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## AGENDA COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 23, 2013

3:15 p.m.

Large Meeting Room, Hilton Head Island Branch Library  
11 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island

### Committee Members:

William McBride, Chairman  
Tabor Vaux, Vice Chairman  
Rick Caporale  
Gerald Dawson  
Laura Von Harten

### Staff Support

Morris Campbell, Division Director

1. CALL TO ORDER – 3:15 P.M.
2. PRESENTATION / FAMILY PROMISE OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ([backup](#))  
Mr. Elliott Brown, Executive Director
3. CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS
  - A. Disabilities and Special Needs Board
  - B. Library Board
  - C. Parks and Leisure Services Board
4. ADJOURNMENT





## **Our Mission**

Family Promise of Beaufort County is an interfaith non-profit organization committed to helping low-income families achieve lasting independence. We help families accomplish this by providing shelter, meals, and support services for homeless families and through programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness. Family Promise was founded on the belief that one homeless child is too many. We believe that the citizens of Beaufort County are compassionate people who want to make a difference. As the 131<sup>st</sup> Family Promise affiliate in the nation, our mission is to link those in need with those who want to help.

There are currently no other homeless shelters for families in the Beaufort County area. One out of every four homeless persons is a child and one out of every five children lives in poverty. Family Promise is a transitional housing organization assisting families who are in situational homelessness such as a family living paycheck to paycheck who encounters an illness, loss of job, death in the family, house fire, etc. Local congregations provide shelter and meals to homeless families. The homelike accommodations are within the congregation's facilities.

The hosting of families rotates weekly among Host Congregations in the Network. In turn each host congregation provides lodging, three meals a day, and caring hospitality three to four times a year. Host and Support Congregations provide much needed volunteers, supplies and finances. Volunteers are the lifeline of the Family Promise Network. They are essential to our success and provide a wide range of services like cooking and serving meals, playing with children or helping them with homework, interacting with guests with respect and compassion, and providing overnight security.

During the day, the families go to the Day Center where they work with a case manager to search for jobs, education, housing, and childcare and learn life skills. There they can shower, do laundry, and attend to whatever specific needs they have. The Family Center provides guests with a mailing address and a base for housing and employment searches. Many guests are employed during the day, while older children attend school.

Family Promise is fully financed through donations, grants, and fundraising. The Network is a cost-efficient, effective, and replicable community response to family homelessness. Because we make use of existing community resources, we can function in a most economical way bringing the community together for the cause. Most of the financial support is raised by the individuals of the organization seeking grants and donations. The congregations also take a financial role in support of the Family Promise Network.

Family Promise of Beaufort County serves as a conduit through which congregations of all faiths fulfill their mission. It is an opportunity for outreach focusing on the needs of our neighbors, participation in a community interfaith project, building public awareness of homelessness and the needs of low-income families and helping fight the cycle of poverty that primarily affects children. Family Promise of Beaufort County is privileged to work with people across Beaufort County – people who are taking the mission of hospitality to heart as they work together to strengthen our community and meet the needs of homeless families.



Family Promise provides temporary shelter, family stability and permanent housing solutions for homeless families with children by mobilizing resources from interfaith and secular communities.

We partner with local congregations, individuals, families, other social service agencies, foundations and businesses to provide shelter and viable solutions for families who are facing a housing crisis.



Families sleep in Beaufort County's houses of worship, where volunteers provide meals, essential needs and companionship for our guests. Staff provide comprehensive case management and assistance in securing employment, childcare, school placement and ultimately affordable housing.

## Family Promise is a community response to homelessness.

### Our Partner Congregations:

All Saints Episcopal Church  
Baptist Church of Beaufort  
Bluffton United Methodist Church  
Chapel without Walls  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Church of the Palms  
Congregation Beth Yam  
The Church of the Cross  
First African Baptist Church  
First Baptist Bluffton  
First Presbyterian Church  
Fountain of Salvation Apostolic Church  
Grace Coastal Church  
Hilton Head Presbyterian Church  
Lady's Island Baptist Church  
Live Oak Christian Church  
Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Love House Ministries

Lowcountry Presbyterian Church  
Ruth and Friends  
St. Andrew By-The-Sea United Methodist Church  
St. Francis by the Sea Catholic Church  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church  
St. Mark's Chapel  
St. Paul Baptist Church  
St. Peter Catholic Church  
Savannah Church of Christ  
Sea Island Presbyterian Church  
Temple Oseh Shalom  
Tidal Creek Fellowship  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Lowcountry  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Beaufort  
Waters Edge Methodist Church

## FAMILY PROMISE FACTS



### Family Promise of Beaufort County:

- ♦ has served over 28,000 meals to homeless children and their families.
- ♦ has provided more than 9,000 nights of stay to homeless children and their families.
- ♦ doubled the number of families sheltered in 2011 with an 80% success rate.
- ♦ plans to serve 30-40 families a year by 2015.
- ♦ is 1 of 176 affiliates nationwide; together we serve 50,000 people annually.
- ♦ operates at 1/3 the cost of traditional shelters.

