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The  
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# SCOOP

## Family Strides: The success of Marland & Nichelle

**“Family Promise gives you the motivation, especially if you’re determined, to stick to your goals and achieve your goals”.**

Marland & Nichelle, with their three (3) children arrived in Montgomery County, Texas from their home in Georgia in 2013. They had both lost their jobs in Georgia and were struggling. A family friend who lived in Montgomery County invited them to come to Texas and stay with her while the family got back on its feet. Both Marland and Nichelle found full-time work right away, but before they could even receive their first pay check, the family friend changed her

mind and asked them to leave. This family, even though both parents were working full-time, were homeless.

When they entered Family Promise of Montgomery County, this family needed help with shelter, food, day care and other essentials. During their stay, the family was able to put money into a savings account, get needed counseling, and find suitable housing.

When they graduated from the program, the family received help with moving expenses and donated furniture for their apartment. Marland and Nichelle have maintained a

relationship with the program and recently told us that even though they received shelter, food, transportation, child care and so many other things from Family Promise, the most important thing they received was lots of love and support. They have said that the most special part of the program was all of the churches coming together to provide spiritual help for their family and all of the homeless families in the program.



### HOST CHURCHES NEEDED | Contact Martha Mayes Burnes for more info

Are you looking for a great opportunity for your church to get more involved in the community? This is it! Sign up to be a host church for Family Promise. Participating congregations furnish sleeping accommodations and a “hospitality room” where guests relax, socialize, and do homework.

Contact us:  
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Visit our website:  
[www.familypromiseofmc.org](http://www.familypromiseofmc.org)

# 2013 In Review

Local foundations and individual friends of Family Promise of Montgomery County support us financially throughout the year and it makes a big difference for our families. Thanks to everyone who continues to help care for these families. Unfortunately, there is still a gap in funding of \$42,658. We hope that you are able to help us close the gap.



## Client Information



**18**  
families



**58**  
individuals



**33**  
children

## Success of Jenny

### Employment



While with Family Promise, Jenny found a full-time job, worked hard, and saved her money. Jenny has recently been promoted in her job and continues to be successful.

### Vehicle



Jenny received a car through our Vehicle program – where she received a donated vehicle from the good folks at Driving Families Futures, The Woodlands United Methodist Church

### Housing



Family Promise helped her with furniture and household items, including a wonderful Welcome Home Basket from The Assistance League. We helped Jenny with her rental/utility deposits when she was ready to graduate.