



**Family Promise®**  
of Greater Houston County

Building communities, strengthening lives.



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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**Monday,  
February 22nd  
6:00 PM  
Central Baptist  
Church  
1120 Lake Joy Rd**

**Please call 328-8181  
to confirm your  
attendance**

## **Director's Corner** **By: Nicole Rosser**

Since opening our doors in May 2013 we have received many inquiries and referrals for our program. We are pleased to know our community is becoming aware of our services for homeless families in Houston County. With this in mind we felt it beneficial to share the following information with you; providing some brief details for those interested in referring families to Family Promise.



### **Quick Facts on Family Promise Services and Program Entry:**

The intake process is quite extensive and there is not an immediate entry to the program.

We conduct a phone screening, set up a face to face intake, get a criminal background history, and do a drug screening before a family is approved. The process can take anywhere from 2-4 days business days.

Prospective guests must have children under the age of 18. (Pregnant women with no children will not qualify.)

Prospective guests must contact us directly.

Prospective guests must have documentation for the entire family; birth certificates, social security cards, and personal identification. (Other documentation may be requested as needed.)

Families can stay in the program up to 90 days based on progress and review.

Transportation is available to assist our families with getting to work and other necessary appointments.

If your agency, church, or organization is interested in getting additional information on program services, Family Promise staff is available for presentations Monday - Saturday. Call 328-8181 to schedule an appointment.

**Together we are Ending Homelessness....One Family at a Time!**



## VOLUNTEERS AT WORK WITH A GENEROUS DONOR!

Volunteers recently helped Mrs. Kennedy with final packing and pick up of items she donated to Family Promise. A very grateful thank you for our volunteers and for Mrs. Kennedy's generosity.



Donated items can be used to assist graduating families furnish their "new homes", can be auctioned, or sold at the Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale to help with program expenses. If you are downsizing or spring cleaning, give us a call; we will be happy to help you clean out your home!

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*See more photos about this story and similar ones on our website and on Facebook; address paths are listed on the last page of this publication.*

### Family Promise Grateful for Unique Donation

This 1985 'all original' Jaguar XJ6 was recently donated to Family Promise by Thelma Sexton. Thelma believed the car, due to its "antique status," might be a good candidate as a money maker for our organization. Although inappropriate for a guest due to its age and unique maintenance issues (manufactured in the UK), we wanted to give her idea some due consideration. We discussed it with our experts-Jack, Shirley, and Paul. Then we decided we could try to sell the vehicle at auction. Thelma received a tax deductible donation to Family Promise and Jack agreed to do a little work on the car and then take it to auction within the next month. The car was on Jack's lot for two days when it was seen by a local collector and purchased 'as is' for \$1,800. In Jack's words, "That's what happens when God gets involved." Proceeds from the donated car will go to serve the ongoing Mission of Family Promise of Greater Houston County. Thanks, Thelma, for thinking of Family Promise!



**March 11-12: Peaches to the Beaches  
April 8-10: Family Promise National Convention  
April 29: Volunteer Appreciation Banquet  
May 13: Casino Night Fundraiser**

**Watch our website for information on future events**

# RazBytes

*By: Dave Razo, President of the Board*

Our Mission is to support homeless families by mobilizing congregations and partnering with social service agencies in order to help these families obtain an independent, self-sustainable livelihood. To accomplish this worthwhile goal, we focus on four key areas.



1. Continue Creating Quality Care—our congregations provide loving, caring support through volunteerism, providing meals, shelter and support. Our volunteers are trained to offer just the right level of assistance and their support is crucial to the effectiveness of the program.



2. Creating Capabilities Within Our Guests—while in the program our guests receive education, guidance and counseling on budgeting, job skills, parenting skills, resume writing, filling out job applications and interview skills—all with the goal of helping them get back on their feet. Our Director even monitors their ability to save money.

3. Transitioning to Self-Sustainment—our goal is to help families re-establish themselves in a self-sustainable living situation. Our extensive network of support throughout Houston County enables our guests to use a wide variety of resources to re-establish themselves as thriving members in the community.



4. Fully Funded for the Future—we aim to continually improve our capability to support homeless families by providing streams of income for the Family Promise Program; enabling the program to continue for the foreseeable future.



We appreciate everyone's support in this effort!

**Ending Homelessness . . . . . One Family At A Time**



*Family Promise  
of Greater Houston County  
will be a part of  
Peaches to the Beaches,  
GA's biggest and longest yard sale,  
March 11-12; 8AM—6PM.  
Our booth will be located at  
Grillmaster BBQ,  
1509 Sam Nunn Blvd, Perry*

*We are seeking donations of items for the sale (No clothes please).*

*FPGHC has a storage unit at Little House Self Storage on Moody Road. If you have items to donate someone can meet you at the storage unit or we will provide pick up. Family Promise will provide a tax deduction form for the items donated.*

*We need volunteers to price items, and to work the sale.*

*Contact Diane South if you can serve in this way.*

*We also need a few people to assist in moving everything from the storage unit to the sale sight. We will load the truck/trailer late afternoon, Thursday, March 10, and unload at the site, 6 AM the next morning. Anyone that can help with this effort should contact Ronnie Shivers.*

*Come visit us at the yard sale to find some treasures for yourself!*

**Contact Information:**

- Diane South at 860-908-6687
- Ronnie Shivers at 478-396-1917
- Dave Razo at 478-320-5967



Photos from our 2015 sale.

**The Peaches to the Beaches flyer will be attached with your email containing this newsletter, allowing you the opportunity to share it with others.**

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non-profit, organization for  
families in transition and part of a national  
organization founded in 1986. The Family  
Promise Network Program provides  
shelter, meals and support services to  
families without homes through a network  
of local congregations.

**Contributions are tax deductible  
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**Recent Donations:**

**Club 247:**

Dave and Carolyn Schomer

**Individuals:**

Barbara Horton

Thomas and Charlotte Slade

**Groups:**

Visiting Angels Living Assistance Services

**Churches:**

First Christian Disciples of Christ - Grace Group  
Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church for  
Spiritual Enrichment for Deacon Marice Smith

**In Memory of Devin Michael Day:**

Joe Batchelor  
Daniel Johnson  
Leelee and Bobby Lewis  
Tattnall Square Academy  
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Could you provide any of these needed items? Thank you!



Pillows  
Lysol Spray  
Foot Powder  
Sanitary Napkins  
Cleaning Supplies

Keep in touch; We love hearing from you!



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