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



*The 2016 Board has been established and is excited about the things that will be accomplished this year. Take time to read their names listed on page four. When you see them around town let them know how much you appreciate their service!*

## *Director's Corner*

*By: Nicole Rosser*

The holidays are often the time of year our thoughts turn inward as we recall what we are grateful for but also turn outward to the needs of others. During the Christmas 2015 season FPGHC experienced an outpouring of generosity from our community. We had overwhelming support from 16 groups/civic organizations and individuals adopting 11 families this year. It was heartwarming to see so many reach out to Family Promise to make sure that both children and parents experienced joy during the holiday season.

The families adopted are currently in the program or recent graduates who continue to progress balancing work, finances, and raising children. We thank everyone who contributed to making the holidays memorable for our families and a special THANK YOU to Christ Chapel for hosting during Christmas week.



These photos of Santa's Helpers and Happy Children represent just a few of the many Christmas smiles shared during the holiday season. Visit our website to see more photos.

## New Coordinators Welcomed to FPGHC

Nicole Fogle, Director; Carolyn Schomer, Board Member; and Sheree Evans, Coordinator from Shirley Hills Baptist, recently met with our newest coordinators to share information and ideas for their new roles at their churches. Jackie, Cassie, and Angela have been Family Promise volunteers and are stepping up to their new role. Twaina represents one of our newest Support Congregations; the New & Living Way Church began providing volunteers and meals in December and will soon be paired with Shady Grove. We welcome all of them to a wonderful, dedicated group of Network Coordinators!



Nicole Fogle, Sheree Evans, and Twaina  
Speaks of New & Living Way Church



Shady Grove's Jackie  
Cartwright with her  
"coordinator in training",  
son Sam



Cassie Williams of Grace Church,  
Jackie Cartwright, and Angela  
Slaphey of The Vine

## Happy Driving, Ceara!

THANKS to a generous donor and the help of several other FPGHC volunteers, Ceara, a Family Promise graduate, recently received a much needed automobile for her family. We want to also give a special Thank You to Emmett Head Auto Parts for giving the car a thorough inspection and taking care of any needed repairs and maintenance before it was given to Ceara.

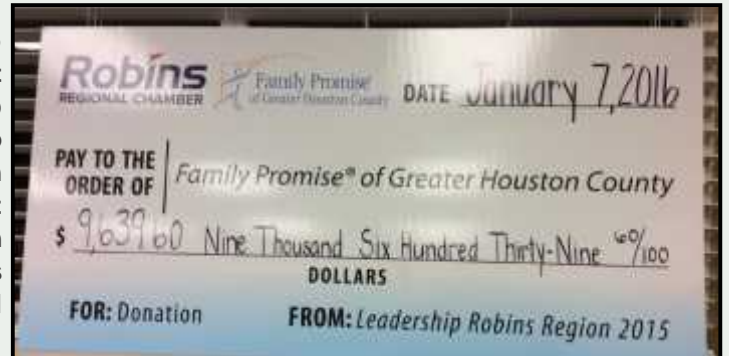


## We have a new Van!

Thanks to the generous donation from the Robins Regional Leadership Class of 2015 and a multitude of caring donors throughout 2015, we are proud to say "It's Here!" to our "new" 2014 van.



The Robins Regional Leadership Class of 2015 proudly presented a check for \$9,639.60 to support our Van Fund. They held many individual and group fund raisers to provide this check PLUS our cargo trailer for transporting beds and guest belongs each week. Their generosity and hard work made it possible to move ahead with the purchase of a much needed van. Accepting the check from class members are Nicole Fogle, Executive Director, and Dave Razo, Board Chair.



We are always looking for volunteers to drive the van; transporting our guest families each day. If you would like to be one of the first to drive our new van as a volunteer contact the office. We would love to work with you!



Would you like to make a huge difference in the life of a Family Promise guest? If so, then the **Family Promise Mentoring Program** is the place for you. Low-income families face enormous stresses. The Family Promise Mentoring Program is designed to help families overcome these stresses as they work toward becoming a self-sustainable family once again. In the Family Promise Mentoring Program, economically vulnerable families are matched with trained volunteer mentors who work with them, one-on-one, over an extended period of time for approximately one hour each week.

Mentors help individual families define and meet goals to:

- Develop life skills
- Connect with community resources
- Improve their housing and employment situations
- Nurture and support their children

Mentors build committed, trusting relationships. They listen. They offer understanding and respect. They help families overcome challenges and disappointments and celebrate successes.

Contact **Dave Razo**, FPGHC President, at [Dave.Razo@gmail.com](mailto:Dave.Razo@gmail.com) or 478-320-5967 to learn how you can be a part of this very worthwhile program.

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**Fundraisers:**

Robins Regional Chamber Leadership Class of 2015  
Kroger Community Rewards Program



Mops  
Pillows  
Trash Bags  
Pull Ups, Size 4  
Cold Medicine for Adults and Children

Could you provide any of these needed items? Thank you!

*Keep in touch with us! We always enjoy hearing from you!!*



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