

Our mission is intersecting faith and community to empower Grayson County families to end child homelessness.



What an amazing year it has been! The credit goes to you for all the

ways, large and small, that you have given of yourselves through your

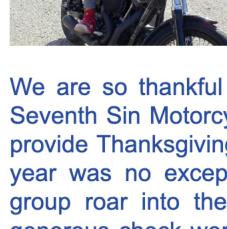
Dear friends,

prayers, your time and energy, and your resources. Thank you! Together we have served seven families as guests in our rotation program, including 10 adults and 27 children. We currently are serving 273 families in our homelessness prevention program (up from 45

families this time last year). That includes nearly 1000 adults and children that will not have to go through the trauma of losing their home! We also have provided referrals to well over 1000 families and individuals, which is more than twice as many referrals as last year. You are making our community a better place! Thanks, too, to the Board of Directors for strategically planning ways we can eliminate child homelessness in Grayson County. These folks bring much talent and passion for our mission. Special commendation to outgoing Board Chair Kelly Reed and incoming Chair Becky Frank

for their countless hours of writing grant proposals, budgeting, organizing, and guidance. Watch for the "Get to Know" feature in future newsletters to learn more about our newest Board members, Steve Showalter and Larsha' Thomas. You can be proud of all the ways you have made a positive difference this year. Together we are Family Promise! Thank you. Joy and peace, Leigh

Thanksgiving Blessings



Christmas gifts!

SSMC Lone Star!!



that Santa and Mrs. Claus will appear in a couple of weeks (via

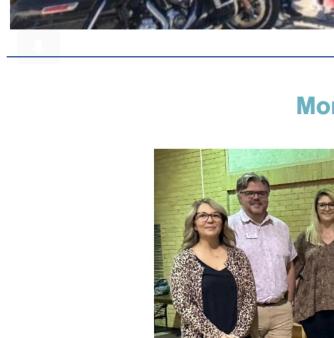
motorcycle, of course!) to present one of our guest families with

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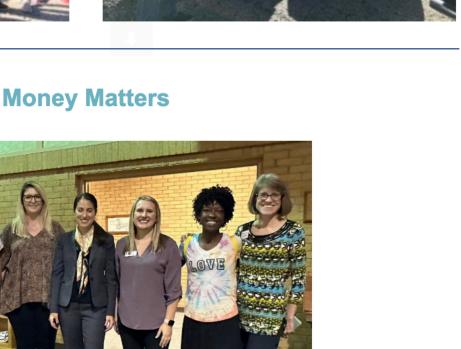
enforcement, veterans, and others that support social, educational

and charitable programs such as Family Promise. THANK YOU,





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Thanks to all our partners at Cadence Bank for presenting a very

informative class on Fraud Protection last month. Camilia Lopez,

Federal Prosecutor with the Department of Justice, discussed topics

ranging from cyber security to phone scams to charity fraud. Thanks,

also, to Laurie Mealy at Habitat for Humanity for allowing us to meet

Independent Financial will host our final budgeting class of the year

on Tuesday, December 6th from 6-7 PM at the Family Promise Day

Center (901 E. Houston in Sherman). The timely topic will be Holiday

Spending! Classes are open to everyone, and child care and snacks

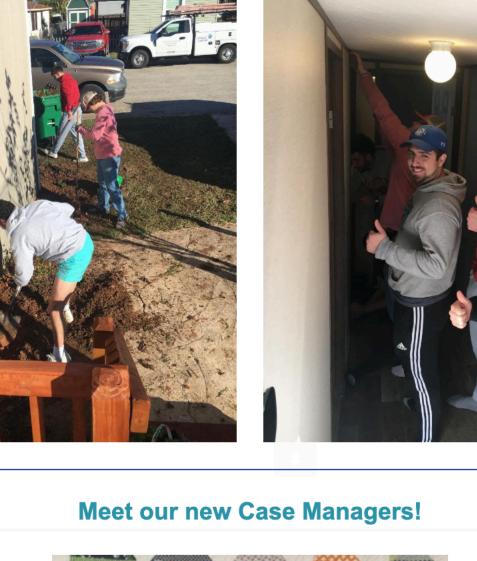
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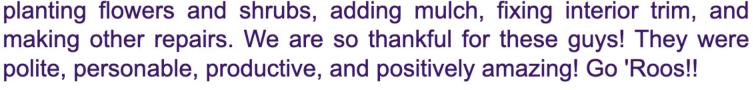
Stay tuned for the next edition of this newsletter to find out about the

