

## Letter from the Director

As the school year is preparing to end, we are preparing to celebrate the graduation of two youth guests. One from high school and the other from elementary to middle school. It is very comforting to know that because we were able to serve, children are able to remain in their home schools and continue their education in a friendly, known environment. All this we can attribute to our volunteers!!

Nothing brings me greater joy than to know that as a community we are providing a safe place and full tummies for our families. Every day when the families arrive back at the day center, I am reminded how each of us is being used as God's vessel.

As I write this newsletter we are serving one family who has been with us two months. We are in the process of interviewing three other families for admittance into our network.

In this newsletter you will find an update on Cardboard Box City, information on upcoming events, and a statistical summary of what Family Promise has achieved through the hard work of our volunteers.

Blessings,



## What a difference YOU make!!

Did you know that since opening in August 2009, our network has served seven families with shelter and meals? As of May 31st, we have provided 651 bed nights of shelter and 1901 individual meals.

We have received 182 calls for assistance. These 182 households included 30 men, 167 women and 283 children. In response, we have connected families to agencies to help them remain in housing; single adults and couples to adult shelters; and families that do not fit our mission to other agencies that could help them.

We have provided 57 households not served by our Interfaith Hospitality Network with clothing; food; furniture; resume assistance; job and housing leads; Christmas; career training, financial assistance, and housing program referrals; as well as transportation to bus terminals and appointments.

### Need to Contact Us?

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## Have You Seen Us?

The June issue of Forsyth Family magazine, page 50, has included an article about Family Promise's Cardboard Box City called "Sleeping Under the Stars, So No One has To". We also had a large front page article on our progress in the Tuesday News on June 2, a publication from the Kernersville News.

We are up to 160 fans on our Facebook Page. Have you joined us? This is a great way to keep current on what is taking place with Family Promise. Help us to reach our goal of 914 fans to match the number of homeless families in Forsyth County. Once you join us, please invite your friends and contacts to do so as well. With your help we will reach our goal.

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## How Can You Help?

We have many ways in which you, your family or friends can help serve in the Interfaith Hospitality Network. From driving the van to serving on a committee. We need committee members to work on our Benefit Auction, Marketing, and Host Recruitment teams.

We also still need permanent van drivers for each morning (except Tuesday) and Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. You do not need a special license in order to drive the 15-passenger van.

We also need volunteers at the day center each month on the 4th and 5th Saturday from 12-5:30pm. Having volunteers at the day center allows our families to use the day center on the weekend.

Will you sell tickets for our raffle during August? Let us know now and we'll be sure you have tickets to sell. No Dirty Dishes is a great raffle prize, so the tickets are a breeze to sell.

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## What's Next.....

**No Dirty Dishes Raffle— First Prize** -Win dinner for two at five area restaurants and then you will not have dirty dishes for five nights. Tickets are \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20, raffle begins August 1. Keep watch for updated information on the restaurants.

**Volunteer Appreciation - Day Center Open House**— Saturday, August 28 from 3-5 p.m. we will be holding a volunteer appreciation for all who have served as a volunteer in our affiliate. Please mark your calendar so you can be sure to attend this event and receive the thanks you deserve.

**Benefit Auction and Dinner**— We will be having our fall silent/live auction again this year. If you have a service or item you would like to donate for the auction or you would be willing to work on the committee, please call us at 245-1807. Look for a date announcement soon.

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## Cardboard Box City Update

The funds still continue to come in. Several youth who were unable to participate that evening, corporate donations from companies who had volunteers at the event, and those still wishing to help out have brought our proceeds up to \$15,279. Check out photos of the event on our Facebook page.

Cardboard Box City 2011 will be held Friday, April 29, 2011.

