



NEW BEGINNING

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Family Promise of Cobb County's Newsletter



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YMCA SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM



Many of you participated in making meals for the MUST summer lunch program. The YMCA is a partner with MUST and volunteers deliver the lunches to children in the county. This program operated every Monday - Friday for the 10 weeks of summer vacation. During the summer months, 1 in 5 children go hungry and often miss their breakfast and lunch meals. The YMCA is working to help feed over 500 Cobb County children daily a healthy meal. Volunteers met at the Northeast Cobb YMCA and headed out in teams to pick up the food and distribute to the children. Volunteers Paula Grady, FPCC staff Louise Sterling and Camilla Worrell, participated in the delivery of lunches. They handed out 300 lunches in apartment complexes located in Smyrna.

“One Family, One Song, One Promise” Concert



The One Family Musical Concert will be held Friday, September 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Transfiguration Catholic Church. The event will feature FPCC network congregation musical groups. Tickets are \$20 for premium seating and \$10 for regular seating. Contact your church Volunteer Coordinator for ticket purchase or you can purchase your tickets online at www.familypromisecobbcounty.org.

MASSEY AUTOMOTIVE SUPPORTS FAMILY PROMISE OF COBB COUNTY



For every vehicle sold \$100 is donated to Family Promise of Cobb County. To date, Massey Automotive has donated \$---- to FPCC through this program. If you have a car you are interested in buying, **please consider using Massey Automotive.** They offer fantastic service, and you can support our program. **What's better than a donation to FPCC?** A gift with even more impact! You can double or triple your gift to FPCC—at no extra cost to you. You may not be aware that many companies will match their employees' (and sometimes even their spouses) donations to nonprofit organizations—including universities—to significantly expand the value of an individual's charitable gift. Please check with your company to see if they will match your donation to FPCC.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOTED



Eileen Hilburn (St. James Episcopal Church) entered FPCC for a SCANA Energy Facebook contest. Because we are a network of people who love this charity, FPCC won \$1000 from SCANA. Thanks to Eileen for nominating us and to all of you who voted.





DIRECTOR'S CORNER

I want to thank all of the volunteers who make it possible for our families to feel so supported while they are going through this difficult time. You all work so hard, and feel so strongly about our charge to care for our guests. You all have given over 5,000 volunteer hours so far, worth an estimated \$115,000. Three families have graduated and are back in the community, with their children stably housed and in school. The difference you are making in the lives of the adults and children in our care cannot be measured in dollars and cents. There have been so many volunteers who have gone above and beyond for Family Promise. Below is just a small sampling of you who are humbly working on behalf of children and their families experiencing homelessness.



Volunteer Angels



Glenda Bell (ECUMC), Lisa Johnston (St. Catherine's Episcopal), Sandy Hobson (St. Andrew UMC), Jim and Val Rogers (ECUMC), Jim Rogers (ECUMC), Val Rogers (ECUMC), Dean Kelley (ECUMC), Randy Pettit (ECUMC), Mark Mulling (ECUMC), Annunciation Episcopal Church and their Youth group, Kate and Emmy from Acworth UMC's youth group, ECUMC's back-to-school backpack program, Eileen Hilburn (St. James Episcopal), Jessica Coletta, daughter of Debbie Sivret (Christ Episcopal), Annie Smith (St. James Episcopal), Barbara Ferguson (Mount Zion UMC), Liz Bauman (Mount Zion UMC), Paula Grady (Covenant Presbyterian), and Pam Harvey (St. Benedict's).

Thank you, all those named and unnamed, for giving so much of yourselves. I am so grateful to be a part of such a giving group of servant workers.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT.



My name is Debbie Sivret. My husband, John, and I are members of Christ Episcopal Church-Kennesaw and we have 6 grandchildren. When I first heard about Family Promise at my church, I knew I wanted to learn more about it. I attended a core group meeting in January, 2013 and realized this is something I always wanted to be a part of...*helping homeless families and making a difference in the lives of others.* Shortly after that initial core meeting I became a team member of the Communications

Committee (since I had a background in creating newsletters). In September, 2013 our first newsletter was released to all hosting congregations and their parishioners. In addition to the newsletter, Vice President, Eileen Collins, and I began to manage the website, which I thought would be easy. Wow was I fooled! Doing the behind the scenes work as a volunteer has been very rewarding for me. But it doesn't stop there.

After the first core group meeting with FPCC I decided to become a Volunteer Coordinator at my church. I attended every core group meeting and enjoyed watching the organization blossom. After months of preparation, scheduling our first host week was so fulfilling due to how many of our parishioners wanted to help. We have hosted twice now, in February and again in May. This experience is the most worthwhile thing I have ever done. FPCC is not my only volunteer position. At church I am also a member of our Parish Growth Committee, Youth Council and ECW (Episcopal Church Women). If you want to become a FPCC volunteer, contact your church's Volunteer Coordinator or call our Executive Director, Camilla Worrell at cworrell@familypromisecobbcounty.org. You won't regret it!