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Director's Corner

By: Nicole Rosser



Saturday, December 10th, Family Promise held the first, of what we hope to be many, "Mother and Son Brunch". Our current and former guests were excited to be a part of this first time event.

This memorable day began with fellowship, a delicious meal, and a message of encouragement by keynote speaker Pastor Daryl Vining of Hebron Fellowship Baptist Church. A special Thank You also to Tony Steedley for sharing words of wisdom with the group.

The highlight of the event was the mothers sharing their thoughts on why they loved their sons....needless to say there were some tears flowing. What a beautiful time for mothers and sons to celebrate each other.



There is an endearing tenderness in the love of a mother to a son that transcends all other affections of the heart.

The holiday season for FPGHC got a little brighter with a \$5,000 donation from **Flint Energies and CoBank**, the national cooperative bank that serves Flint and other electric cooperatives.

Shown here are Flint's Sr. VP of Member and Community Relations Jimmy Autry and Family Promise's Executive Director Nicole Rosser Fogle.



Scenes from our participation in the Warner Robins Christmas Parade



Our guest children are enjoying this Gingerbread Playhouse at the Day Center.



A BIG THANKS to the KAZ Sorority members; with their creativity they designed and assembled our Christmas float.



RazBytes

By: Dave Razo,
President of the Board

Auld Lang Syne and Welcoming in the New Year just a bit early!

Auld Lang Syne is a song we are all familiar with. May old acquaintance It is from the 1788 lyrics that bring us back to a time in the past. The literal translation is "times long past." Many of us sing the song each year as we reflect on the past and anticipate the future of a New Year. As this New Year approaches, the Family Promise Board is re-making itself in many ways. We are no longer the "start-up" organization of just a few years ago. Our capabilities, our record of achievement, our contributions to the community and our reputation are well established; and our success in helping homeless families return to self-sufficiency is one of our hallmarks.

As we go through this transition and growth we are saying farewell to many of our experienced board members that helped see the idea of helping homeless families in Houston County become a reality. This is a big transition as seven of our "veteran" board members are leaving and we are welcoming nine new, fresh faces to our team. One of those leaving the Board of Directors, Shirley Boan, was a founding member here in Houston County. She and Ronnie Shivers, also leaving the board, were our first two Presidents. Both were instrumental in getting this whole thing started and I'm happy both will continue to assist me and the organization of the Advisory Board. Also leaving the Board of Directors are Bill Dunmon, Jim Elliott, Rebecca Lashley, Suzy Jolly, and Sharon Rogers. Jim and Sharon will also continue to help lead and contribute to the Advisory Board. We are indebted to all these successful servants and appreciate all they have done and will continue to do for Family Promise in Greater Houston County.



As our experienced board members move on, we look to nine new members to join our team. They include a rich diversity of backgrounds, expertise, and experiences. We are looking forward to getting to know them better, and in their being able to serve our community even more. The new members of the Family Promise Board of Directors include: Armand Acree, Angela Anderson, Adam Beecher, David Clarke, Mary Ann Coskery, Kimberly Gunn, Brenda Hopson, Barbara Jahnke, and Christopher Owens.

We look to these new members to provide a fresh perspective, to tell us what they believe the best course of action is, to help us lead the organization to a greater future. We also expect them to learn how we fit into our national organization and why we have the policies and procedures we have. It will be a great learning experience for all of us and we look forward to it, embrace it, and welcome it as a chance to make our organization even better!

Congratulations!
**Both the Peek family and
 the Baxter family moved into
 their new homes in November.**



Graduating guest, Jaquetta, is excited and very thankful about the generous donation of a used car to Family Promise that was given to her.



Congratulations,
 Jaquetta!

Drive Safely!!

"This is the Best and Blessed Christmas ever !"



Some of our current needs:
 DVD Player
 Lotion (full size)
 Lysol spray
 Sanitary Napkins
 Cleaning Supplies
 Wal-Mart Gift Cards
 Thank you !

The Final Total for our Fall Belk Charity Day Sale is \$2,213.27.



Thanks to everyone who helped make it successful!



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