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Family Promise of Cobb County and East Cobb United Methodist Church Dedicate ECUMC's House as a Transitional Residence for Families Escaping Homelessness

Family Promise of Cobb County (FPCC) and East Cobb United Methodist Church (ECUMC) will dedicate a house on ECUMC property to serve as temporary housing for families transitioning out of homelessness on Sunday, February 4, 2024. The name of the transitional house will be announced at the dedication ceremony.

"Throughout East Cobb UMC's history, this house has been used for a variety of purposes, from the junior parsonage to office space, including the former site as the FPCC Day Center, to the Youth House. We are excited about this newest transformation, allowing us to expand our long partnership with Family Promise and establish a transitional house on our property. Our church is committed to hosting families in the rotational shelter program throughout the year, and we give thanks to God for the opportunity to serve more families in Cobb County with this Transitional House. We recognize the difficulties many families face in establishing permanent housing and hope that alongside the wonderful staff and volunteers of Family Promise, East Cobb UMC can assist families on a successful path to independence. We are particularly grateful for the wonderful folks at St. Catherine's Episcopal for working at the house during their recent MLK Service Day."

- Rev. Kristin Lee, Senior Pastor of East Cobb UMC.

Over the last decade, Family Promise of Cobb County (FPCC) has dedicated itself to the mission of assisting homeless families with children in achieving stable income, housing, and lasting independence. The organization collaborates with the local interfaith community, including 14 hosting congregations and several supporting congregations, to implement its

Rotational Shelter Program. Notably, East Cobb UMC stands as one of the original hosting congregations, joined by others such as Covenant Presbyterian Church, Grace Marietta, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Marietta First UMC, Mt. Zion UMC, Pilgrimage United Church of Christ, St. Andrew UMC, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church, Temple Kol Emeth, Transfiguration Catholic Church, Unity North Atlanta Church, and Zion Baptist Church.

The supporting congregations include Acworth UMC, Annunciation Episcopal, Christ Episcopal Church, Our Redeemer Anglican Catholic Church, St. James Episcopal Church, St. Teresa's Episcopal Church, Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Pathways Lutheran Church, First Presbyterian Church Marietta, and Baha'i Faith of Cherokee. FPCC extends its transitional housing programs through partnerships with Kirkwood Presbyterian Church and Zion Baptist Church.

The house behind East Cobb United Methodist Church has now been completely remodeled inside and out to serve as FPCC's third transitional house in Cobb County. FPCC plans to work with families in the home as they journey back from homelessness.

"Family Promise of Cobb County greatly thanks the East Cobb UMC family for providing this home to assist future FPCC families" said FPCC Executive Director Autumn Sines. "We are excited this house will be a foundation stepping stone to families as they journey toward freedom from homelessness."

Established in January 2014, FPCC is a community-based non-profit committed to guiding families on their journey from homelessness to independence. As an autonomous affiliate of the national organization Family Promise, founded in 1988, FPCC operates locally with a mission to make a meaningful impact. For further information about Family Promise of Cobb County and to contribute to this cause, visit www.familypromisecobbcounty.org.

East Cobb UMC is located at 2325 Roswell Rd, Marietta GA 30062. ECUMC is a community of faith representing a mosaic of God's family for over 150 years in Cobb County. The church seeks to embrace all people — people of every age, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation, and ability — with love and grace. For more information, visit <https://eastcobbumc.org/>.

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