



# THE VOICE OF PROMISE PLACE

*...where domestic violence ends*

October 2013

Promise Place has been serving victims of Domestic Violence for over 25 years

**Domestic Violence  
24 hour Crisis Hotline  
770-460-1604**

## Quick Links

### Website

[www.promiseplace.org](http://www.promiseplace.org)

### Services

**24 Hour Crisis Hotline  
770-460-1604**

Emergency Domestic  
Violence Shelter

Support Groups

Legal Advocacy

Teen Dating Violence  
Prevention Program

Safety Planning

Children's Program

Community Education  
& Training

Case Management

Individual Counseling  
For Victims

Crisis Intervention

Emergency Needs  
Assistance

## Promise Place

### Office

P.O. Box 854  
350 North Jeff Davis Dr  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
(770) 461-3839  
(770) 460-6591 (fax)

### Shelter/Crisis Line

(770) 460-1604  
(770) 692-3395 (fax)

### Pike Office

7818 Hwy 19, Suite A  
Zebulon, GA 30295  
(770) 567-3447  
(770) 567-8950 (fax)

### Griffin Office

410 East Taylor St  
Suite D-6  
Griffin, Ga. 30223  
(770) 692-3333  
(678) 688-1400 (fax)

### Upson Office

Upson County Annex Building  
715 Andrews Dr  
Thomaston, GA 30286  
(770) 692-3345  
(770) 692-6335 (fax)

### Email Addresses

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[boardofdirectors@promiseplace.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@promiseplace.org)  
[volunteer@promiseplace.org](mailto:volunteer@promiseplace.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Calendar for October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### Friday, October 4

5K "Run From Domestic Violence" Run/Walk  
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### Saturday, October 12

Candlelight Vigil  
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### October 26

Gospel Community Church 3rd Annual Yard Sale  
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### Friday, October 31

Halloween



# Upcoming Event in October

## 5 K "RUN FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" RUN/1 MILE WALK

FROM 2003 TO 2012 AT LEAST  
1,203 GEORGIA CITIZENS LOST-  
THEIR LIVES DUE TO DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE

HELP US "STOP THE SILENCE AND END THE VIOLENCE"

Drake Field, 155 Willow Bend Rd.  
Peachtree City, GA  
Friday, October 4, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

- Beautiful 5K Course
- Complimentary Food & Drink, T-Shirts & Stuffed Goody Bags for Runners & Walkers
- Awards for Runners following the Run
- Face Painting
- Food and Drinks
- Pop Corn
- Local Vendors
- Local DJ

Register today on Active.com or by  
visiting our website:

[www.promiseplace.org](http://www.promiseplace.org)

Race begins at 6:00 pm — Race Day Registration  
begins at 5pm and ends promptly at 5:45pm

For more information call our  
Fundraising Committee at 678 -571-5262

Following the run all participants and their families are invited  
to join us for our Runner Awards Presentation.



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# Upcoming Event in October



In Observance of  
Domestic Violence Month  
The Griffin Judicial Circuit Task Force on Domestic Violence  
Presents  
A  
Candlelight Vigil  
(In remembrance of those who lost their lives as victims of Domestic Violence in Georgia)

## Silent No More



Featuring  
An Inspirational Domestic Violence Survivor Story  
and  
Musical Performances

**Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm**

Old Courthouse Lawn  
140 Stonewall Avenue, Fayetteville, GA 30214

**Open to the public**

For more information email us at: [gjctfdv@gmail.com](mailto:gjctfdv@gmail.com)



# Upcoming Event in October



## **Gospel Community Church 3rd Annual YARD SALE**



**350 North Jeff Davis  
Fayetteville, GA 30214  
10/26/13  
8:00 am - ??**

**A huge selection of items available.**



**Food available too.**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PROMISE PLACE



**...WHERE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ENDS**

# *A Survivor's Story*

Jane, a 28 year old young mother of two beautiful daughters came to Promise Place's domestic violence shelter seeking refuge from her boyfriend. Her boyfriend was verbally, emotionally and physically abusive to her. Very controlling about where. She has been back and forth from different areas.

Jane had been running from her boyfriend since 4 years and he has been able to find out every time she ran away. Jane was very emotional when she mentioned about her father as she stated that her father has bad health issues and she can lose him anytime. Her mother passed away just recently and she has barely got over her grief. And now her father has developed health issues. It was at this time that she was forced to leave her house when her father needed her the most. But for Jane to keep herself and her two children safe was the first priority. And therefore she was willing to take that step even if she had to travel across the country.

