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\$60,000 Challenge Grant- Update

We came very close to meeting our Challenge Grant goal, thanks to many new donors, increased donors, and to those who “paid forward” on prior pledges. PLMFT collected more than \$49,000 from November–March to win this additional funding from Stewards.

Did you Know? Staff Training

The PLMFT professional staff is a vibrant learning community; we are always honing our skills. This month, we will hold a training on “Beautiful Boundaries,” respecting a client’s right to self-determination and a counselor’s use of self disclosure. In July, we will experience a stress reduction workshop based on “mindfulness,” being attentive in the present moment with a non-judgmental heart.

Office + Office = New 3 Bedroom

For many years, PLMFT has had two offices at our Plainview Drive site – an administrative office in the Plainview building, and a Mentor Advocate office with after school space in the adjacent Polly Street building. Thanks to Greg Smith and our Property Committee, along with David Maurer of Maurer Architecture and Tommy Oates of Fusion Contractors, we completely renovated the Plainview office so that Mentor Advocates, administrative staff, and the After School program can be housed in one brand-new space. Not only is the new space bright, clean and modern (with a new phone system!), we can now house families in the 3-bedroom unit at Polly St. that was previously an office. A grant from the American Airlines Employees Fund at Triangle Community Foundation will underwrite new furniture and equipment for the After School room.

Coming Soon: A virtual tour of the new space on our website – www.plmft.org

15-Passenger Van

Blessings abound! PLMFT has just purchased a 15 passenger Ford van in excellent condition. This is a story of great ministry partnerships. North Raleigh United Methodist Church donated the van to Wheels 4 Hope, which in turn sold it to PLMFT for a very modest price. The proceeds from the sale of the van will allow Wheels 4 Hope to continue to accept donated vehicles, repair them using a team of volunteer mechanics from local churches, and put the vehicles in the hands of clients from partner agencies. PLMFT graduates are eligible to receive cars from Wheels 4 Hope. The van will be used to transport PLM residents to Life Skills Classes, as well as for moving donated furniture and household items.

Want to Volunteer?

Systems Analyst Volunteer - PLMFT is launching a project this year to improve our records and the information we maintain on friends, donors and volunteers. If you have systems analysis skills and experience, please reply to jimdavis@hoskinsdavis.com.

Adopt-an-Apartment Volunteers - Volunteers are needed to sponsor an apartment by cleaning and donating supplies to welcome new families.

We have many opportunities for service, for individuals, families, or groups. To learn about our volunteer opportunities, please attend our next ***Journey Day*** on May 19 or contact Sue Holland at volunteer@plmft.org for more information.

Wish List

- Pots and pans
- Dishes and silverware
- Kitchen Items
- Toilet Tissue and Paper Towels