



The Voice of Promise Place

March 2015

Promise Place has been serving victims of Domestic Violence for over 27 years

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

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www.promiseplace.org

Services

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Prevention Program

Safety Planning

Children's Program

Community Education
& Training

Case Management

Individual Counseling
For Victims

Crisis Intervention

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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 K-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

promise.place@promiseplace.org
boardofdirectors@promiseplace.org
volunteer@promiseplace.org

Upcoming Events

Calendar for February 2015

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				

Saturday, March 14

Dia de la Familia Health Fair

Wednesday, March 18

WKEU morning Show

Thursday, March 19

Domestic Violence Task Force

Friday, March 20

Pike County Health Fair



FOLLOW US ...



Together, we can spread awareness about domestic violence and help those in need.

News from our Executive Director

Now that the hustle and bustle of holidays and long weekends are officially behind us, everyone here at Promise Place is settling back into our routine of assisting domestic violence survivors, engaging the community and fundraising. So far already this year we have had 3 fundraisers, made 7 community presentations, and participated in 9 community events. On our services side, we have assisted 16 women and 20 children since January 2015 in providing safe shelter and answered 164 crisis hotline calls.

As you can see from our calendar, there are several events in the community that we will be participating in this month. The annual Dia de la Familia health fair will take place at Holy Trinity Catholic church. We will be a guest on our local WKEU radio station's morning show. The Pike County Health Fair will be held at Life Springs church this year, and last but not least, our task force will hold its monthly meeting at the Fayette County courthouse.

We are very fortunate to be witnessing increased awareness on the issue of domestic violence in our communities as well as an increase in calls to support us in the work we are doing. I think it is very relevant to re-post an article from a past edition of our newsletter as more people are looking to become involved.

Six Easy Ways that You Can Help Promise Place

Collect Items

Visit our website and view our shelter wish list under the Donations tab. If you belong to a group, consider collecting a few items from this list on a monthly or quarterly basis depending on the size of the group. Of course you can also collect these items individually. Get some friends together and have a fun reward for the person who collects the most items by a certain target date.

Adopt a Room

Our shelter sees has so much traffic in and out on a daily basis. Many of our rooms are in need of some tender loving care. We would love to have volunteers who enjoy cleaning and/or interior decorating that can help create a home atmosphere of tranquility and peace.

Plan a Fundraiser

This does not have to be anything elaborate – from as simple as a bake sale to a fashion show or wherever your creative ideas take you. The proceeds from your event can be designated to our shelter or transitional house.

Include your Kids

One of our church supporters had a birthday party for his daughter and instead of the guests bringing presents, they were asked to bring needed items for our shelter. Kids can also donate items specifically for another kid their age at the shelter – something they would appreciate having themselves if they had to leave all their belongings behind.

Community Education

We encourage you to take an active role in our community by helping to create awareness on domestic violence. Help us reach churches, civic groups, businesses and other agencies with information on available resources, safety issues in the workplace and ways to help someone who is in an abusive relationship.

Donate

Make a financial contribution to Promise Place on a one-time, monthly or yearly basis. This is a great way to help support the operations of our shelter. Our shelter is a 24/7 operation and our costs include utilities, food, maintenance and client needs.

If you would like to discuss these or any other ideas please feel free to contact me at 770-461-3839 ext 152.

Vanessa Wilkins

Executive Director

Current Shelter Needs:



- Antibacterial hand soap
- Laundry detergent
- Lysol disinfectant spray and/or wipes
- Locks for lockers (any type)
- Pedialyte
- Diaper wipes

Thank you!

News from our Legal Advocates

Leann's Journey

Mentally torn down, battered and bruised, Leann came to Promise Place not knowing how she would survive another day. Her self-esteem and self-worth had been taken from her at the hands of her abuser, a man whom she had loved for over 15 years. Initially just needing an ear to listen, Leann opened up and verbally released all of her anger and pain.

She decided to start regaining her life back. Although it was not an easy journey for Leann, she says the decision to take her life back was the best decision she could have made for her and her children.

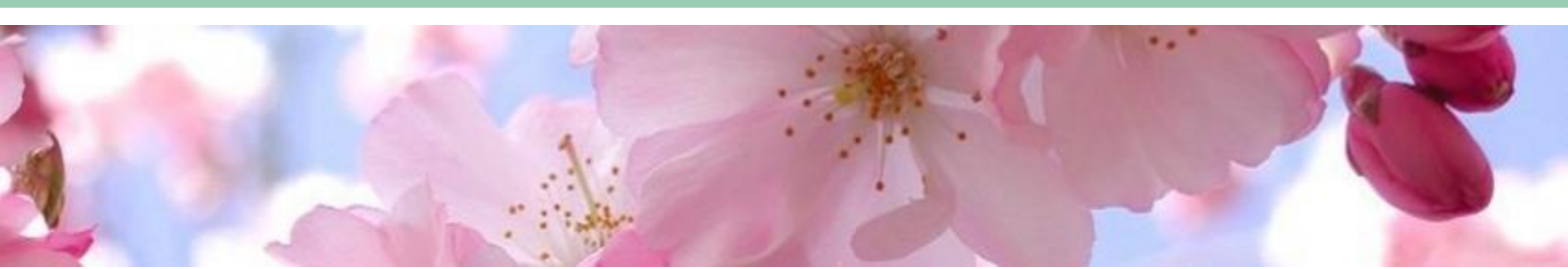
Leann started by taking out a protection order against her husband who had been abusive for over 10 years of their marriage. She was able to utilize the resources provided to her through our organization to receive counseling for herself and her children.

