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**BENEFIT CONCERT – MELINDA MCGLASSON**

Contemporary Christian artist Melinda McGlasson is performing a benefit concert for Family Promise on April 22 at 7:00 pm. The concert will be in the Lyon Center at Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 2201 Silver Lake Rd. Although admission is free, we hope to raise at least \$2,000 for Family Promise. Please spread the word and join us at this special concert.

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**MELINDA  
MCGLASSON**



Christian Contemporary Artist  
**In Concert!**  
<http://www.familypromisewc-ok.org>

**BENEFIT for  
FAMILY PROMISE.**  
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Donations Appreciated

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016 @ 7PM**

Oklahoma Wesleyan University  
Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
\*\*\*\*\* 2201 Silver Lake Rd \*\*\*\*\*



## Earn Cash For Your Group

**Family Promise  
and Marco's Pizza invite you to participate in  
Marco's Pizza Night**

Family Promise and Marco's Pizza are working together to raise funds for your group.

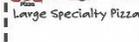
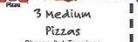
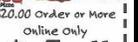
**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**  
On Tuesday, May 3, 2016, place your carryout or delivery order anytime during normal business hours of operation (11:00am to 10:00pm) with Marco's Pizza.  
When placing your order, be sure to mention that your order is to benefit Family Promise. Marco's will then donate 10% of your order amount to Family Promise.  
Tell your friends, family & neighbors. The more orders, the better.

**Participating Marco's Location(s):**  
Bartlesville, Ok  
3900 E Frank Phillips Blvd. 918-771-0771  
Order Online At [Marcos.com](http://Marcos.com)!

Let's do lunch.  
Don't forget, Marco's is open for lunch daily.

Feel free to use the coupons below or any Marco's coupons you have at home.

**Marco's Pizza for Family Promise**

 Large Specialty Pizza <b>\$14.99</b>	 XLarge Pizza Cheese & 2 Toppings <b>\$11.99</b>	 3 Medium Pizzas Cheese & 1 Toppings <b>\$21.00</b>	 \$20.00 Or Less or More online only <b>\$4 off</b>
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**MARCO'S PIZZA NIGHT**

Marco's Pizza, 3900 E. Frank Phillips Blvd (Pennington Plaza), is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Family Promise on May 3. They will give us 10% of all orders placed that day (11:00 am – 10:00 pm). This applies to dine-in, carryout AND delivery! **You must mention Family Promise when placing your order!** Enjoy a great pizza and help raise money for Family Promise.

### BABY SHOWER & MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Springtime is a wonderful time of year. It signals new life and the promise of good things to come.

At Family Promise we have had a very special new event. One of our families entered the program with a newborn son. Josiah. We would like to welcome Josiah into our family with a baby shower, **Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Anchor House.** The mom, Karen states she is in need of: newborn sized onesies, bottles, pacifiers, socks, diapers, & Huggies wipes. She uses Good Start formula with the orange lid. Of course you can buy anything you wish that just screams baby at you because that's what's fun about baby showers.



Any volunteer who desires to participate in this shower can call Mary Shell at 918-237-7982. You can bring tea sandwiches, cookies, or punch; or you can help decorate Anchor House for the shower. Family Promise families are all invited also so there will be other little ones who will need to feel special also. Small craft items like paper plate flowers with petals to glue together or other fun toddler activities would be appreciated. If you would like to volunteer to entertain the "littles" with fun activities during the shower, please let Mary know. Again, the shower is planned for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Anchor House. That is the Saturday after Mother's Day so we can shoot for a Mother's Day theme. Thank you in advance for your loving support and encouragement of our families.

### FINANCIAL STATE OF FPWC – 3/31/2016

2016 Income	\$12,838
2016 Expenses	<u>\$23,016</u>
2016 Contribution/(Loss)	(\$10,178)
Cash on Hand	\$50,832

### SPOTLIGHT ON THE COLEMAN'S

Our second family to graduate the program are the Colemans: James, Meagan and their four children: James, Jaycee, Joshua, and Jesalyn. They moved into their rental home in mid-January.



James has partnered with his brother-in-law Chris to form a construction and Handyman business (see article on next page).

Meagan passed her GED (see the Director's Message on page 4) and has landed a job with Lowe's. Be sure to say hello to her when you shop there for spring flowers and other home necessities.

The three oldest children have been welcomed into the Boys & Girls Club after school program.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER/OFFICER



Rita Neff has joined the Board of Family Promise as our new Treasurer. Rita retired as Treasurer of East Cross United Methodist Church last July. She is fluent in QuickBooks and has already keyed in everything for 2016

into QuickBooks and presented QuickBooks reports at our last Board meeting. She plans to enter historical information from 2013-2015 into QuickBooks, so that we will have comparison information as we move forward.

Rita's husband is Warren Neff, teacher at Bartlesville Mid-High. They have two grown daughters, Amy & Carrie. When you meet Rita, introduce yourself and welcome her to our Board.

