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Family Promise of Greater Houston County is proud to announce the beginning of our "Guests Advisory Committee". After almost four years of providing shelter and services to families we are able to bring three of our former guests on board to help strengthen our programs services. These ladies will provide insight on case management, hosting support, volunteer involvement, and assist with some of our volunteer training. Who better to tell us what we are doing right and what we can improve than our guests? Please help me welcome Sherry Nordan, Amanda Santos, and Robie Smith. Their leadership and input is essential to our success.







We would also like to welcome the latest addition to the Family Promise Team; Anne Statham. Anne is our new part-time "Guests Support Coordinator". She will be assisting guests with day to day tasks and will provide parenting support to our families. Anne comes with a great wealth of knowledge and experience with a prior work history with family violence, foster care, substance abuse, case management, and working as a life coach with pregnant teens. We look forward to all she will bring to Family Promise as this will be a great help to our parents and children.



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Mini Pop-Up Shop Update

A big thank you to everyone that came out and supported our former guests' entrepreneurs at their mini pop-up shop. We salute the four presenters, Amanda, Michelle, Nicole, and Toni, who displayed their awesome work. We look forward to seeing them do great things in our community and continue to build financial stability for their families.



If you would like to contact any of these ladies to use their services contact the Day Center at <u>nrosser.familypromisega@gmail.com</u>





Can you believe it is time for the semi-annual Belk Charity Day Sale? This spring it will be held Saturday, April 29th. We thank Vivian Stilley for once again heading up this effort.

How can you help with this great fund raiser event? Obtain some \$5 tickets from Vivian and sell them to your friends and family, Help sell tickets at the Belk Store in March and April, or Buy a few tickets to use yourself. Remember, the \$5 cost of the ticket goes directly to Family Promise and you get \$5 off the price

of the item you purchase. There is no limit to the number of tickets you can purchase and Belk let's you shop early; they will hold your purchases until the sale day. Contact Vivian at 478-333-3357 or <u>vivianstilley@cox.net</u> and let her know how you can help her with this event.



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UPDATE AND THANKS!

THANKS for your help at the Peaches to the Beaches Yard Sale. Your assistance helped us raise more than \$2,300 to support homeless children in our community. We greatly appreciate your willingness to assist Family Promise in our mission to help these children and their families get back on their feet; into a self-sustainable living environment.

In a recent survey, the Board of Education counted 317 homeless children in our schools. We know, from national statistics, that for every child counted in the school system, there is approximately one more, either not in school or not counted. That would mean there are over 630 homeless children in our county! Your help in eradicating this problem is deeply appreciated, and greatly needed.

Please accept my personal thanks and the thanks of all our faithful Family Promise followers in helping the homeless in Houston County.



God Bless You, Dave Razo, President, FPGHC

THANK YOU DONORS, HELPERS, SHOPPERS!! This year's Peaches to the Beaches was another great success. Many Thanks to Diane South, co-chair, for the great work of pricing and organizing a truck load of boxed items and to Ronnie Shivers and Dave Razo for their leadership in receiving, storing, loading, and unloading the "big items". This year's event not only raised \$2,365.41, we also raised awareness of Family Promise and the great services provided our homeless children and their families in Houston County. Visitors from other counties wanted to go home and do likewise!

In addition to the money raised, a number of items donated will be used in helping our graduating families establish their new homes. Items not saved or sold were intended for ABBA House but their docks were full, so the items were taken to Goodwill...all items ending up for others. At the risk of leaving someone out, we want to mention the following volunteer helpers who unloaded Friday AM, reboxed & reloaded everything Friday PM, unloaded Saturday AM, and then reboxed and reloaded Saturday PM: Barbara & Terry Horton, Vivian Stilley, Brenda Hopson, Nicole Rosser, Beth McConnell, Carolyn Schomer, Sharon Aman, Carolyn Holmes, Loretta Alman, Clara Cussins, Ken Presse, and Brian & Tonya Hipps.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS!



Join Family Promise for our "From a Pastors Perspective" **Volunteer Appreciation Brunch** Gaturday, 29 April 2017 11.00 am - 1:00 pm <u>Shirley Hills Baptist Church</u> Warner Robins, Georgia

Formal Invitation to Follow

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A Volunteer Training Class will be held this week, Saturday, March 25th, 10AM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 129 S Houston Rd, Room 104, in the three story building; parking is in the back. For further information or to register contact Nicole Rosser at 328-8181 or <u>nrosser.familypromisea@gmail.com</u>.



Some of our current needs: Full Size Sheet sets Laundry Detergent Cleaning Supplies

Have You Visited Our Web Site Recently? www.familypromisehoustonco.org

If not, come visit soon to:

- See more photos of the Peaches to the Beaches event
- Learn more about Family Promise of Greater Houston County
- Meet our Director, Nicole Rosser
- See the list of host & support congregations that make this ministry possible
- Tour the Day Center
- Meet our Community Partners
- Read our brochure
- Read past newsletters
- Find out how to support FPGHC through:

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Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Recent Donations have been received from:

Individuals: **Jeffrey and Dianne Douglass Thomas and Charlotte Slade**

Churches: Trinity United Methodist—Home Builders Class

> Club 247: **Dave and Carolyn Schomer**

Organizations: Greenbriar Garden Club of Warner Robins; seasonal landscaping work completed at the Day Center.

> **Fund Raiser Events: Rx for Homelessness: \$360.00** Peaches to Beaches: \$2.365.41







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