## HOMELESS FACTS

- ♦ 200 Beaufort County children were homeless last year.
- ♦ 1 in 5 families with children in Beaufort County are living in poverty; 50% of students are enrolled in the free/reduced lunch program.
- ♦ Families with children are the fastest growing homeless population in the country.
- ♦ The average age of a homeless person in the United States is 9 years old.



Family Promise shelters homeless families with children while equipping them with the skills and resources needed for long-lasting independence.

### **Family Promise Wish List**

Laundry Detergent  
Bleach  
Copy Paper  
Dishwasher Detergent  
Trash Bags  
Baby Wipes  
Brooms & Dust Pans  
Mops  
Over-the-counter medicines  
Mattresses  
Box Springs  
Couches

Call 815-4211 to sign up or learn about many other ways you can help end child homelessness in our community!

***Family Promise's vision is that every child will have a home.***



181 Bluffton Road D101

Bluffton, SC 29910

843-815-4211

[www.familypromisebeaufortcounty.org](http://www.familypromisebeaufortcounty.org)

More than 200 homeless children live in Beaufort County.  
**FAMILY PROMISE BELIEVES ONE HOMELESS CHILD IS TOO MANY!**





STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
MARK HAMMOND



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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**South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond Announces  
Scrooges and Angels for 2010**

(Columbia, SC) – South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond announced today the fifteenth-annual Scrooges and Angels for 2010. The ten Angels were recognized at a press conference and honored with a reception in the Secretary of State's Office following the announcement.

The Angels honored represent organizations that exemplify charitable giving in South Carolina. Representatives from all organizations were in attendance to receive a plaque and recognition from Secretary Hammond. The Angels recognized, with the percentage of their program expenses that went toward their program activities, are listed below. Those recognized are listed in alphabetical order, and **are not ranked by the Secretary of State.**

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| Angel Flight Soars, Inc., Atlanta, GA                        | 87.3% |
| Cheer for Children, Rock Hill, SC                            | 98.2% |
| Family Promise of Beaufort County, Inc., Beaufort, SC        | 99.9% |
| Fields to Families, Ladson, SC                               | 98.5% |
| Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Jacksonville, FL    | 85.8% |
| Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC, Greenville, SC   | 92.8% |
| Horry County Museum Foundation, Conway, SC                   | 99.6% |
| House of Hope of the Pee Dee, Florence, SC                   | 83.6% |
| Kiawah Island Natural Habitat Conservancy, Kiawah Island, SC | 80.8% |
| Pets, Inc. of the Midlands, West Columbia, SC                | 98.7% |

The Angels were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State's Office. The following criteria were considered: the charity must have been established for at least three years; has collected revenue greater than \$20,000; 80 percent or more of the revenue must go toward the charities' program goals; makes good use of volunteer labor; and receives minimal funding in grants. The panel also sought to showcase charities with different missions, and chose charities across South Carolina and outside the state.

The designation of Scrooge is based upon the charitable organization's failure to spend a high percentage of their collections on stated program activities and/or use of a high percentage of collections to pay professional solicitors. The Scrooges chosen, with the percentage of their program expenses that went toward the program activities, are listed below. Those recognized are listed in alphabetical order, and **are not ranked by the Secretary of State.**

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| A Leg to Stand On, New York, NY   | 34.2% |
| American Assoc. of State Troopers Scholarship Foundation, Tallahassee, FL | 34.4% |
| American Association of the Deaf-Blind, Silver Spring, MD                 | 20.3% |

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| Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation, Inc., Schererville, IN | 35.8% |
| Disabled Veterans National Foundation, Washington, DC       | 37.0% |
| Firefighters Support Foundation, Inc., Greenfield, MA       | 7.5%  |
| National Cancer Assistance Foundation, Sarasota, FL         | 11.7% |
| National Veterans Service Fund, Inc., Darien, CT            | 17.5% |
| Parkinson Research Foundation, Inc., Sarasota, FL           | 25.3% |
| Project Cure, Inc., Bradenton, FL                           | 22.7% |

The Scrooges were selected by review of financial reports submitted annually to the Secretary of State's Office. The following criteria were considered: the charity had given 40 percent or less of the revenue to the charities' program goals; collected revenue greater than \$20,000; and spent a large amount of donations on the use of professional fundraisers.

Secretary Hammond issued the following statement: "As Secretary of State, I have the duty of enforcing the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act, and of protecting the public against "Scrooge" organizations that want to take advantage of our giving spirit. Charitable solicitations across the state have increased in the last three years because more and more people are in need of assistance. Even though times are tough, South Carolinians continue to be some of the most generous people in the nation and always answer the call when it comes to defending and helping the less fortunate. However, there are those who would take advantage of our generosity. So I ask that you check out any organization before you contribute your hard-earned money. Please visit our Website at [www.scsos.com](http://www.scsos.com); select the Charity Search button to learn the charity's total revenue, program expenses, total expenses, net assets, and fundraiser costs. We have even calculated the percentage of total expenses that the charity has devoted to its program services. You can also call our Charities Division at 1-888-CHARITI (242-7484)."

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