## J & C CONSTRUCTION AND HANDY MAN SERVICES – BY BOB & MARY SHELL

Family Promise graduate James Coleman and his brother in law Chris Cauley have started a construction business.



Over the past 10 years, we (Bob & Mary Shell) have developed a list of reliable, efficient, reasonably-priced contractors that we use: electricians, plumbers, HVAC, etc. The main criteria to be on our list

is to be someone that we **Trust**.

We first gave James & Chris a job to paint an upstairs TV room and build a walk-in closet. They did such a good job with that, we had them repair a gate on our fence that would not close right, then paint all of the fence (both sides of 190' long 6' high wood fence) and our 20'x10'x8' workshop. They completed that job in just one day.

Next, we gave them a job that we had not been willing to give to our regular construction handyman—building one exterior door and replacing another. This was a difficult job and they did it flawlessly.

James and Chris now top our list for construction contractors.

Mary: “The nicest part of working with them is they are genuinely joyful in their work.”

Bob: “The most amazing thing they have done is make a dual doorbell, dual button system work in a 60-year-old house—something that our favorite electricians and previously favorite handyman had said was impossible.”

If you have a job that you don't want to tackle yourself, give **James and Chris** a chance to bid on your job. **918-397-2540**. If you want to see the quality of work that they did at our house, call us at 918-766-3449.

**Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.**

**--Desmond Tutu**

## FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: VAN DRIVERS

We have had three people volunteer to take one day per week to drive the Family Promise van (or “bus” if you prefer). If we get four more volunteers, we will have one for each day of the week and no volunteer gets overwhelmed.

The van drivers pick up the families in the mornings from the church where they are staying and drop them off at Anchor House (6:30-7:15 am) so they can prepare for work or school. In the evening (5:45-6:30 pm), the driver picks up the families at Anchor House and drops them off at the churches.



If you are 21 with a valid driver's license and could bless these families in this way, please let us know so arrangements can be made with insurance.

Only Tuesday has specifically been spoken for at this time. We plan to start this rotation in May, so please call our Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Shell (918-237-7982) to select your day of the week.

## [SENATE BILL 1329](#)

Family Promise has been working with our city and state officials to come to a resolution on the fire code issues that affect our program's overnight housing in congregations. Senator John Ford and Representative Travis Dunlap co-authored a bill that would allow overnight stay in churches and congregations without rewiring the buildings. The bill passed in the Senate 43–0 (5 abstentions) on March 1. The bill then went to the House, where a substitute bill co-authored by Representative Chuck Strohm of Tulsa passes the House 52-42 on April 21 at 11:16 a.m. At this point the revised bill may return to the Senate for approval. Please keep our state Senators, Representatives, and Governor in your prayers.

## A DAY AT THE AQUARIUM

On one pleasant Saturday in February, the families and the coordinating church discussed coming up with an activity a bit out of the routine. After discussing some recreational options, it was discovered that the families had never been to the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks.

After breakfast, the families loaded into the van and headed south. The first question was resolving who was going to drive.



Ultimately it was decided that a licensed driver who was on the insurance policy would drive. The passengers were very patient on the way down to Jenks and it might have been that some napping happened.

It did not take long for the kids, parents and hosts to get fired up about the aquarium. When children see new thrilling and living things for the first time, the excitement is contagious. That was true on this visit. From the sharks, rays, turtles, tropical fish, the kids were all eyes.

One display allowed for an inside look at an Amazonian river ecosystem. You were able to go under the tank and poke your head into a bubble-like portal and view the fish in a 360° panorama.

The Oklahoma Aquarium has a display they have completed in recent years that features an ecosystem like you have on the Illinois River in the Ozark foothills. It kind of sums up the good experience had by families and hosts at the aquarium on a Saturday in winter.



Needless to say, a fun time was had by all.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

As I reflect over the past several months, I am reminded of what a tremendous blessing it is to be a part of the Family Promise Network. What a joy it has been to see our families grow in their ability to take ownership of their lives. Take for example, just being accepted into Family Promise. Our eligibility criteria are rigorous and not everyone has the tenacity to adhere to our rules and expectations. Yet, since opening, we have served seven families representing 25 children and adults.



Two of our families have successfully graduated into stable housing and employment. One mother recently obtained her GED and said, "I am no longer a high school drop out!" When I heard that, it brought tears to my eyes. Our families are transforming their lives because you give so freely of your time, talents, and gifts.

I also know this work is not easy. Things don't always go as expected. When these situations occur, and they will, I hope this verse may bring you comfort:

*Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it we saw you a stranger, and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." -- Matthew 25: 37-40*

## SPRING CLEANING

If your volunteer group would like to start collecting donations of cleaning supplies such as, paper towels, Windex, Clorox Clean Up, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper or other paper products like diapers, to donate to Anchor House to keep things spic and span this spring, it would also be greatly appreciated. As of this writing we have 4 toddlers in the program. Diaper sizes range from newborn to toddler. You may bring Anchor House spring cleaning items to the Baby Shower or arrange to drop them off at Anchor House if this is not convenient. Call Ashley Sikes (918-815-3457) for drop-off times.