

Updates on Current Guests

Brandi and her sons, **Josh**, age 13 and **Mike**, age 5 are doing well. Brandi is now working 2 part time jobs! She is in desperate need of a vehicle to drive to and from work. Josh and Mike both enjoy their new afterschool programs. Brandi is also proud to take a big step in her life. Brandi was baptized at Indian Hill Baptist Church in Bluffton. She is grateful to all the support she has received from the volunteers to help her not only in her journey to independence, but also her emotional, mental, and spiritual support.

Welcome **Elaine** and her son **Jordan**, 15 and her daughter **Mickael**, 17. Elaine and her kids are joining us at Lowcountry Presbyterian Church on Monday. Jordan and Mickael enjoy high school and Elaine is looking for a job. She has a background with a mortgage firm.

Celebrating FPBC Guests' Progress

Richard, Denise, and their children, **London**, 6, and **Rich**, 11 months moved into their new condo on the south end of Hilton Head Island. We are grateful to the many volunteers who both donated time and household goods to help make their house a home. Denise is now working 2 jobs and Rich has found a full time job. London is remaining in her school and Baby Rich is enjoying a new day care. Rich and Denise would like to send a big THANK YOU to the Move-In crew who came out to help including Ed Ehrlich, Jim Bailey, Barbara and Don Bethman, Dennis and Kathy Yarrington, Doug and Elsa Felten, Nancy Cunningham, and Laurie Fons just to name a few.

Deborah and her two kids, **Shae**, 15 and **Rico**, 12 are really doing great. Deborah is excelling as the manager at her job and she says the kids are really improving at their new school. Shae, especially is learning to really like her classes. Deborah has also begun classes to fulfill her dream to be a paralegal. She is earning her Associate degree in Paralegal Studies and she is proud to report that she has all B's so far. Congratulations!



FPBC Needs

All donations tax deductible!

- *Subscription to **Island Packet/Beaufort Gazette** for guests to seek employment*



opportunities

- Cosmetic products – hair brush, comb, shaving cream, deodorant, shampoo, soap etc.
- Reliable vehicle for a family to get to work and school.



We have a NEW Trailer!!

Family Promise is proud to unveil our NEW trailer!! We are grateful to Adam Dowe at Cargo Trailers USA for assisting us in obtaining our new trailer and Denis Gaylord of Gaylord Signs and Graphics who generously donated the beautiful graphics.



We couldn't have made it these past few months without support from Bill Dugan of Pender Brothers allowing us to use his trailer until we obtained our new one. Last but not least, we are grateful to the generous people of Beaufort County who donated generously the support to purchase a new trailer including the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry.



FPBC Gratitude

A BIG thanks to **The Church of the Cross and The Boys and Girls Club of Bluffton** for providing exceptional afterschool programs. FPBC parents are grateful to have a positive place for their kids to go afterschool which allows them to work more hours to support their family.



FPBC is proud to partner with Liberty Savings Bank to provide more support to our families. By simply opening a Bank for a Cause Checking account at Liberty

Savings Bank and designating Family Promise as your Charity, Liberty Savings Bank will donate 1% of all your debit card purchases to Family Promise. You don't have to do anything and you aren't donating anything. Liberty is dedicated to supporting our belief that one homeless child is too many.



Thanks to **Josephine Bredice of Techniques Salon** for donating her time to cut our guests hair. It is a wonderful gift to be pampered and to feel good about one's self. Thanks to Josephine for giving her time to

spend with our families and give them a new cut!

Volunteers from **Lowcountry Community Church** in Bluffton volunteered a day of service for Family Promise. They cleaned the van, cut and trimmed the yard, and cleaned the Levy Family Center so that our guests would have a nice place to play, seek jobs, and look for housing. Thanks to all the volunteers for their generosity.



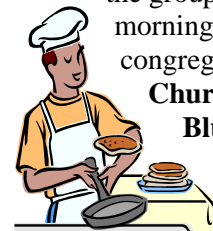
Hosting The Month of January:

January 3 - 9 The guests spent this week of very frigid temperatures at **Waters Edge United Methodist Church** on Lady's Island. Helping to keep the families warm and well-fed was support congregation **Tidal Creek Fellowship**.

January 10- 16 **The Baptist Church of Beaufort** provided housing during this week when the new trailer was delivered. The Youth at the Baptist Church set up and take down the furniture each time the families are hosted here. Support congregation is **St. Paul's Baptist** also of Beaufort.

January 17 - 23 **Hilton Head Presbyterian** accommodated the Family Promise guests during this week when children are out of school for the Martin Luther King holiday. Support congregations include **Christ Lutheran Church**, and **St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church**.

January 24 - 30 Located in Bluffton, the **Unitarian Universalist** congregation greetd the families the last week of the month. Rev. Tom Schmidt enjoys cooking breakfast for the group on Saturday mornings. Support congregations **Savannah Church of Christ** and **Bluffton United Methodist Church** also share in responsibilities.



Thanks to all our congregations and volunteers who attended our Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition on January 25th. We are grateful to the Rev. Dr. Fred Reisz for sharing the message, and Tonya and Vic Neely of Plantation Deli and Cafe for providing the delicious meal. Thanks to Lord of Life Lutheran for

providing the location and volunteers
from Fountain of Salvation for
serving the food.