

# July



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

## Director's Corner By: Nicole Rosser



I have been with Family Promise for 3+ years now. After seeing many families enter and exit our program and continuing a relationship with them, I truly understand how much our program and volunteers impact children. The 90 day experience for many of our children is the most structure and guidance they will have their entire childhood; for others, we plant seeds that build strong healthy families. No matter what the situation, the experience and encounters will never leave the hearts of the children we serve. The program is so much more than providing shelter. This ministry continues because of those that give sacrificially. Thank you for your support—financially and as volunteers!



Although we had hoped to share photos and tell you about our Christmas in July project this month, coordinating our efforts has not been easily achieved. We are so appreciative of each one that gave to support this effort and we will share the impact you made in the lives of our families in the August edition of our newsletter.

Thank you for your patience and understanding!

**SAVE  
THE DATE!  
SEPTEMBER  
16TH**



# RazBytes

By: Dave Razo,  
President of the Board



## Cornerstones -- Creating A Solid Foundation

*The last several years have flown by in our support for Family Promise here in Greater Houston County—it has truly been an amazing journey. The road is long for many of our guests and for our organization as a whole, and we are not done traveling that*

*road yet. We are confident that we have begun to make an impact in the quest toward helping homeless families get back on their feet. Yet we know there were still 265 homeless children identified this year in the Houston County School System. We realize that because of those not counted or not in the school system there are closer to 500 total children without a home. This segment of our population is not static—it is constantly changing. There will always be families who suffer the effects of illness, death, separation, job-loss, rising debt problems, and/or the cycle of poverty. Our goal is to help solve this plight—one family at a time, and our statistics have borne out that we are helping those families find employment (over 95%) and find affordable housing (over 80%) by the time they exit the program. We have been blessed to have so many faithful stewards step forward*

*and make a contribution. To all of you that have made that contribution we once again want to **THANK YOU!***

*Now, we are focusing on **CAR CITY—Putting the Brakes On Homelessness** and we need your help and support. We are asking all our supporters to contribute; you can do this in a number of ways. Certainly the easiest way is by making a financial contribution, but if you are an individual who wants to get involved, you can join us in “Experiencing Homelessness” on Sept 16<sup>th</sup> for one night. You can do it as a family, or an organization, and we ask that you garner your friends support through pledges or sponsorship to make a donation to your cause. If you can’t join us we ask that you please sponsor one of the many people that will participate in the “sleep over.”*

*Like most non-profit organizations we depend upon a variety of sources to fund our program. Individuals, businesses, service organizations, and church congregations have made-up the largest segments of our donor pool. As a business, church or service organization you might consider Family Promise as an avenue to show your support by bringing out your Company Car and displaying it at the event.*

*We are putting together our best event ever with music, games, a movie, food and entertainment—we will definitely have some fun while “Experiencing Homelessness” for one night. The event once again will be at Central Georgia Technical College starting at 5:00 pm .*

**[For more info you can go to FPHope.org](http://FPHope.org)**

**We are asking for your support.**

**Help us Put the Brakes on Homelessness by  
contributing or participating in this year’s CAR CITY!**

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



Please help us welcome the Warner Robins Masonic Lodge # 207 to our support team. The Masonic Lodge has been in operation for over 60 years and is dedicated to helping children and the elderly in our community. This group has come in ready to serve! Over the past month they have provided 4 meals, been overnight hosts and dinner hosts, as well as helping with moving beds on Sunday. Welcome to the FPGHC team!



We would like to send out a **Thank You** to Warner Robins CME Church (left) and Northside Baptist Church (right) for providing accommodations during our host weeks in July. We appreciate both congregations for stepping in and are grateful to all the volunteers that served.



**GREAT NEWS!** FPGHC is now set up to receive donations from the AmazonSmile Foundation. You can make a donation every time you make an eligible purchase using your existing Amazon.com account. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and log in using your Amazon.com ID and password. You will be directed to select your favorite charity (Family Promise of Greater Houston County) to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. After your selection, Amazon will remember your selected charity. After that, every eligible purchase you make will result in a donation. The Foundation will donate 0.5% of each eligible purchase to FPGHC. A link to AmazonSmile.com will be added to our website soon.



***We want to give you a reminder now that each year in August you must re-enroll your choice for the organization you support through Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Family Promise of Greater Houston County is Organization #76557. We will share more detailed information next month.***



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Houston County, Inc.**

Is a 501(c)(3) non-denominational, 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 to the extent allowed by law.*

**Combined Federal Campaign  
Member # 90951**

**Kroger Community Rewards  
Organization #76557**

**Recent Contributions:**

**Individuals:**

Anonymous  
Tom & Charlotte Slade  
Jeffrey & Dianne Douglass

**Club 247:**

Dave and Carolyn Schomer



**Churches:**

Friendship Baptist Church  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
First Christian Church—Grace Group

**Organizations:**

Kroger Community Rewards  
Warner Robins Rotary Club  
Robins Regional Chamber of Commerce  
American Society of Military Comptrollers

**In kind donations:**

Pat Presse  
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**Final Total from Combined Federal Campaign for  
the 2016-2017 year: \$5,092.02**



**Bleach  
Pillows**

**Paper Towels  
Cleaning Supplies  
Laundry Detergent**

**Thank you for helping us obtain these needed items!**

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