Jane got her children enrolled in school. Jane's younger daughter was having a hard time adjusting to so many life changes at once. She would throw temper tantrums and cry a lot. Jane was very worried about her. At the same time, Jane was going through a lot herself emotionally. Not being able to be with her father during his illness was killing her. And she would cry every day while talking to the staff. Promise Place helped her and her children with counseling. Promise Place staff would keep the girls busy

in crafts the whole time as the girls loved it. I still remember, the girls coming and showing me a new craft they had made every day. Jane and her children also loved to paint T-Shirts. It was very therapeutic for them to draw out their feelings on the T-shirts.

Jane was having a lot of issues getting her food stamps and Medicaid transferred. Meanwhile in order to take care of herself, Jane was referred to Fayette Care Clinic.

There were many times when Jane would hit rock-bottom. But each time, Promise Place would help build her motivation to continue and fight.

Jane managed to get a job. Once she got a few paychecks and some amount saved for herself, she started applying to apartments. Promise Place helped Jane with her first month's rent and Jane could not believe herself being independent and now ready to live on her own. A free life finally for her.

The only obstacle she was going to face was the commute to and from her apartment to her job. How was she going to do that? But Jane, determined as ever, decided that she was not going to let any obstacle get in her way. She decided to get a bicycle for her commute.

Jane continued to stay in touch with Promise Place even after she left. She continued to receive food boxes and other toiletries from Promise Place at least once a week.



## *News from our Executive Director*

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. DV agencies and shelter programs across the country are holding events on this important social issue and Promise Place is no exception. Promise Place just got done with several activities/events in September. These events included a jazz festival, a dove shoot, 2 business expos, and several community presentations. We are blessed to have so many members of our community support our cause through fundraisers, volunteer involvement and donations.

Did you know that Georgia is currently ranked 12th in the nation for the rate at which women are killed by men? Last month alone Promise Place received 167 calls on our crisis hotline and our domestic violence shelter is presently full. At a recent state-wide conference, some of the contributing factors to this ranking included unemployment, ineffective system responses, inequitable access to resources, poor interventions with people who are abusive and immigration.

Every individual reading this right now can play a valuable role in helping to create change and in making this community a safer place for everyone. This month please take some time to reflect and ask yourself what you can do to help. For more information or to discuss any ideas you can reach me at 770-461-3839 ext 152.

Promise Place will kick off awareness for domestic violence with our annual 5K run on October 4th at Drake Field in Peachtree City. In addition to this, please join us on October 12th at 5pm for a Candlelight vigil in remembrance of those who lost their lives in Georgia as a result of domestic violence. This Vigil will take place on the Old Courthouse Square in Fayetteville.

**Vanessa Wilkinson**  
Executive Director



# Pictures and more ...



**Liza Rosenberg** purchased school supplies for our victims. These supplies are very much needed so each child can start the new school year the right way. THANK YOU Liza, for helping the children to have what they need. You are a great supporter of Promise Place.



**Phyllis Cox** is a longtime supporter of Promise Place. This delivery consisted of clothing and food items. We always love when she surprises us with her good cheer and a car load of goodies.



Promise Place was honored to be recognized for our outstanding service in the community by **Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church**. Promise Place was one of 7 community agencies to be honored. Thank you so very much.

**Amani Elghoroury** from Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta brought wonderful toiletry items for our victims. These were made because of 9/11 National Day of Service. Thank you so very much Amani.





# *Pictures and more ...*



**The Promise Place Dove Shoot** was held in Pike County on September 14, 2013. "A good time" was had by all!

Pictured:

**Jack Bauerle** - Head Coach, UGA Men and Women's Swimming team, he has produced over 1200 All Americans, 5 time NCAA champions, 8 time SEC Coach of the Year, 5 time NCAA Coach of the Year, In the 2012 Olympics in London, the UGA program had 12 of their swimmers participating and they brought home 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Medal.

**Vanessa Wilkins** - Promise Place Executive Director.

**Mark Dylla** - 16 time All American, NCAA Championship winner if the 200 Fly, American Record Holder,

YOU NEVER KNOW HOW  
**STRONG**  
YOU ARE...  
UNTIL BEING STRONG IS THE  
**ONLY** CHOICE YOU HAVE.