

Note from the Director

Praise be to God!

This has been a month of blessings! Lots has been taking place I hope you will read this newsletter all the way through to catch up.

Two of our families have moved into housing. One has gone into transitional housing with relatives from out of state. The other thanks to so many of you has moved into a 2 bedroom apartment. All furnishings provided by those in our congregations!

As the family left on Tuesday evening the mom commented to me “Thank you, you have taught me how to love again!” That “you” in her statement is to all of YOU who have helped to make Family Promise the loving, supportive organization that it is!! I wish you could have seen the family’s faces when we visited on the following Saturday.

Our current family is very appreciative of the hospitality being provide and working hard on moving forward. We are in the process of interviewing other families as well.

Once again Cardboard Box City went very well with lots of fun had by all! Even the weather cooperated! A huge thanks to Bill Alger for chairing and all of his team for the many hours they put into making this event a great success!

Also in this newsletter is information on Project Homeless Connect and The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation.

Blessings,



Help Knock Homelessness Out of the Box

In our last newsletter we asked “**Can we count on you?**” We most certainly can! Cardboard Box City had about 150 people total take part either as participants or volunteers. Approximately 75 people spent the evening in a cardboard box. Check out the pictures on our Facebook - Family Promise of Forsyth County Fan Page.

A special thanks to Ed Skurka our Emcee, Mayor Morgan for opening our ceremonies and to Shirley Ramsey from Keller Williams for judging our boxes. Also thanks go to Andy Phelps of Andy’s Tune Express and First Christian Church Ministries youth band who provided the great music for the evening.



A big “Thank You” to our corporate sponsors Fish Originals, Hayworth Miller Funeral Homes, Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, Lawrence Transportation Systems, Long Insurance Services, National Retailer Systems, TIMCO Aviation Services, and Pam Barrett Communications. Overall more than \$13,750 was raised!

Pisgah United Methodist Church won the box decorating contest with their group theme “Sleeping under the stars, so others won’t have to.” We had WFMY and WGHP both come out and film some video of the event and used it on the 11pm news. Kernersville News also had a reporter attend and Forsyth Family Magazine will have an article in their June publication.

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Kernersville Foundation—supports efforts of Family Promise

On April 28, 2010 Family Promise was honored to receive a grant award from the Kernersville Foundation for \$2500 to help with the purchase of our privacy dividers and the general operating budget. We feel very blessed to be a part of the Kernersville community and through a partnership with the Kernersville Foundation able to serve homeless families in our community.

The Piedmont Authority of Regional Transportation—Needs Your Input

The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation is developing a plan for a regional transportation that includes Kernersville. It is important that Kernersville residents and businesses respond to their survey so that our community will be fully included in transportation planning. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey request at the following link:

<http://www.partnc.org/rtdp.html>.

Our Interfaith Hospitality Network

We would like to welcome Holy Cross Catholic Church to our network as a host congregation. They are in the process of getting their permit and hope to be hosting by the end of summer!

We have a couple other congregations in Kernersville who are in discussion with their leadership to also take part in hosting. If you know of a congregation that would be interested in taking part as a host or support congregation please contact us with their name and the person we should reach out to.

Please hold our network in your prayers - that we will have more host and support congregations join us, things continue to go smoothly as we work with the Forsyth County fire officials, for our families to find hope and encouragement while moving forward, and for the volunteers and staff as we provide for the families! More than anything that God's glory shines through us always.

Volunteers Needed

Van Drivers — If you would like to help transport our guests from the host congregation to the day center in the mornings (5:30-6:30 am) or from the day center to the host congregation in the evening (5:15-6:15 pm) please contact us. We have several openings and could use your help!

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

Grant Writer— Do you have writing experience and an interest in helping us with grant writing? If so please call or email us.

Auction Committee— Our Benefit Auction will be taking place in November and the committee will begin meeting soon to plan out the event. If this is an event you have an interest in helping with please call or email us.

Project Homeless Connect

On April 14th we took part in Project Homeless Connect. This is a great opportunity for the homeless population to come to one location and make contact with all service providers who can assist them. This year the flow of people was steady all day long. We had many who came to inquire about our services, 18 persons that we provided referrals for, and 4 persons that we did initial contact reviews with and made arrangements for interviews at the day center.

Are you a fan of Family Promise on Facebook?

Our goal is 914 fans, the number of homeless families in Forsyth County; we are currently at 152. It is a great way to keep current with what is taking place at Family Promise. We hope that you will share with others, not just us, the positive impact you are experiencing in serving our guests. Please remember not to use our guests' names. Sign on and search for us at Family Promise of Forsyth County.