

May Hiatus Update

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We will change the name of the network to use the national organization's name of Family Promise. The paperwork has been filed to change the name from Guilford Interfaith Hospitality Network to Family Promise of Greater Guilford County. Work on the logos is underway.

We will increase the size and scope of our board. One additional board member has been added bringing the board to 11 members. Our goal is 15 members with one member being a former guest.

We will create committees to successfully carry out the plans of the board.

- **Property Committee** will be chaired by Randy Simmons. The property committee has emptied both day centers. Much of the furniture in the Greensboro day center was sold, raising \$800. The rest of the items were either sent to storage, donated to various organizations and families, or disposed of. We had 2-10 volunteers on each day and we thank each of you who were able to participate. The property committee is exploring the possibility of leasing one of the vans to Starmount Presbyterian Church. If your church would be interested in leasing one of the vans please send an email to Secretary@GIHN.org and you will be contacted by Randy.
- **Congregational Relations** will be led by Ruth Lenger, Stan Bittner, Chuck Hill, Natasha Miller and Hattie Howell.
- **Marketing/Strategy** - TBD
- **Personnel** will be chaired by Yvette Carey
- **Funds Development** will be led by Frank Biel, Chris Zecca, Cathy Ingram, Kris Kattmann. The grant writing subcommittee met 5/31. A calendar is being developed with due dates and assignments. There are several grant applications due in August and those are the top priority.
- **Nominating** will be chaired by Kris Kattmann

We are looking for committee members for all of these committees. If you are interested or know of people we should contact for specific committees please send an email to Secretary@GIHN.org

We will recruit new churches to the network and be more visible in the churches already in the network. We are excited and thankful that Lebanon United Methodist Church is in conversation to possibly become a host church when we reopen the program. We will be meeting with them this month. In addition, we are committed to be in touch with each one of you, our host churches, in the near future. We would be happy to offer a personal visit if you wish to have one. This could be with a group within your church, you and your pastor, or before the congregation at a worship service. In addition, we will soon be contacting new churches in the High Point area...those that are not currently involved with Family Promise/GIHN... to encourage them to come on board with us when we reopen. Please feel free to contact one of us with your questions, concerns, comments, suggestions, or if you wish a visit. We would also encourage you to keep Family Promise/GIHN in your prayers and those of your congregations as well as consideration for your mission giving. As you know, our commitment is to reopen as soon as sufficient funding is in place. Thank you for your past and future support, Stan Bittner (bittburger@northstate.net) and Rev. Ruth Lenger (revgram@earthlink.net)

We will evaluate our staffing model and create a realistic budget from that staffing model. Work has begun to develop an annual budget that supports an executive director, a full time case worker in High Point, a full time case worker in Greensboro and weekend staff for both day

centers. The budget will reflect the need to pay rent for both day centers when the network re-opens. This budget will be used as we apply for grants in the coming months.

We will look at our intake procedures and referral agencies to see how we can serve more families. The Personnel Committee has begun this process which will take several months. The first step in the process is to make sure our processes comply with HUD and any other government requirements.

We will establish a speaker's bureau to get our ministry more widely known in the community. We have two people who have indicated an interest in being speakers for the organization. Work is underway to create talking points that can be used when speaking. We are actively recruiting former guests that would be willing to speak on behalf of how the organization helped them and their family. We need 5 speakers for High Point and 3 more speakers for Greensboro.

We will hold two major fundraisers each year. The spring golf event took place Friday, May 20 at Grandover. We were blessed with a beautiful day and all those who participated had a great time. We want to thank our golfers (**David Buchanan, Chuck Lane, Chuck White, Roger Sutton and Dennis Rieth**) and our sponsors (**Lake Jeanette Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, Calvary Christian Center, Robbins Properties and St. Mary's Episcopal Church**).

Upcoming priorities

- Finalize the name change to Family Promise of Greater Guilford County.
- Continue to recruit board members.
- Finalize the 12 month operating budget.
- Research possible funding opportunities: community foundations, individual foundations, corporate foundations.
- Continue planning for the annual dinner and silent auction.
- Continue to review the intake procedures.
- Develop a strategic plan for the next 12 months and 3 years.

How can you help?

Planning for the annual dinner and silent auction will begin **Monday, June 6 at Christ Presbyterian Church, 645 Greensboro Road, High Point from 6:30-9:00pm**. We will have Donna Lawson, the southeast regional IHN director, to train us on how to have a successful fundraising event. We will also use this time to explore different alternatives for the Spring fundraising event since the golf tournament isn't generating enough interest. Please plan to attend and see how you can help make a difference in generating the funds necessary to re-open.

Choose a committee and get involved!