



# THE VOICE OF PROMISE PLACE

...where domestic violence ends

April 2014

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)

### 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](mailto:volunteer@promiseplace.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Calendar for April 2014

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			

**Tuesday, April 15**  
Tax Day



**Thursday, April 17 at 3PM**  
Domestic Violence Task Force

**Thursday, April 17**  
Holy Thursday

**Friday, April 18**  
Good Friday

**Sunday, April 20**  
Easter



**Saturday, April 26 at 6:30PM**  
Fayette Celebrity Dancers  
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# News from our Executive Director

This month we have the opportunity to both celebrate people and bring awareness.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention month. Abuse can come in many forms – it is not only the physical. At Promise Place, we encounter many children that have experienced emotional and verbal abuse. Witnessing domestic violence and experiencing child abuse have many long term effects on children. These effects can range from fussiness and trouble sleeping in infants, to preschoolers showing aggression and having trouble interacting with peers, or dating violence and substance abuse as a teenager. In fact, statistics show that children who witness domestic violence have a higher risk of becoming a victim of child abuse. Last year 102 children stayed in our emergency domestic violence shelter.

April is also National Volunteer Appreciation month. With a full time staff of 8 and 5 part time, there is no way that we could accomplish everything across 4 counties that we need to do without our dedicated volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone to our organization and for them we are truly thankful. Our volunteers help with many essential functions including answering the crisis line, organizing donations, grocery shopping for the shelter, administrative duties, fundraisers/events and educating 9<sup>th</sup> grade students through our teen dating violence awareness program. Right now, we have a critical need for volunteers to help for one hour at a time with childcare. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Paul Jones at 770-461-3839 ext 112.

**Vanessa Wilkins**  
Executive Director

# News from our Legal Advocates

Tammy Bradberry attended the annual Dia De La Familia Health Fair on March 15 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Peachtree City. The fair offered free health screenings ranging from diabetes, cholesterol, breast and prostate cancer, HIV, vision, pregnancy tests and much more. Medical personnel and translators were on hand and there were clowns and games for children.

Tammy Bradberry and Sara Perdue attended Southern Crescent Technical College's Annual Student Self-Empowerment Expo on March 25 and 26. This informative expo not only showcased support services available at Southern Crescent Technical College, but gave community agencies and organizations the opportunity to showcase support services and discuss what resources are available for students.

Attending health fairs and expos affords our advocates an opportunity to inform attendees of the services that Promise Place provides. These events also allow our advocates a chance to network with other community agencies.





# BOARD of Directors

An opportunity has opened up to join the Promise Place board of directors. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact us at [boardofdirectors@promiseplace.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@promiseplace.org).



Happy Easter

## News from our Shelter

### SPOTLIGHT ON SHELTER VOLUNTEER MARGARET GENTLE



One of my greatest joys since retiring in 2007 is volunteering at Promise Place and especially at the shelter. After working in higher education, secondary education and private industry for more than forty years, I still had a desire to give back in the community. I was not aware of all the volunteer needs in Fayette County though I had lived in the county for some twenty or more years. While attending an eight weeks training with Fayette Factor, I was introduced to volunteer opportunities in Fayette County.

One of those presentations included staff from Promise Place. I was immediately drawn to this program because of its service to women and children in crisis. I have been here at Promise Place for nearly four years and have volunteered in several capacities. I have worked in the main office, serviced on the 25 year anniversary celebration committee, completed food pick-up and delivery, provided donations and I am now assigned to the shelter.

With every assignment I have become more aware and endeared to the Promise Place vision and goals and I anticipate continued service in as many ways as possible.

### SHELTER NEEDS

- ◆ Crib Sheets (standard size)
- ◆ Pack-N-Play sheets
- ◆ Juice boxes
- ◆ Children's underwear (sizes 2 – 8)
- ◆ Children's socks (s-m-l)
- ◆ Swimsuits (all sizes) boys and girls



# Pictures and more ...



**Peachtree City United Methodist** supported Promise Place by collecting very much needed towels, sheets and other goodies. These items will definitely help the Shelter and their clients. Thank you so much for your support throughout the years.



WOW! We were quite overwhelmed with emotion when we saw the truck load of toilet tissue, paper towels and dispensers that **Caterpillar** donated. These are items that are needed on a constant basis and will help out tremendously.



# Upcoming Event in April

## Fayette Celebrity Dancers

Fayette Celebrity Dancers is a fundraising event for local Fayette County Charities in which local celebrities dance with local dance professionals in competition for your donation dollars. The event is sponsored by the Fayette County Board of Realtors and Rachel's Dance Connection.

The event will be held **Saturday April 26th** at the **Starr's Mill Auditorium**.  
Doors open at 6:30PM with the event starting at **7:00PM**.

All proceeds will go to local Fayette County Charities.  
Promise Place is one of the charities that will benefit from this.  
This is the 20th year the Fayette Board of Realtors has hosted a fundraising events for charity.  
This is their second year hosting Celebrity Dancers.

This promises to be a fun event.  
Please come out and show your support for Promise Place.

