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Annual Meeting

PLMFT will host its Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 27. Our supporters and volunteers gather for a fun-filled event to highlight our mission, our accomplishments, and our goals for the future. More details to follow.

Stimulus Money – Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program

PLMFT applied for a portion of stimulus funds made available through the City of Raleigh. Our proposal included 4 components:

- ❖ Financial assistance up to \$1,500 per family for 25 families/year to pay for security deposits and first month's rent, to help PLMFT families move into permanent housing more quickly and to have a stronger financial position as they leave homelessness. This is called "Rapid Rehousing" for currently homeless families.
- ❖ Ongoing after care case management (to underwrite what we currently do) for those graduate families to help them maintain stability.
- ❖ Specialized after care case management (in partnership with the Economic Empowerment program of the YWCA) related career development (helping people get better jobs to increase income) and household budgeting (helping people manage their income more successfully).
- ❖ Financial assistance for 5 graduate families/year who have left PLMFT successfully, but who are at risk for becoming homeless again due to less income or higher expenses. This is called "Homeless Prevention," so that families do not repeat the cycle and maintain their stable housing.

We will learn in September whether we have been selected to receive these funds. If PLMFT's proposal is not chosen, we are closely aligned with other applicant agencies so that our residents will have the opportunity to benefit from the financial assistance that will be available over the next three years through this program.

Celebrating Our Professional Staff

Justine Javier, Children's Mentor Advocate, left her assignment at PLMFT on July 31. She served here as a Jesuit Volunteer, planning and implementing an outstanding after school program, leading Holiday Smiles that matched donors with 69 families, (234 individuals, including 163 children) so that they would receive special Christmas gifts and food, and providing daily case management to the largest families at our Plainview/Polly location. Justine also was involved in other social justice endeavors in our community, and represented PLMFT at the Homeless Working Group and the Wake

Adolescent Issues Coalition. She has accepted a new Jesuit Volunteer assignment to serve for a second year teaching Religion to 5th graders and P.E. to Pre-K/Kindergartners at Saint Aloysius Elementary School in Harlem. Justine's compassion, humility, and grace will be missed, along with her youthful energy and her unwavering faith to serve the children and parents at PLMFT.

Kamilah Jones, MSW, has also left the staff to pursue a position with the Raleigh Rescue Mission's medical respite program and a part time position as a mental health therapist. We cheered as Kamilah earned her Master of Social Work degree in May. Kamilah aims to complete her Licensed Clinical Social Work certification as well as become an Addiction Specialist. Kamilah joined the PLMFT team in 2007 as a graduate student social work intern, and then continued on the professional staff as our newest hire in 2008. She provided outstanding mentor advocacy to the families at the Brookside site. We will miss her wisdom and resourcefulness. Kamilah has the great capacity to think "big picture" while never losing sight of each individual family's needs. Her successor will have big shoes to fill.

Welcome

PLMFT welcomes Kandy Johnson. Kandy is doing 100 hours of field work at PLMFT as part of her training to become a deaconess through the Lutheran Deaconess Association, a program housed at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN. She is a member at Our Savior Lutheran Church and Team Leader at The Longview School, Wake County Public Schools.

Wish List

- Back to school supplies
- Pots and pans
- Dishes and silverware
- Kitchen Items
- Toilet Tissue and Paper Towels

Volunteering

We have many opportunities for service, for individuals, families, or groups. To learn about our volunteer opportunities, please attend our next **Journey Day** on August 12 at 12:00 p.m. or contact Sue Holland at volunteer@plmft.org.



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