

Director's Note

During this time of Thanksgiving we have so much to be thankful for. The opportunity to take part in the lives of the families we serve is a blessing for both sides. This past month we had two families go into housing and two families secure employment.

We could not do what we do without all the volunteers! We are a community effort addressing the issue of homelessness. I would like to especially thank our permanent volunteers who give time every week to help Family Promise.

Office Angels – Caren Bullock and Jane Fisher

Van Transportation – Marygrace Gravette, Ken Manuel, Earl McCracken, and Walter Voelkle

Also to our Day Center volunteers who give time every month – Donna Bembnister, Marygrace Gravette, Judy Lacivita, Machelle Martin, Tara Maxey, Joyce Ruff, Sonya Turner-Sledge, and Teresa Wood.

In this newsletter you will find a recap of our "Drive Out Homelessness" event (with pictures), descriptions of community happenings that recognized the work of Family Promise, updates on some of our families, and a new feature where we will spotlight one of our Interfaith Hospitality Network congregations.

If you were not able to attend the auction, you still have a chance to bid on some items that were not purchased. On the last page of the newsletter are descriptions of the items. We will accept bids until Friday, November 11, 2011.

Thank you to each and every person who takes part in serving our families and helping to make a very stressful time in their lives a little more comfortable!

blessings,



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Community Notes of Thanks

FORSYTH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL - This school in Lewisville made us the recipient of the funds and items donated to their Cardboard Box City event. Over 50 students and staff participated. It was great to take part and speak with the students and then to learn of the impact the event made.

GRACE HOUSE PRESCHOOL - The four year old classes from the preschool at Grace Presbyterian Church held a bake sale and raised \$181, which they donated to Family Promise.

THE WINSTON-SALEM FOUNDATION - Family Promise was awarded a \$12,500 grant from the The Winston-Salem Foundation. These funds were provided by the Mary A. Payne Charitable Fund for Human Services and the William and Allan Hollan Charitable Fund.

WELLS FARGO, Main Street Winston-Salem – We were asked to be a part of their ribbon cutting and were selected as their Community Partner, which concluded with Wells Fargo donating \$1,000 to our organization.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH, Kernersville – For the hats, gloves, and socks donated to help keep our families warm as winter approaches.

SUMMIT CHURCH, Kernersville - Through their Big Serve we had our yard cleaned up and the families were relieved from doing their inside chores as the day center was cleaned as well.

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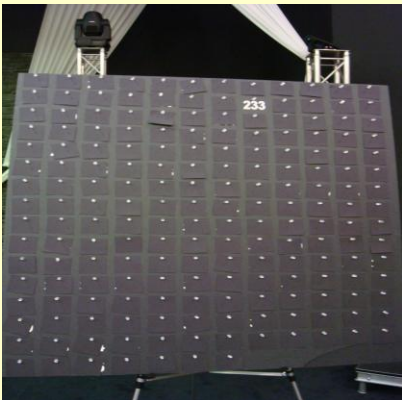
“Drive Out Homelessness” A Great Success, Raises \$11,000!

A great night of fun was had by all! The 50/50 raffle raised \$755, which Debra Fink had the winning ticket to receive \$378. There were over 140 baskets to be bid on. On Friday two art collector paintings were donated, “Maternal Instincts” by Pino Daeni and “Elegant Evening at the Biltmore” by Thomas Kinkaid which became live auction items.

The Reverse Raffle became very exciting as we got to the last 10 tickets and participants at the event tried to buy out each others' tickets. When it was down to two remaining tickets \$7500 was offered to buy out the competing ticket and the offer was declined. When all was said and done, Danny Hewett had the winning ticket for the 2012 Chevy Cruze.

A huge THANK YOU to our Auction sub-committee: Fran Little and Chad Hansen (Co-Chairs), Bill Alger, Karena Chrisler, Susan Clark, Yokasta Diaz Lynn Hartley, Kay Justice, Terri Norman, Ed & Mary Skurka, Sonya Turner-Sledge, and Teresa Wood.

We appreciate all who made donations from the community, Triad Community Kitchen for the marvelous food and First Christian Church Ministries for the use of their facility. We also want to thank Parks Chevrolet for providing the Chevvy Cruze for the raffle.



The winning number... 233!



Danny Hewett with his new car.



Registration



Triad Community Kitchen Chefs



Those who came to enjoy!

IHN Congregation Spotlight

Main Street Methodist Church

note: This is the first of a series of articles about the congregations that are part of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Mary Beth Johnson, a sophomore at East Forsyth High School, is a newsletter intern with Family Promise and will be interviewing church members and writing these articles.



Main Street United Methodist has been involved with Family Promise since 2009 and was one of the original hosting congregations for our families.

An estimated 100 people from Main Street have offered various talents and skills, as well as time and energy, during the weeklong hosting commitments scheduled among local churches.

Most volunteers have been adults ranging from 20 to 70 years of age; however, the church is hoping to encourage youth to get more involved in the future.

