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volunteers.**

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FOR SHARING IT**



Director's Corner



**Nicole Rosser, MPA
Executive Director**

How You Can Help a Family this Holiday

The holiday season is upon us. As churches, civic groups, businesses, and

individuals begin to organize plans toward giving to families in need, we hope you will keep our families in mind.

Here are some statistics of families entering our program:

60% have been evicted from their permanent housing

25% have been living with a relative or friend and want to attain their own housing

15% our transitioning from living in a hotel



Guests, on average, stay in our program 90 days. This is a huge relief to families as we provide safety, stability, structure, and access to basic needs like food, shelter, and transportation. It also allows them to save money. However, most have to take on a second job with hopes of meeting the housing requirement of having an income which equals three times the monthly rent.

When most groups contact our office to adopt a family during the holiday season they typically think of purchasing toys for the children. While we love to see the kids smile and it warms our hearts, after the toys are opened the parents are still in crisis trying to make ends meet with the fear of becoming homeless again due to a lack of affordable housing.

The average fair market rent for a two bedroom apartment is \$1,507 and \$1,320 for a one bedroom apartment. Going from homeless to rent which is more than \$1,300 is quite stressful for our families.

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Director's Corner continued Therefore, if you choose to help a Family Promise Family, we ask you to think outside of the box this season through our project we are calling "BILL in a BOX".

We have 7 families who would love your support. We hope you will join our Bill in a Box project to help families in the program or those who have graduated within the past 6 months. Please consider one or more of the following gifts to help a family this holiday season. This will be a great help!



Utility Bill - One Month Gasoline Gift Card- \$100
Partial Rent payment - not to exceed \$400
Car Payment - not to exceed \$250
Car Insurance - One Month Medical Insurance - One Month
Gift card for Oil Change and vehicle Maintenance/repairs
Gift Card for Groceries (some families do not qualify for food stamps)

Gifts can be made out directly to the business (example Flint Energies) with the clients account number. Any recipients of these gifts must be working a minimum of 30 hours per week and show the bill was paid the previous month to qualify.

Please call our office between November 1st and November 15th if you are interested in adopting a family, 478-988-9457.

During the Fall Break from school our guest children went on a field trip to the Museum of Arts and Sciences in Macon as a part of our After School Program. Everyone had a great experience!



Middle Georgia Target Shoppers,

Here is the chance to do what you love (shop at Target) and support homeless children in Houston County. Every purchase counts as a vote to Family Promise of Greater Houston County.



Introducing TARGET CIRCLE

Target Circle is a Community Giving Program which provides Target Circle members the opportunity to earn and cast votes to direct Target's charitable giving to local Nonprofits.

Here is how you can support Family Promise of Greater Houston County as you shop at Target:

Enroll in the Target Circle Giving Program through any one of these three ways:

1. Sign up at target.com/circle
2. Download the Target app
3. Provide your phone number at checkout

Earn Votes

Shoppers earn votes every time they make an eligible purchase, online and in store.

Cast Votes

Login your Target account and follow the instructions to vote for FPGHC.

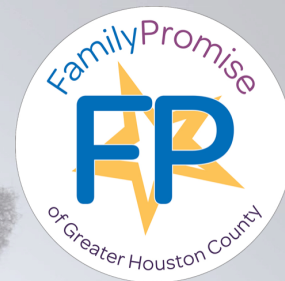
October–December is the current Target Circle Voting Period; just in time for your holiday shopping!

JAZZ in the CITY

It is with mixed emotions we share with you, the tickets to our annual fund raising event are SOLD OUT. However, if you or your business would like to sponsor this event to support homeless families in Houston County we can accept your sponsorship. See the following page for more information.

JAZZ in the CITY

Sunday November 3, 2024



SPONSORSHIPS

Diamond: \$5,000, Donor Name and Logo on Display at event & Website; 8 tickets for event

Platinum: \$3,000, Donor Name and Logo on Display at event & Website; 6 tickets for event

Gold: \$1,000, Donor Name and Logo on Display at event & Website; 4 tickets for event

Silver: \$500, Donor Name and Logo on Display at event & Website; 2 tickets for event

Bronze: \$300, Donor Name and Logo on Display at event & Website

YES! We would like to Sponsor JAZZ in the CITY 2024
in support of homeless families in Houston County.

We will sponsor at Level: ☐ Bronze ☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Platinum ☐ Gold

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

Sponsorships must be received by October 21, 2024 to receive tickets.

Belk Charity Sale

The Autumn Season Belk Charity Sale is just around the corner,
November 8-11.

This is always a good time to *SHOP, SAVE, and GIVE!* Shop at Belk, Save with the great discounts offered, Give to Family Promise of Greater Houston County in support of homeless families. It is a WIN-WIN for everyone!

With the holidays approaching, it is a great time to take advantage of this opportunity to support Family Promise. And remember, you can shop early, October 29- November 7, leave your purchases at Belk and pick them up during the Charity Sale Days.

Call the office, 478-988-9457, for further information.

The Belk logo, featuring the word "belk" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

Shop early!

OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 7

Reserve your styles now & pick them up November 8-11

4 DAYS
ONLY

**CHARITY
SALE**

NOV. 8-11
IN STORE

SHOP

THE SEASON'S BEST
DESIGNER EVENT

SAVE

WITH EXCLUSIVE
COUPONS & DISCOUNTS

GIVE

TO NONPROFITS
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Give \$5
to charity

Get \$5 off
your first purchase,
no brand exclusions

+ Extra 25% OFF
your favorite
designer brands

charity 
sale



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
of Central Georgia



We are so very grateful to the Community Foundation of Central GA for their grant funds to support our efforts at Family Promise of Greater Houston County.



We are pleased to share that during these past few months 3 Family Promise Guest Families moved into permanent housing!

Thank you for your support of our families.

Congratulations to each family for their accomplishments.



Family Promise of Greater Houston County has provided services to more than 700 children in Houston County since 2013; providing shelter, diversion, and outreach, helping families remain in their housing or attaining permanent housing.

Recent statistics from the Houston County Board of Education tell us there are 527 homeless students in our schools.



Your In-kind Gifts are Greatly Appreciated!

**Brooms
Bleach
Toilet Paper
Laundry Detergent**

**Paper Towels
Bath Towels
Wash Cloths
Standard 40 watt light bulbs**

**Walmart Gift Cards
Kroger Gift Cards
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Toothpaste**

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Target.com/circle



**Kroger Community
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**We are grateful for
your support!**

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We Proudly Welcome
The Grove
As a Partner Church

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