



**FP News**

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAMILY PROMISE...**

### **A Message From Katie**

**Dear faithful donors,  
Since joining Family Promise, I have worked to familiarize myself with you all, our service and monetary supporters. After reviewing our data and records, I stand in awe of your faithfulness and generosity that you have shown over the year and *all throughout* this season of COVID-19 and economic hardship.**

**As you know, gas, rent, food prices and more are rising daily. And as much as you and I feel it at the pump, our client families feel it twice as hard as more have lost housing and begun to live without bare necessities. *Thanks to you, Family Promise has been able to ramp up our Emergency Response program to meet this growing need.* The program was developed in 2020, as family crisis in our community rose exponentially. Our Rotational Shelter can assist three families at a time; however, the Emergency Response program allows countless families on the brink of homelessness to receive prevention and diversion services regardless of our Shelter availability. At a minimum, we provide these families with referrals to sister and government programs, but our goal is to also provide small monetary provisions to eliminate the threat of homelessness.**

***Thanks to your donations, we have been able to provide gas and food cards to many Emergency Response families. As we continue onward and upward, our goal is now to offer***

**increased monetary support in the prevention program such as one utility payment, one month's rental assistance, or one week's hotel fees to these families in need throughout North Fulton and Dekalb.**

**Just last week, we were able to extend a hotel stay for a mother with a one-week-old baby who is recovering from a c-section. Without your support, she would have been forced out onto the streets with her newborn.**

**Thank you on behalf of the families that have been on the brink of homelessness, as tonight they can rest easy knowing that there are generous people willing to assist and ensure that every child has a safe place to rest their head at night.**

**You are a gift to our organization and our community. We salute you!**

**Katie Weaver, Grant & Donor Relations Manager**

## **Welcome to our newest Board Member, John Koenig!**



John is the Managing Partner of the Atlanta office of and serves on the firm-wide Management Committee of Barnes & Thornburg, LLP, one of the 100 largest law firms in the U.S. with nearly 700 attorneys in 20 offices across the country.

John also maintains a national, full-service practice representing management in virtually all aspects of labor and employment law. He advises employers on the full array of personnel and union relations issues they face on a daily basis.

John is passionate about promoting diversity, equity and inclusion. In 2021, John was honored with Barnes & Thornburg's Camille Conway Diversity Award, given to a teammate who most typifies a staunch commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. In 2022, the State Bar of Georgia named John as recipient of the 2022 Commitment to Equality Award, which recognizes judges and lawyers who have shown a commitment to providing opportunities that foster a more diverse legal profession for members of underrepresented groups.

John has been a leader in the community as well, having served on boards of directors for nonprofits to prevent child abuse and neglect, improve the lives of Hispanic students, and fight hunger and food insecurity.

John and his wife Julia have three grown children and reside in Sandy Springs.

## Coffee and Conversation



In June we had our first Coffee and Conversation. We will have these throughout the year. We invite folks to the office for a short coffee to build a relationship and to raise awareness about Family Promise in the community. It is a casual way to get to know individual or organizations and have them get to know us!

The first Coffee and Conversation was with some women's groups. We had a nice turnout of lovely ladies that had great questions for us!



**Speaking of Partnerships...** St. David's Episcopal Church has really gotten involved with Family Promise in a hurry and we are so grateful.

They recently had a youth group come and host a hot breakfast for our families while they were at UUMAN.



## Inspirational Quote

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.

**-Mother Teresa**

# What's Coming Up This Fall-

## Clergy Coffee

Family Promise will have it's 4th annual Clergy Coffee on Wednesday, August 10th at 9am at RUMC's Trinity Cafe. This is always a great time for our clergy to get together. We love giving everyone an overview on Family Promise's bright future and an update on our families that we serve.

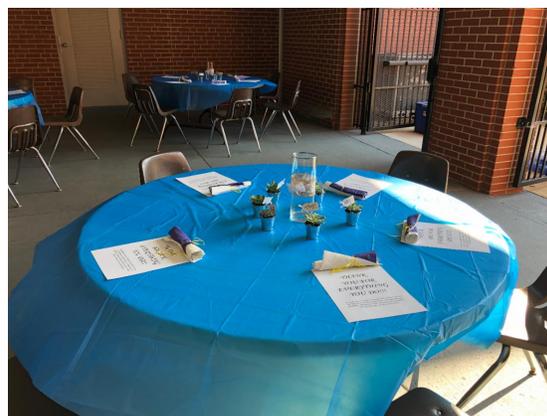


## Brunch and Bubbly

We will have our first Brunch and Bubbly event on Saturday, September 17th at 11am. This event is a women's luncheon to educate, inspire and bring awareness about family homelessness in our community and Family Promise's mission.

## Coordinator Appreciation Dinner

Every Fall, we host a Coordinator Appreciation dinner for our Coordinators. We will be at FBCR again this year utilizing their beautiful covered outdoor patio on October 6th at 6pm. We look forward to a fun evening being with our coordinators.



## Volunteer Spotlights:

*Thank you to our incredible volunteers!*

## TALK ABOUT TEAM WORK....

UUMAN recently hosted our families for 3 consecutive weeks. Donna and Mike, the UUMAN coordinators, were amazing hosts not only to our families, their support congregations (THANK YOU- Roswell Masjid and Northbrook UMC) but also were gracious enough to accommodate Lasagna Love to provide a dinner one night and an outside group to use their kitchen to serve a hot breakfast for our families. UUMAN is a wonderful example of a congregation that goes above and beyond and the families love being able to stay for 3 weeks in such cozy housing.

## AND TALK ABOUT COMMUNITY....

In October, Rivercliff Lutheran Church will be hosting families for the first time. A big shout out to Penny Kiel and all the wonderful people at Mount Vernon Presbyterian who allowed us to help out with their recent hosting. They shared many ideas, documents, SignUpGenius expertise and general experience from their many years of hosting. It helped me greatly to understand how we should set up our facilities and what items we need to acquire. Their friendliness and offers of continued help made me feel very welcomed and supported. Thanks MVP - Wayne Smith.

## TALK ABOUT AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.....

- Dunwoody Baptist Church- Taylor Turnbow stayed 4 nights at DBC in June when they hosted for the very first time! Thank you for giving so much of your time!
- Northbrook UMC- Robert Meeks and Betsy Rhame-Minor for being wonderful volunteers for NUMC. Thank you for going above and beyond when NUMC was hosting at UUMAN in June.
- UUMAN- Donna and Mike would like to thank all UUMAN volunteers that helped while they hosted. Also, a big thanks to NUMC and Roswell Masjid for being great Support!
- Roswell Masjid- Nathalie Chaudry, Amanda Shaikh, Lubna Merchant and Sophie Moiz. Thank you for all of your help while the families were at UUMAN. You guys were an awesome support to them!

# Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who bring their whole hearts to helping our Family Promise families!

*We want to continue to share the ways you all go above and beyond for Family Promise. Please contact Shannon if you have a volunteer you'd like to give a shout out!*

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