

Upcoming Events



Dairy Queen Spirit Night
July 19, 2016
5PM-8PM



Freddy's Spirit Night
August 16, 2016
4PM-8PM



Bunkin' for Bunco
Sponsored By
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United Way BBQ
Thursday, September 22th from 11am-1pm
at Rockdale Career Academy. Dine In – Pick Up – Delivery*



Smokin' Butts & Tires BBQ Competition Cook off and Car Show
September 23-24
Join us at the Rockdale Career Academy



Building Roads of Promise
November 4, 2016
More details to come



The boys cleaning up the yard after a storm.

Stats

In 2016 so far we have served 5 families that included 13 children.



Board Member Michael giving an award to Catherine from St. Pius X for Family Promise Week.

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The Executive Director's Corner

Greetings!

Wow can you believe we are half way through the year? And what a great 6 months it has been here at Family Promise of NewRock! We've assisted 5 families to include 13 children! We've watched families grow strong and confident as they've worked hard to become successful. Several family members have found full time or additional employment, we celebrated birthdays, graduations but most importantly we were here to support families in need with the support and love of our host and partner Congregations.

As we begin the second half of 2016, I reflect on the last year and the many blessings that have come our way. Thankfully we were able to purchase a much needed "newer 14 passenger bus" from a gracious donation from a local congregation, we've had several work days at the center beautifying the grounds from several civic organizations, congregations, schools, donations of toys from a local girl scout troop, we now have 3 beautiful picnic tables thanks to a student completing his Eagle Scout project.....the list goes on. As I write this, I feel blessed that I live and serve in an incredibly caring, and giving community, that continues to support Family Promise of NewRock!

But, we need sponsorship to continue through the rest of 2016! We've launched our \$1 a day and our Centurion fundraising campaigns. We are fortunate that over the past 4 years we've held several successful fundraisers and thankfully, receive 2 to 3 grants per year to assist with our expenses, but in reality, we need consistent financial support from our community! Will you help? Please see more information on page 2 of this newsletter for more information or visit our website at www.familypromiseofnewrock.org to help us continue to serve those in need.

As the director of Family Promise of NewRock, I invite you to visit our day center to see "hands on" what we are about, and how we aid those facing homelessness, by giving families a hand up and not a hand out.

Please feel free to call me at 770-262-7816 to schedule an appointment to visit the day center or to offer volunteer opportunities or donations. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Yours in service,

Jackie
director@familypromiseofnewrock.org

"Nothing can make one feel better than seeing one do better for themselves"

Our Mission

Family Promise of NewRock is a network of congregations, volunteers and organizations in the Rockdale and Newton communities working together to help families with homelessness achieve sustainable independence.

Our Board and Staff

President

Judith Longfellow

Vice President

Vernon Shelton

Book Keeper

Bob Brayton

Pastor David Armstrong-

Reiner

Thua Barlay

Jeff Beech

Caroline Bradberry

Michael Hutchinson

Mike Yoder

Dick Mulloy

Executive Director

Jackie Sprague

Network Specialist

Qiana Deas



An Eagle Scout Project led by Nathan Milton provided 3 picnic tables

The Need

The Rockdale County School System had identified 510 children as homeless since the school year began last August. The 2012-2013 school year only had 337 children that were considered homeless. The Newton County School system for the 2014-2015 school year identified 221 students as homeless.

How We Help

#of children served 121
#of adults 67
#of families 46
Average length of stay 90-120 days

How You Help

We are always accepting donations! To make a one time donation please go to www.familypromiseofnewrock.org and click on the Donate tab. Or for a mail in donation, please send checks to

P.O. Box 81551
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You can also join our new Dollar a Day or Centurion Club to support our program, with the options for \$365 yearly, \$100 monthly, \$30.50 monthly, or \$7 dollars weekly.

How Can You Partner?

JUST \$1 DOLLAR A DAY

Help homeless families in your community by donating to Family Promise of NewRock Today!

Join our new Dollar A Day or Centurion Club! Your gift will go towards food, shelter, and support services for participating families. Go to www.familypromiseofnewrock.org and click on the donate tab for more information.



Summer Wish List!

For Guests

Gas Cards
DVD's (family friendly)
Walmart or Grocery Store Gift Cards

For the Day Center

Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Cleaning Supplies
Soap
Laundry Detergent
New Bed Pillows and Mattress Pads
Large Fabric Laundry Bags



amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Have some online shopping to do? Support Family Promise when shopping on Amazon. To support make sure you go to smile.amazon.com and select Family Promise of NewRock. A portion of your purchase will support homeless families in the Community!



A Letter From our Board President

Family Promise of NewRock (FPNR) is five years old!

Our experiences through the past five years remind us just how significant FPNR has been, not only to the families we have hosted, but also to the Rockdale and Newton County communities.

We have so many stories...some sad, some joyful (we even hosted a wedding), some puzzling, challenging, stressful, and yes, amazing. Why? Because we are working with moms, dads, and children who have become homeless (for a variety of reasons), and we have also worked together with amazing people from as many as 18 churches as well as community organizations which have supported us throughout our five years. Do we continue to need you all? Yes indeed!

We've received financial support (always an ongoing need), provided safe shelters (through our participating churches), meals, and a variety of educational opportunities, creating energy as needed for our families to press forward toward new employment or to continue ongoing employment. As our families search for affordable and safe home environments they are safe, secure, and instilled with the sense that we share a common purpose.

FPNR is a dynamic organization. There is movement and activity as families relocate each week in our churches, as they meet specific requirements requiring positive discipline, as goals are met through financial

education, positive reinforcements, and directional counseling. Get the picture? This experience for them is not a vacation but can be a respite from the stresses that homelessness creates. Growth and a sense of security which contributes to an improved sense of well-being is what families can receive when they are with us. Yes, they may be with us for as short as 60 days and

perhaps as long as 120 days. Varying circumstances contribute to the time factors. So, what do we like about Family Promise? Positive achievements with family goals met. That's what we're about!

We are indeed thankful, might we say 'super thankful' for the gifts of time, money, and energetic efforts from a myriad of people over the past five years which have helped our families reach their goals. The Family Promise Board of Directors, our Family Promise Executive Director and her assistants, interns, our church coordinators and volunteers, community organizations, who, with our families are working together to successfully renew spiritual, mental, and physical energies and accomplishments.

We continue with a sense of pride and thankfulness as we celebrate the past five years and continue forward with focused energy!

We are Family Promise of NewRock! We are thankful! Here's to another successful year!

Your Board President ,

Judith



Judith with the guest family on her birthday

Our Congregations

Epiphany Lutheran
Rockdale Baptist
St. Pius X Catholic
Smyrna Presbyterian
Conyers First United Methodist
Conyers Presbyterian
Trinity Baptist
Rockdale Alliance
Milstead Baptist
The Father's House
Haven Fellowship
New Covenant Fellowship
Salem United Methodist
Discover Point
Greater Love Fellowship
Tabernacle
Macedonia Baptist Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Testimonials

"We cant say it enough, show it enough, or even imagine it enough....THANK YOU FAMILY PROMISE!!" - B.

"It was in God's Hands to put my family and I in the loving and safe environment that Family Promise provided for us." - R

"My kids were able to have a real Christmas for the first time in a long time"-K

