

## Letter from the Director

Merry Christmas:

It is with great pleasure I share our gift of being able to reopen our Interfaith Hospitality Network . November 24th we received word from Tim Swaim, Kernersville Fire Marshal, that he had the approval needed in writing from the state to apply the 2011 amendment to the NC Building and Fire Code. Family Promise is very grateful to Chad Hansen (Board Member) and Mark Boyton, both of Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP and their firm for providing their expertise in this matter and representing us pro-bono.

Also on November 23rd the Town of Kernersville's Board of Alderman and Mayor Dawn Morgan passed a resolution in support of Family Promise of Forsyth County and our mission to serve homeless families with children.

The Volunteer Coordinators and I have met and we are working on the rotation schedule and discussing how things will move forward. The host congregations are in the process of going through their permit inspections and preparing for the network to start hosting families in January. As you know many volunteers are needed within each host site and each of the Volunteer Coordinators is in the process of getting that schedule back in place. We are looking at a target open date of January 10, 2010.

How blessed we are to live in a community with great support!! Thank you to all who have been keeping us in your prayers.

Praise Be to God,




## Volunteers Needed

**Van Drivers** — If you would like to help transport our guests from the host congregation to the day center in the mornings (6:30-8:00 am) or from the day center to the host congregation if the evening (5:00-6:30 pm) please contact us. We have several openings and could use your help!

**Day Center— Saturday, 8 am-5:00 pm** we need volunteers to help cover the day center on Saturday any portion of this time frame. These volunteers are there to answer the phone and be a support system to the families if they have a question. If you are willing to volunteer a couple hours or more please contact us.

**Marketing Committee** — if you have experience in marketing and would like to help our marketing committee please send us an email or call.

**Cardboard Box City**— We are looking for volunteers to help with planning the activities, recruiting sponsors, help with mailings, etc. Please contact us if you are interested.

## Grant Announcements

Family Promise received an \$9,900 grant from The Women's Fund of Winston-Salem, who seek to improve the lives of woman and girls by building a community of female philanthropists and provide grants to local programs and initiatives that address the root causes of social issues impacting women and girls in Forsyth County.

We also received a \$4,000 grant from the Lutheran Missouri Synod, Southeastern District, Ablaze Funds. This grant was prepared and gifted by Fountain of Life Lutheran Church.

## Need to Contact Us?

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# Merry Christmas and God Bless each of you!

