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From the HomeFront

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Finding children a home one family at a time through the Grace of God and the love of many!

When is 13 a Good Number?

We often think of 13 as an unlucky number, but it maybe the best number biblically we have. For it is through Jesus and his 12 Disciples that the Gospel is revealed and the world was never the same. In a Family Promise affiliate 13 congregations mean it is time to launch and that each congregation can look to host our guests once a quarter or up to 4 times per year. However as in Jesus' time We would like to build on the 12 and add several more to make hosting even easier and one day build to having a second affiliate. We also need Support congregations who may have resources that they can share with our host congregations, whether it be food, people or funds all are welcome to serve the growing number of homeless children



and their families that are now in Newton and Rockdale Counties. We also need the help of individuals and companies in the area to assure that we continue to help folks back in to sustainable housing.

“There is always hope, even when you can’t feel it. Family Promise helps you to not only feel hopeful, but most importantly, helps you to change your life to never lose hope again.”

- Amber, a Guest of Family Promise of Sacramento

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is a **501(c)(3)** Georgia non profit corporation committed to helping families achieve lasting independence. We focus our efforts on a holistic integrated approach by combining the resources of congregations, social agencies and volunteers to weave a tapestry of support that protects and comforts families at a difficult time. Together, we foster and promote activities that will lead to sustainable housing or better put—a home where a family’s love story can be fulfilled.

13 Congregations have answered the Call!

**Epiphany Lutheran
 St. Pius Catholic
 Smyrna Presbyterian
 Life Church
 Conyers First UMC**

**Rockdale Baptist
 Rockdale Alliance
 Allen Memorial UMC
 Milstead Baptist
 Conyers First Baptist**

**Trinity Baptist
 Conyers Presbyterian
 New Life in Christ Baptist
 (Your Church could be here!)**



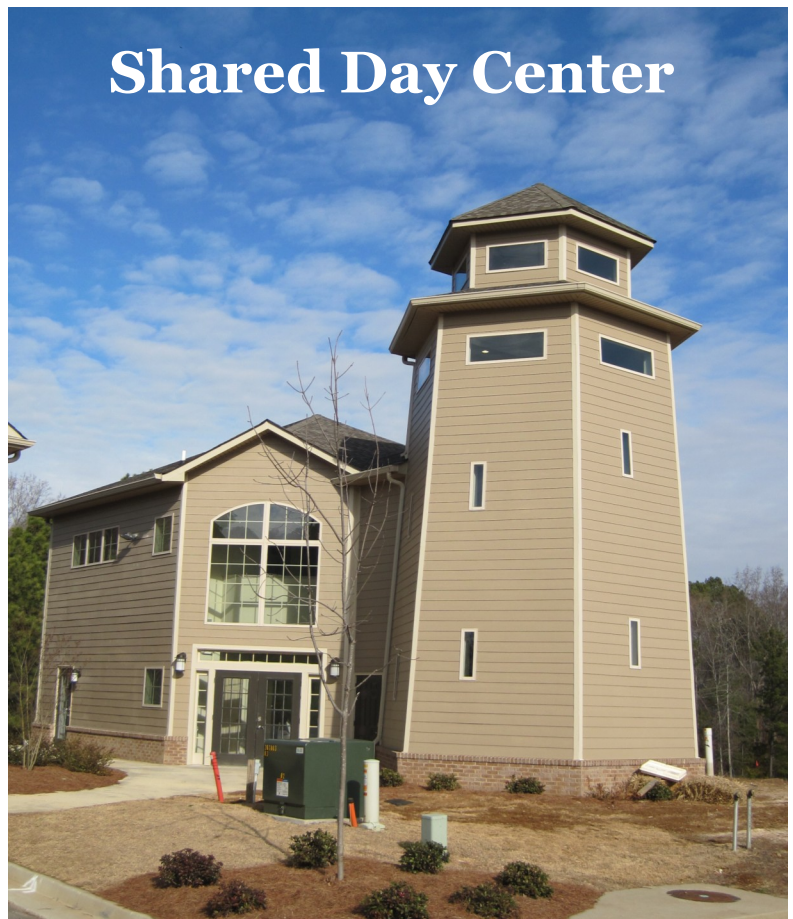
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Highway to Change Gift Program

- For a gift of \$278.00 You can help pave the way to change for a homeless child and their family providing two weeks of services including transportation for a family of four.
- Donations can be made through the website or to the address above.



Changing Lives One Week at a Time

On up to four Sunday afternoons per year the truck arrives with the guests possessions. The “Movers and Shakers” go about the business of setting up the week’s living quarters for the guests. The 3 to 5 guest families of no more than 14 individuals arrive in the evening, settle in meet the volunteers. At 6:00 dinner is served family style for guests and volunteers. After dinner, guests and volunteers clean up. Followed by study time, TV, games, stories or just conversation. Food for the next day’s lunches is available and parents make sack lunches for their families. After activities kids turn in at appropriate times and parents

around 10:00, including “Slumber party” volunteers. Wake up is around 6AM a light breakfast is served and the van picks up the families by 7:00. All will head to the Day Center where kids will go off to school and parents to work or use resources to seek housing, employment improvement, etc. Showers and clothes washing are also available. All return to the Host Congregation by 6:00. Saturdays everyone sleeps in and maybe a groups cooks up a big breakfast. Families can go back to the day center or planned activity or go spend time with family and friends. Sunday mornings everything is packed up and moved to

the next location and the families go to church or the Day Center until time to move to the next loving and caring Host Congregation.— Just one of over 5,000 across America that is committed to making a difference now

