

## Note from the Director

Wow, Family Promise has been open for one year! We could not have done it without you! It was great to see so many of our volunteers at Volunteer Appreciation Day! In this newsletter we provide the statistics of how we have served the community during this past year.

It is hard to believe the kids are headed back to school! Where did the summer go?

See below on how **YOU can help us** win \$50,000 from the Pepsi Refresh Everything grant opportunity!

It is always fun to be able to call and let someone know that they are the winners of the "No Dirty Dishes Raffle". See who they are as you read through the newsletter.

We are looking forward to the Moms@Work luncheon hosted by Piedmont Parent on September 14, 2010. What an honor to be selected as their Charity Partner and receive a portion of the proceeds from the event.

Then October 23rd we have "Lights, Camera, Auction" our 2010 Benefit Auction and Pasta Dinner. I hope you have saved the date!

Blessings,



## Family Promise Needs Your VOTES!!

We finally "made it" as a September Pepsi Refresh Grant finalist.

Now it's up to us to make the most of this wonderful opportunity. We need to get the most votes in our category, Food & Shelter, \$50,000. If we win the grant, the money will be used to help with overhead expenses, including staff salaries, utilities, and volunteer training, van maintenance and our homeless assistance fund.

Will you help us by going out to the website <http://www.refresheverything.com/familypromiseforsyth> and registering your vote to help Family Promise of Forsyth County be one of the top 10? **You can vote once a day through Sept 30th!** Please add this to your "to do" list for each day of September. The first time you vote, you have to sign up, but after that you just enter your password & vote away! Please ask your friends and family to vote too.

How is Pepsi doing this? They decided this year to give money to both individuals and non-profits with great ideas and projects instead of running any Superbowl ads!

### Need to Contact Us?

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## What a difference YOU make!

During the eight and half months we have been able to operate fully we went from four permitted host sites to eight, with 2 more in the process; zero to eight support congregations; and from 50 start up volunteers to over 600 volunteers taking part in serving our guests!

We served 11 families, 37 individuals (14 adults, 23 children)

The average stay of a family was 44 days. Of the nine families who have exited the program 78% obtained housing.

- 4— permanent housing
- 1— permanent supportive housing
- 2— transitional housing
- 2—unknown

While in our program 28% (4 adults) either maintained or found employment; 14% (2 adults) had disability benefits and 35% (5 adults) were connected to job assistance programs.

We provided 1,310 bed nights of shelter and 3,937 meals.

We received 272 household referrals from 69 different organizations. Of those who did not enter our program we were able to assist 87 households with clothing, food, furniture, resume preparation, service agency connections and job and housing leads.

Two of these families were able to maintain the housing they were in due to our referrals and three found housing. One dad was able to find temporary work through our assistance and then a little later was hired back by his former employer.

## No Dirty Dishes Raffle Winner

Thank you to all who purchased tickets! We were able to raise \$3634.

### Congratulations to our Winners:

First Place— Catherine McKeel

Second Place — Shirley Snow

Third Place— Bonnie Daniel

Thank you to all our participating restaurants. We hope that even if you did not win you will visit them!

Bimini's Oyster Bar, Bistro B & Wine Bar, Chilis, Firebirds Wood Fired Grill, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, Outwest Steak House and Saddleroom, PF Chang's, Red Lobster, Smitty's Grille, and Village Tavern.

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### PIEDMONT PARENT'S 1st annual Moms@Work luncheon

Tuesday, September 14, 2010  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons  
3121 High Point Road at I-40

First 300 guests through the door will receive fabulous goodie bags!

11 a.m.



Network with other working mothers and visit exclusive vendor tables.

Reserve Your Tickets Today!

Ask about our group & corporate tables. **Advanced tickets required.** No tickets will be available at the door.

Call 866-932-6459 or visit [www.piedmontparent.com/momsatwork](http://www.piedmontparent.com/momsatwork)



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Lunch with keynote speaker, **Sharon Decker**, of The Satisfied Life radio show and founder of the Tapestry Group.

Recognition of Carolina Parenting's 2010 N.C. Family-Friendly 50 companies that help parents balance work and parenting.



Piedmont Parent is proud to team with Family Promise of Forsyth County as our 2010 charity of choice.



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## Lights, Camera, Auction

Are you ready for a night of fun? Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2010, for our Second Annual Benefit Auction and Dinner fundraiser at Kernersville Seventh Day Adventist Church, and enjoy live music and other entertainment. A silent auction will take place during dinner and a live auction to follow around 9:00 p.m.

You can reserve a table of eight (8) for \$80 or ten (10) for \$100. You can invite your friends to join you or have a group of friends purchase a table. With space limited and half of the tables already reserved you will want to get your reservation in quickly! You can call 245-1807 in order to reserve your table.

Here are a couple of items you will be able to bid on:

- ◆ Doug Jewell has donated and will be your pilot for a scenic plane ride for two with a stop in VA for lunch
- ◆ Two tickets for an Appalachian State University football game
- ◆ Kilpatrick Stockton has donated their suite at BB&T Ballpark for a DASH game which includes 16 tickets & two car passes

Dinner will be prepared by Jeff Bacon, Director and Executive Chef of Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC's Triad Community Kitchen program, and Antawn Hairston, Executive Chef and owner of Sweet Thangs Classic Creations.

**Volunteers Needed:** We need approximately 20 youth to bus tables, refresh drinks, and serve as runners for the auction. Any interested youth or youth groups should call 245-1807.

### Buffet Menu

Mixed Greens w/choice of dressing  
Garlic Bread  
Tortellini, Fettuccini, Farfalle Pastas  
Alfredo, Marinara, & Meat Sauce.  
Assorted Desserts

## Have You Joined Us?

We are 185 fans strong on our Facebook page. It is a great way to keep current with what is taking place at Family Promise. Our goal is 914 fans, the number of homeless families in Forsyth County during 2009.

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.

## Piedmont Parent Charity Partner

Family Promise of Forsyth County has been selected as the Charity Partner for Piedmont Parent's 1st annual Moms@Work luncheon, Tuesday, September 14, 2010. At the luncheon we will be presented a check for \$1,000.

All attendees will be asked to bring a donation of kitchen, laundry or bathroom supplies for our families. These supplies will provide a home starter kit for the families as they move into housing.

## How Can You Help?

We have many ways in which you, your family or friends can help serve. 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 Monday mornings and each evening except Sunday and Wednesday. You do not need a special license in order to drive our 15 passenger van.

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