trey Daniels
Sunday Brunch Hors d'oeuvres
Tickets: \$35,
Advance Purchase Only**

**Enjoy Brunch and
Good Music while
Supporting
Homeless Children**

**Purchase tickets online:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/family-promise-of-greater-houston-county-63662408083>**

Further info: 478-988-9457

**May 7, 2023, 1—3 PM
The Pond Restaurant
2407 Moody Rd, Warner Robins**



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 Family Promise
of Greater Houston County



Be a Sponsor of JAZZ in the CITY

Bronze: \$250, Donor Name and Logo on Display Board at event and website

Silver: \$500, Donor Name and Logo on Display Board at event and website & 1 ticket

Gold: \$1500, Donor Name and Logo on 3'x4' Banner at event, on website & 2 tickets

Platinum: \$3000, Donor Name and Logo on 4'x10' Banner at event, on website and 3 tickets

YES! I would like to be Sponsor of JAZZ in the CITY , in support of homeless families in Houston County.

I would like to sponsor at the level indicated: Bronze Silver Gold Platinum

Mail checks to FPGHC, PO Box 8434, Warner Robins GA 31095 (or call our office and we can pick up your donation, 478-988-9457)

Cut off date to receive checks is April 28, 2023

Can you believe it is already time for the Spring BELK CHARITY SALE?

The Sale will be May 5-7 and we need your help! Diane South, event coordinator, has scheduled times to allow us to sell the tickets at the Belk store between now and May 7th, but we need volunteers to serve. It is an easy way



to help. Most of the shoppers that come in the store are familiar with this semi-annual event at Belk and they are eager to purchase tickets for this great sale. We simply need you to greet them as they enter the store, offer them the opportunity to purchase tickets, collect their money, and give them a ticket.



Contact Diane and let her know you can help sell tickets, whether it is at the store or obtain tickets to sell to your family and friends. Her contact info: 860-908-6687 or Diane.south@yahoo.com.



The Peaches to the Beaches Sale was a great success, especially considering we could only set up Saturday because of the rain on Friday. With your generous donations to sell, we raised \$4,008. We will not name each person that helped that day, but we are grateful for each volunteer who served. They worked hard with

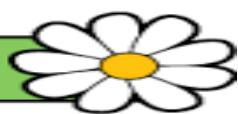
many of them serving from 7AM—6PM. We do want to give a SHOUT OUT to Board President, Ronnie Shivers, and Coordinator, Diane South, for all of their planning. They worked tirelessly to make this event happen.

We want to again say Thank You to Crossroads United Methodist Church, Perry for allowing us to use their parking lot for the sale.

We look forward to seeing you all again in March 2024!



April Showers Bring May Flowers





COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

In recognition of our Ten Year Anniversary, we introduce you to the Family Promise of Greater Houston County College Scholarship. This is a \$1,000 scholarship that will be given each year to a graduating senior that is currently in the program or has been in the program at some point.

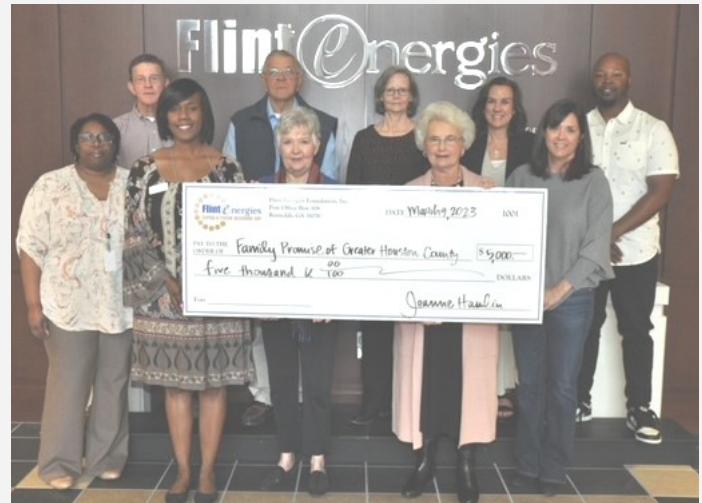
We understand the importance of career planning and continued education and want to encourage high school seniors that have been guests of Family Promise to apply. The application will be available on our website May 15th and will need to be submitted by June 1st. We are dedicated to helping families break poverty cycles. We also understand that support continues long after our families graduate from the program. This is another opportunity to pour into our families.

Again, this opportunity is available for a 2023 Graduating Senior who has been in the Family Promise of Houston County Program anytime from 2013 to the present.

Qualifying details will be listed when the application is released.

Nicole Rosser, Family Promise Director, recently accepted a \$5,000 grant from Flint Energies.

Thank you, Flint Energies for your partnership!



Wish List

Your In-Kind Gifts are appreciated just as much as a financial contribution. Needed supplies are a great support to our mission.

Mops

Brooms

Pillows

Bath Towels & Wash Cloths

Sanitary Napkins

Walmart Gift Cards

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GREATER HOUSTON COUNTY**

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Houston County, Inc.**

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