



Save the Date:

Fall Benefit Auction and Dinner: October 29, 2011

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Director's Note

A few more weeks and the children will have completed another school year. We are looking for opportunities for the children of our families to take part in. Many of them will be in daycare but as new families enter the program having activities for the children to take part in will provide the parents the ability to job search. If you are aware of a daily summer camp programs that might be interested in collaborating with Family Promise please let us know.

We are very grateful for the grant award from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. See the announcement in this newsletter.

The volunteers make Family Promise all that it can be! Further along in the newsletter are volunteer opportunities. We hope you will come and join us in serving homeless families.

Blessings,

Cardboard Box City

This year's event was a huge success with over 180 participants spending the night. We expect, when the final tally is complete, to have raised over \$18,000.

Summit School held their own Cardboard Box City event and raised \$584 with 40 participants on April 29th. The funds they raised were donated to Family Promise.

WXII, Winston-Salem Journal and Kernersville News all covered the event. See the articles and pictures on our Facebook page.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust – Grant Award

Family Promise is pleased to announce that it has received an \$88,000 grant for the operating funds for its Interfaith Hospitality Network. These funds will allow us to continue to serve homeless families with children and increase our staff over the next three years by increasing the case manager hours and adding an administrative position.

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was established in 1947 and is now one of the largest private trusts in North Carolina. The Health Care Division promotes wellness state-wide by investing in prevention and treatment. The Poor and Needy Division of the Trust responds to basic life needs and invests in solutions that improve the quality of life and health for financially needy residents of Forsyth County. Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, serves as sole trustee.

Project Homeless Connect

This event provided an opportunity for Family Promise to reach out to the homeless population. We had 39 visits at our booth, 10 visitors who we provided information or referrals to, 4 who received direct services, and 2 with whom we made follow up appointments.

Thank you, Beanstalk Sale

Family Promise was blessed with many pieces of clothing for the tweens and teens from the consignment sale. We are so thankful for this partnership!

Need to Contact Us?

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Van Update We Need Your Help

As many of you know we were able to purchase a 2007 15 passenger van in November 2010 with the funds we received from the Richard J. Reynolds and Marie M. Reynolds Foundation. In order to keep this van in the best shape possible we need your help. We have posted the van guidelines in the van and would like to ask that these guidelines be adhered to by the volunteers and the families. Those who drive the van need to be the role models for the families.

No open food or drinks are to be in the van. Parents are to keep control of all food in bags provided, so children will not open or spill in van.

We also with these guidelines address the safety of all who ride in the van. Please be sure to help us in keeping everyone safe.

All riders must wear a seat belt or if under 80 pounds must follow guidelines below.

Restraint Required:

- » A properly used child restraint device (CRD) is **required if the child is less than 8 years old AND weighs less than 80 pounds.** Most parents and other care givers will be able to comply by using belt-positioning booster seats for children between 40 and 80 pounds. The child must be within the weight range for the child restraint/booster seat and it must meet Federal standards in effect at time of manufacture.
- » Children may be secured in a properly fitted seat belt at age 8 (regardless of weight) OR at 80 pounds (regardless of age) - whichever comes first. Placing the shoulder belt under a child's (or adult's) arm or behind the back is both dangerous and illegal.
- » If no seating position equipped with a lap and shoulder belt to properly secure a belt positioning booster seat is available, a child who weighs at least 40 pounds may be restrained by a properly fitted lap belt only. **WARNING: Belt-positioning booster seats can only be used with lap and shoulder combination safety belts. Belt-positioning booster seats must NEVER be used with just a lap belt.**

Keys are to be removed from the van while driver is not in the van. At no time should children be in the van without an adult present.



Volunteer Opportunities

Many have asked how they can help. Here are some opportunities for taking part with Family Promise outside of when a congregation is hosting at their site.

We use permanent volunteers to help with transportation of the families to and from the congregations. We also have volunteers who help on the weekends so that the day center is open for the families.

If you would like to help with one or many of the following opportunities please contact Debbi Butner, 245-1807.

Van Drivers –

5:30-6:30 a.m. – available mornings are Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.
5:15 – 6:15 p.m. – available evenings are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday.

Day Center –

12:30-5:30 p.m. – First Saturday of the month
1-5:30 p.m. - Fourth Sunday of the month
12:30–5:30 p.m. – Fifth Sunday on the month
8 a.m.-1 p.m. - Fifth Sunday of the month

Annual Benefit Auction & Dinner

October 29, 2011 is the date for our Annual Benefit Auction & Dinner, “Drive Out Homelessness”. The event will be held at First Christian Church starting at 6 p.m., with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

We hope that you will mark your calendars now and save the date. There will be more information to come in future newsletters, including how to advertise in the auction booklet.

If you and/or your business would like to donate a basket, service, or item for the silent auction please contact us at auction@familypromiseforsyth.org or 245-1807.