There are direct forms of involvement, such as spending an evening with the families, and indirect involvement like donating food for nightly meals.

Vicki Horner, the Family Promise coordinator at Main Street UMC, says that "Anyone can help, It's just about finding your comfort level." She says volunteers and the Families benefit from the program. Families have a comfortable place to stay with hot meals provided. Volunteers are given the opportunity to serve others and can also fulfill a sense of purpose, she said.

Volunteers like to help by visiting with, listening to, and nurturing the families, she said. Vicki has said that there have been so many people at Main Street willing to volunteer with enthusiasm in their hearts and has noticed their genuine concern of wanting to do the best they can to help.

She says that "Family Promise is a great way to care for families. They receive attention and support from loving Christians in the community." Vicki hopes that the program continues to grow, and wants to raise awareness about it.

Family Updates

- Brandon, Nikki and the girls – During the month they were with us, Brandon found employment and is now interviewing for a second position as well. They moved into permanent housing mid October. We will let you know when the new baby arrives.
- Lydia and her two children – Moved into transitional housing after being with us for about two weeks.
- Lidia and the three boys – They left us for transitional housing and since then Lidia has secured a job and permanent housing.
- Willie and children – Willie has made great progress in working through some barriers. He left us for transitional housing and should be moving into permanent housing next week. Once in he will have all four of his children with him.
- Eric & Jamie and their daughters – They are still in transitional housing but making progress that should allow them to secure permanent housing in the near future. Eric was approved for disability and Jamie has found a full time job.
- We currently have 3 families in the program who are working toward their own success stories.
 - Renee and her two boys – Renee has been taking part in many interviews and we feel sure she will have a job very shortly.
 - Ashley and the girls – Ashley has secured a job in child care, which also happens to be her passion. She is now working on housing.
 - Jwan, Marilyn, and Tristin – Marilyn has started working this week and they are looking.

Can You Help the Week of December 4–11, 2011?

We have a hole in our congregational hosting rotation that we need to fill. We are in need of volunteers who can help us cover the hosting week of Dec. 4-11. Faith Assembly of God has graciously offered us their facility to host our families during this week. However, we need volunteers to help make this possible.

We will need volunteers who are willing, for one night during the week, to provide dinner; be at the facility from 5:30-9 p.m.; and then also stay overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. We are required to have two (2) volunteers at the facility at all times while our guests are there. If you are able to assist us in any of these three categories please contact the day center at 245-1807 or email Debbi at director@familypromiseforsyth.org. Please let us know how you are able to assist and which day.

Auction Items to Bid On

The below items from the auction are still available for bidding. We will accept bids by phone (245-1807) or email (director@familypromiseforsyth.org) until Friday, November 11, 2011. Highest bidder will win the package.

WARM AND COZY

You'll be warm and cozy all winter long with this package, which includes professional cleaning of condenser coils, filter change, refrigerant check, and charge, and electrical component inspection, a Glade Cinnamon candle, outside thermostat and a handmade gray wool scarf. Donated by After 5 Heating and Air.

Value \$100... Starting Bid \$25

ATTENTION KEVIN HARVICK FANS

Add this autographed mini collector's helmet to your racing collection donated by the Kevin Harvick Foundation.

Value \$150... Starting Bid \$35

24 HOUR GYM

Get into shape with this three month standard membership and enrollment to Triangle Fitness and a men's large Triangle Fitness t-shirt, both donated by Triangle Fitness. A blue water bottle donated by Friends of Family Promise is included.

Value \$140... Starting Bid \$30

PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER

Last Will and Testament package donated by Thomas and Bennett. **Value \$500.... Starting Bid \$175**

TUNE IT UP

PC tune-up donated by Great Scott! Computer Service. **Value \$75... Starting Bid \$25**

GET IN SHAPE

Three month family membership to and donated by Sportscenter Athletic Club and a water bottle. **Value \$150... Starting Bid \$50**

NOT JUST WINDOW DRESSING

You will love this free consultation and \$200 credit towards fabrication of custom window treatments by Rosette's Window Treatment Design and a fall flower arrangement donated by Flowers on Main. **VALUE: \$335... Starting Bid \$110**

I CAN DO IT!

Four hours of handyman services donated by Mohawk Screen, **VALUE: \$200... Starting Bid \$75**

BY THE FIRE

A 10 candle handcrafted metal works fireplace screen, a large decorative ceramic oriental accent urn with wooden stand. **VALUE: \$75... Starting Bid \$25**

COVER ME UP

Four hours of tiling labor donated by A Cutting Edge Tile and Flooring. **VALUE: \$400... Starting Bid \$115**

FLIGHT OF THE BIRDS

Two waterfowl prints by John W. Taylor titled Mallards at Cedar Point and October Afternoon – Wood Ducks. Donated by Friends of Family Promise.

VALUE: \$50... Starting Bid \$15