

Director's Note

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and children are preparing to return to school. Family Promise is also preparing to take on some new challenges as begin to plan for 2012.

Our board has modified the criteria for admission into our host program to include single pregnant women who have income with our goal to help them transition into housing prior to the baby's birth or soon after.

A financial literacy curriculum is being developed to help our families better understand the basics of handling their finances. We are developing an in-house program "Moving Forward" where we will be working with the moms of the families to help educate them and enable them to take a role in the financial decisions of their family.

Family Promise is also moving forward on plans to expand into Winston-Salem. Through this expansion we plan to increase our number of host and support congregations. We will begin meeting with congregations and holding community meetings to inform Winston-Salem of our mission and services, as we did in Kernersville when we first began developing in 2008. I am sure many of your remember attending the monthly community meetings that were the foundation for developing our network.

Our fall benefit committee has been hard at work developing an evening around the theme Drive Out Homelessness. Please plan to join us in our 2012 Chevy Cruze Raffle, Silent Auction, and Benefit Dinner on October 29, 2011. Look on page 2 for more information.

Blessings,

Debbi Butner

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Up In the Air

In June I had the awesome experience of joining my good friend, Sally McComb, and our pilot, Doug Jewell, on a flight to Martinsville, VA for lunch. For those of you who attended the auction last fall, you will remember that we had an airplane trip for two from Winston-Salem to Martinsville and back, which included lunch.

Thanks to Sally, I was able to take part in that trip and enjoy a fun trip in the air. On our way back, we flew along the side of Hanging Rock and Pilot Mountain. At one point Doug offered to turn the plane on its side so Sally could get a better picture of below, but we chose not to take him up on the offer.

If this type of adventure sounds like something you would enjoy, be sure to come and bid at our Drive Out Homelessness event, October 29, 2011, where it will be offered again.



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Family Updates!

We are currently serving three families. Lakisha, who is expecting in November joined us in mid July. Lidia and her 3 boys, along with Renee and her two boys, joined us the last week of July. Each family is making the adjustment of entering the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

This past month we received calls from 41 families in need of assistance. We arranged for 17 interviews of which we actually had 12. Four of those families were accepted, which one did not show to enter. Six declined our services, 1 had extreme medical needs, and one had too much debt, which would hinder them from being able to seek housing. Many people have asked why the volume is so high. The two main reasons are the heat and the fact that many families double up and family/friends during the school year. Once the children are out for the summer and home all day long the lack of space and patience causes the need for the homeless family to find other living arrangements.

Thanks to each of you who volunteers at the day center, in a host congregation, or as a van driver, we are able to help some of these families as they struggle to get back on their own. We could not do it without you!!



Drive Out Homelessness – Win a 2012 Chevy Cruze

Join us for our Fall Benefit event on October 29, 2011 and help Family Promise Drive Out Homelessness! This will be an evening of fun, beginning with dinner, Silent Auction and culminating in our Reverse Car Raffle, where the last ticket remaining wins a 2012 Chevy Cruze!

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Once again we will enjoy a wonderful dinner prepared by Chef Jeff Bacon and the Triad Community Kitchen. During dinner and until 7:30 p.m., attendees will have the opportunity to bid on the Silent Auction items and enjoy the music provided by Andy's Tunes Express. Then at 8 p.m. auctioneer Jack Calloway will initiate the drawing of tickets and the excitement of the Reverse Raffle and the opportunity to win a 2012 Chevy Cruze will begin.

Tickets to enter the raffle, which includes one raffle ticket, the dinner and Silent Auction, are \$100. Tickets to attend the dinner and silent auction without a raffle ticket will be \$20.

The MOUNTAIN SCENIC TOUR FOR TWO includes flying on a private plane from Winston-Salem to Martinsville, sightseeing over Pilot Mountain and Hanging Rock and lunch at Runway Café. Donors are Doug Jewell and Victor Aviation. THE HILLS ARE ALIVE is a 3 day/ 2 Night Stay at 315 Royal Oaks, a two-bedroom, ground floor condo that sleeps 4 in the heart of Blowing Rock. Only a 5 minute stroll to downtown shops, the park and restaurants, donated by Danny Dillon. LIFE IS AT THE BEACH is a wonderful 1 week vacation at a Cherry Grove, South Carolina condo where the ocean is outside your door. This 1500 sq foot, end-unit condo on the ground floor is accessible to all, with no stairs to climb or elevators to ride. It has 3 bedrooms/2 baths and can sleep 8 comfortably. Donors are Mike and Susan Johnston.

We will also have baskets with themes of Back to School, It's a Boy, Coffee Tyme, Let's Go Fish, Creating Memories, Deck the Halls, and Tee Time to mention a few. If you, your Sunday School class or organization would like to donate items or a basket for our auction please feel free to contact us at auction@familypromiseforsyth.org or 245-1807.

We hope you will mark your calendar and join us on October 29, 2011 at First Christian Church in Kernersville for this exciting event.

Odds of winning the raffle are 1 in 300. Ticket must be present to win. Raffle may be cancelled for any reason on or before September 29, 2011. If the raffle is canceled the ticket holder will be refunded \$80 and provided one \$20 dinner ticket for each raffle ticket held.