



THE VOICE OF PROMISE PLACE

...where domestic violence ends

February 2014

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

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

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www.promiseplace.org

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770-460-1604**

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Teen Dating Violence
Prevention Program

Safety Planning

Children's Program

Community Education
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Case Management

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For Victims

Crisis Intervention

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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)

Upton Office

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

Email Addresses

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volunteer@promiseplace.org

Upcoming Events

Calendar for February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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Sunday, February 2

Groundhog Day
Super Bowl

Thursday, February 6

Stop Violence Against Women Day
See page 4 for more information

Friday, February 14

Valentines Day

Monday, February 17

Presidents Day

Saturday, February 28

An Improv Comedy Fundraiser
See page 5 for more information



News from our Executive Director

February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness month. Our Teen Dating Violence Prevention program educated 3,065 9th grade students in our judicial circuit last year. In my opinion, this program is one of our most important ones that we provide at Promise Place because it is one tool that we use in our efforts to prevent future domestic violence. By equipping our youth with knowledge and awareness of this issue early on, we have a better chance of breaking the cycle of dating abuse before it escalates into violence. Here are some statistics you may not be aware of.

- About 72% of eighth and ninth graders are "dating".
- 1 in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- 52% of Georgia's domestic violence victims who lost their lives in 2011 were between the ages of 16 and 24 when they began their relationship with the partner who eventually killed them. Five of the victims were just 15 when the relationship began.
- 81% of parents believe teen dating violence is not an issue.

It takes the entire community becoming educated and working together to increase awareness of this important social issue. To find out ways in which you can help, please contact our office at 770-461-3839 ext 152.

Vanessa Wilkins
Executive Director



News from our Shelter

The shelter has undergone some staffing changes in the past few months. When you call the shelter you will be greeted by some new voices. Please welcome the following staff members:

Tameka Brown, Hannah Buswell, Karen Duncan, Ashley Erkkila, and Antoinette Steele.

We are just recovering from the amazing holiday season and want to again to say thank you to all of the people and organizations that donated gifts, gift cards, and food to our shelter residents. The residents were very grateful and could not express in words their gratitude for the generosity of strangers.

We were at capacity for most of the month of January and after a short period of having some empty rooms, the staff was able to give each room a complete and thorough cleaning. We are now quickly getting back to capacity.

At this time, the shelter is in need of the following items:

Paper towels	Bath towels	Twin bed plastic mattress covers
Trash bags	Wash cloths	A small microwave (new or used)

As always, we want to thank the many volunteers and donors who make what we do, easier to do!!

News from our Legal Advocates

In January, our advocates attended the *Domestic Violence Training for Legal Advocates* offered by Georgia Legal Services Program as well as the *Stewards of Children* training. We are all now certified in CPR thanks to Lt. Davis of the Fayette County Fire Department!

The volunteer brunch held on January 25 was a "treat" for us. We would like to send out a huge **THANK YOU** to all of the volunteers for everything you do for Promise Place!

Pictures and more ...



Thank you **Donald Davis** - Fayette County Fire Department, for training our employees and volunteers on CPR. As always the class was informative and fun.



Thank you **Jessica Knowles** for picking us for your Girl Scouts project. The residents, clients and children will enjoy these books for a long time. The book shelves have made the living area a little brighter. If you are interested in donating books to keep this project going, please contact Jessica at mwtjgknowles@gmail.com.

thank
you!

Upcoming Event in February

Stop Violence Against Women Day at the Georgia State Capitol

Thursday, February 6, 2014 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Central Presbyterian Church * 201 Washington St., SW * Atlanta, GA 30303

NEW! Pre-event preparation videos & materials on how a Bill become a Law, how to speak with your Legislator, FAQ's, and much more!

REGISTER TODAY!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?>



Breakfast provided beginning at 8 am



we SHALL NEVER know
ALL THE GOOD THAT a
SIMPLE
smile
CAN DO.

-Mother Teresa

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FRIDAY, FEB 28

7:30PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

ADVANCE TICKETS \$30
(PURCHASED FROM PROMISE PLACE)

770-461-3839 EXT 152 FOR TICKETS

NIGHT OF THE SHOW \$35



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The Legacy
THEATRE

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Pictures and more ...

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch



And The Awards Go To ...

Paul Jones, Director of Volunteer Services at Promise Place, handing out recognition awards.



Elsa "Cookie" Jackson
619 hours served in 2013



Sharen Withey
322 hours served in 2013



Denise Outlaw
316 hours served in 2013



Dorte Rasmussen
175 hours served in 2013