2023 classes! (Insider's tip: Mark your calendar for Thursday, January

with them at Grand Avenue Presbyterian church for this event!

26, 6:30-8 PM!) **Great Day of Service -- Austin College style**





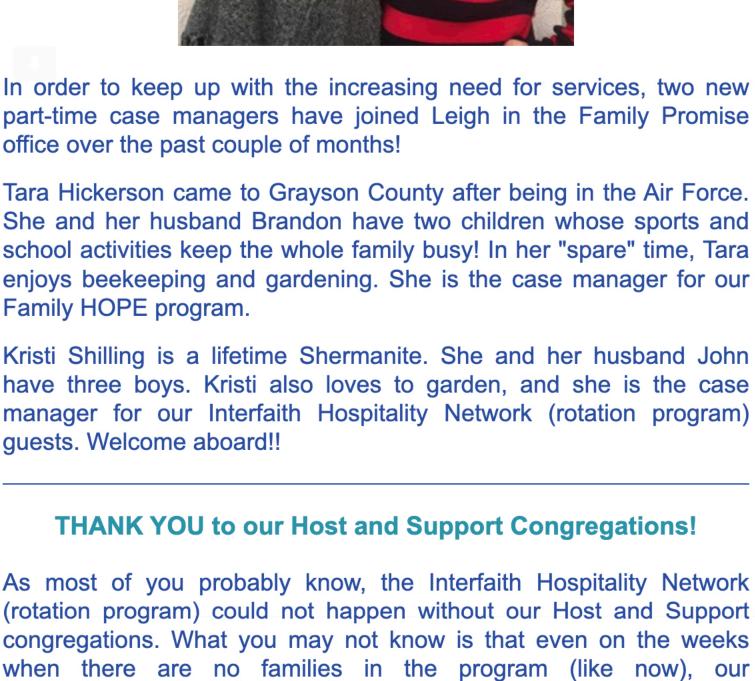
Family Promise of Grayson County was one of over 40 sites in

Sherman recently served by Austin College students. In just a couple

of hours, Elijah Sisk, Grady Harper, Glen Kromann, Zack Czarnecky,

Diego Sanchez, Joshua Magers, and Scott Hosmer transformed the

Tabitha House (our transitional home in Sherman) by pulling weeds,



congregations still are prepared to host guests with only a day or two

For example, Kennie McClure at Park Avenue Church of Christ

replaced the jack (which had been giving us some trouble) on our bed

of advance notice. Our congregations also help in many other ways.

trailer while it was parked there. Thank you, Kennie! The rest of the story: Worship and Outreach Minister Basil McClure confessed he broke off the jack handle, "because he is SO STRONG", rendering it "as useless as an ashtray on a motorbike" (per the church secretary), so they replaced it! We love our Host and Support congregations! Thank you to our December hosts: Covenant Presbyterian Church in

Sherman, Grace United Methodist Church in Sherman, and Grace

<u>Lutheran Church</u> in Denison. The Reason for the Season

government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the

If you would like to learn more about Family Promise of Grayson County including:

 How to participate How to volunteer

Family HOPE program.

quests. Welcome aboard!!

How to support through donations

Please visit www.familypromisegrayson.org or contact Executive Director, Leigh Walker at director@ familypromisegrayson.org.

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