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



Director's Corner By: Nicole Rosser

On June 4th, Family Promise had the pleasure of working with current and former guests at the "Moving Forward with Vision" workshop. While we understand that our families' primary



goals are to find permanent housing and to become self sufficient, with the assistance of volunteers and collaborative partners, we equip our families with the tools to be successful on many different levels.



During the workshop each person was given the materials to create a vision board and set concrete goals for career, finances, personal growth, and education. This group will be an amazing asset to our community. It is great to see our current and past guests come together and support each other.



We are looking forward to all this group will accomplish!

The Gift of Downsizing.....

Many people approach downsizing with less than enthusiasm. However, it is possible to treat downsizing as an opportunity for "gifting". One local couple chose to include many gifting opportunities as they prepared and moved into assisted living. After family members selected the items they wanted and an estate sale was held, they offered all remaining items to be "gifted" to various charities: children's books and toys to Cherished Children Education Center; books to AAUW's Used Book Sale where proceeds go to purchase new books for Title I schools; coats & sweaters to a food pantry during cold weather; shoes and purses to a church mission project; clothing and household items to Goodwill; various items to their church. Family Promise was a huge beneficiary....many items were selected for our guests to set up housekeeping after graduating from the program, such as linens, pillows, kitchen items, dishes, cookware, curtains, fans, couch, chair, coffee table & end tables. In addition, they provided the opportunity to hold a final sale of all remaining items with proceeds to go to Family Promise....over \$2,300. Many people will be blessed with the gifts from the willingness of this family to share their "downsizing" with others.



Preparing items for sale



Left: Selecting items for our Guests

Above: Volunteers loading items on a trailer for delivery.



**Congratulations
to the Murray family!**
**They saved \$1,500 while in Family Promise and
moved into their home on June 1.**

Christmas in July Update

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 FPGHC children. Over the past few years we have seen a great need in this area. We have selected seven families to be adopted. Families selected have been identified as those having the greatest need; parent(s) are employed but can use the extra support.

If you have not already contacted Nicole, it would benefit our plans if you would contact her by July 1st to let her know of your intention to support this effort. We still need your help! Monetary gifts or gift cards from JCPenny, Walmart, or Target will be accepted. We kindly ask that donations be turned in Friday, July 15th at 12 noon. Bring gift cards or checks (made out to FPGHC) to 207 McArthur Blvd; located next to the Day Center. We would like to take photos of the groups/individuals that are participating when we meet. If you cannot come by July 15th, please call Nicole to make other arrangements. Interested individuals or groups wishing to adopt a family can contact Nicole at 328-8181.

Current National Family Promise Numbers

42 States
200 Affiliates
6,000 Congregations
170,000 Volunteers
More than 50,000 served annually
700,000 served since founding
76% served find housing within 9 weeks
60% of those served are children, most under the age of 6

Information from the FP National Hospitality Newsletter—Spring 2016



EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS FOR ONE NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 16TH**

...time now to gather a group to spend the night, join the flashlight scavenger hunt, car decorating contest, and other fun events of the evening as we learn more about homelessness by experiencing a "night of our own".

Check our website for last year's slide show and information.

RazBytes

By: Dave Razo,
President of the Board

“Experience Homelessness”

Join us in the fight to end homelessness among our children and their families in Houston County. We are calling all our supporters and volunteers to come out and “Experience Homelessness” by sleeping in our cars for one night in a controlled environment at Central Georgia Technical College on **September 16th**.

Did you know there are **more than 200 homeless children** in Houston County schools? We need your support to help us end homelessness of these children and their families that are struggling to make ends meet. Join us in a show of support by “Experiencing Homelessness” for one night as we sleep in our cars. If you can't join us, then sponsor someone that is participating in the Car City Event. Everyone can help through sponsorship of this event.

For more info go to **FPHope.org**

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Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**Combined Federal Campaign
Member # 90951**

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Organization #76557**



Recent Contributions:

Individuals:

Dianne & Jeffrey Douglass

Club 247:

Dave and Carolyn Schomer

Churches:

First Christian Church - Grace Group

Groups:

Yard Sale Event—See article on page 2

Final Total from the Spring
Belk Charity Day Sale: \$2,204.06



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

We are also in need of:
Ibuprofen and Toilet Paper

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

Thank you for your consideration!

Keep in touch; We love hearing from you!



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