Leann has also been able to gain employment which has allowed her financial freedom and stability. After a year of living with her very supportive family, Leann is now in the process of obtaining her own home for her and her children.

She thanks Promise Place for the help she received in helping her find herself again.

Tammy Bradberry

Senior Legal Advocate



News from our Volunteer Coordinator



For the last nine years, Promise Place has been honored to have **Denise Outlaw** as a volunteer! She began volunteering with us so that she and her children could collectively help others within their community. When asked about these experiences, she stated the importance of helping others, while also helping her own children, "It was a great experience for us to be able to get to know and help the families in crisis - I think it made a huge impact on my kids at the same time it was helping the children and mothers at the shelter."

The more involved Denise became within Promise Place, she realized that she could use her amazing organization skills to help coordinate other volunteers for the various volunteer areas. She began to help out the staff volunteer coordinator with the weekly schedule for the grocery pick-ups for our clients, which includes Publix, Fresh Market, Peachtree Christian Church, and the weekly grocery shopping for our shelter. Denise shows true volunteerism by including herself in every one of these rotations, and also

stands in when other volunteers are not able to schedule a pick up into their schedules. Denise is also a part of a beautiful bible study group whose members are always willing to help her with the weekly grocery pick-ups as well.

Denise was born in the Bahamas, and re-located to Georgia to attend Emory University. It is here that she met her husband, and together, they have two children. Their daughter Megan is attending the University of Georgia, and their son James is at McIntosh High School. Denise enjoys volunteering at McIntosh High School, her church, and Promise Place. She enjoys having lunch with her friends, and daily exercise. When asked why she decided to volunteer with Promise Place, her response was just as humble and beautiful as she is, "Promise Place is an awesome place to volunteer. Everyone is very appreciative of whatever you can do and they are all here because they want to help make a difference for these families. We are fortunate to have such a place in our community." Denise has shown all of us here at Promise Place what it truly means to volunteer - to be willing and wanting to help others, without recognition for the amazing services that she offers others.

"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."

Mother Teresa

Wendi Bozeman

Volunteer Coordinator @ 770-461-3839 ext. 112

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Help to support Promise Place!

- Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Create an account by selecting **SIGN UP TODAY**, enter the zip code of your neighborhood store, enter your email address, and create a password.
- Follow the link that will be emailed to you, and go to **MY ACCOUNT**, where you will be able to add Promise Place
- Make sure to have your Kroger card handy, and register your card with Fayette County Council on Domestic Violence (NPO #17216) after you sign into your account.
- Remember to swipe your Kroger card at every transaction to help support Promise Place. Doing this will not affect your reward points, or fuel points on your account.



Pictures and more ...



It was an honor to host our **Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon** for the Zebulon Police Department, Pike County Sheriff's Office, Thomaston Police Department, and the Upson County Sheriff's Office. Thanks to all of the law enforcement officers who help victims of domestic violence out on a daily basis, and for supporting Promise Place!



Promise Place has partnered with [The LAB](http://www.thelabdoor.com) to provide the women in our shelter the opportunity to be a part of the Revival Wraps program. We are so thankful to be part of this project! You can learn more about The Revival-Wrap program as well as check out their website @ www.thelabdoor.com



Richard Schmidt and Tom Jenkins were kind enough to give of their time and muscle last month to help move living room furniture into the shelter. The shelter looks so much nicer thanks to them!



Thanks **Bank of America Corporate office** for your donation of clothes/shoes for our clients! We truly appreciate all of your support!



So thankful for **Great Expressions Dental Centers** and their program, "Dental Deputies" for their donation of dental health items for our clients! A special thanks to Denise Gray who brought all of the items to our office

thank you!

Pictures and more ...

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2ND ANNUAL **PROMISE** ...you'll Laugh!

FRIDAY, FEB 20 OR SATURDAY, FEB 21 7:30PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:45PM

ADVANCE TICKETS (PURCHASED FROM PROMISE PLACE) \$30
770-461-3839 EXT 112 FOR TICKETS

NIGHT OF THE SHOW \$35

100% ALL PROCEEDS to benefit PROMISE PLACE

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The Legacy THEATRE
1175 SENOIA RD TYRONE, GA



Thank you so much to these amazing businesses for sponsoring our 2nd Annual improv show, "Promise You'll Laugh!". We could not have done it without your support.

thank YOU SO MUCH



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