



Family Promise

Network Update

From Gary Salmon, Executive Director
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On Sat., June 12, a group of teen-agers from a Robin's Nest program spent part of their Saturday learning about homelessness and the issues that homeless children and their parents face. Afterward, they came to our Day Center, bearing gifts for the children in our network. While here, they washed and vacuumed our van. Our new picnic table and grill were put to good use as they cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for themselves and our guests.

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADS

Aleesha Rodriguez and her children have "graduated" from our network. She and her children have secured housing. Aleesha has enrolled in a program (starting in Sept.) that will lead to CNA certification. In the meantime, she has found work at a local grocery store. She will be able to work around her pregnancy. (Aleesha is due to deliver in early August.) A "Graduation Party" was held in their honor at Trinity Methodist Church (Mullica Hill) on June 15. Aleesha left the network on the morning of June 17 –one month after she entered!

VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

Volunteer Training session will be offered from 7 – 9 pm on Thursday July 7 and Tuesday July 27. The sessions will be led by the Executive Director, Gary Salmon, and Board President, Shanna Morascini. The July 8 session will be at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Mullica Hill. The July 27 session will be held at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Thorofare. Anyone who seeks to be a Family Promise Volunteer

and who has not yet been trained is welcome to attend either session.

CALLING ALL CAPTAINS

We are still seeking the name of folks who are willing to be "Captains" for our annual *Friends and Family Campaign*. Essentially, "Captains" are people agree to forward letters, which we will supply, to 10 family members or friends, asking them to consider supporting Family Promise. The letters to friends and family, along with envelopes for returning donations will all be available in late August. September 1 is the "kick off" date for distribution of packets to "Captains." Contact Jim Anzide (jratdc@comcast.net) or the Day Center office for more info.

NEW GUEST FAMILIES

Megan Pontano and her sons, Chace (age 3) and Cameron (2 in Sept.), entered our network on June 22

Jillian Gibson and her sons, Koshawn (13 today) and Jacoby (age 6) become guests of the network on June 27.

Gloria Brown and her 11-year-old son, Hadid (pronounced Hah –Deed), are scheduled to become our guests on July 5. That will bring us to a full house, 14 guests!

Have a great weekend, and thanks for all you do on behalf of our guest children and their parents. You are a blessing!