



Summer 2019

Upcoming Events

Family Promise

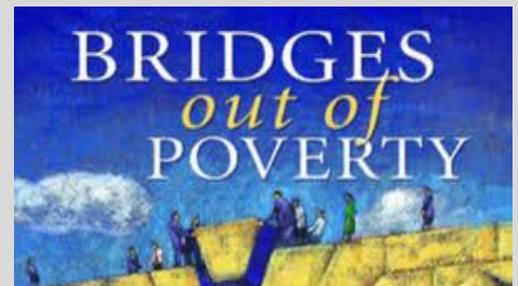
Our next Family Promise Host week:
August 18 – 25th

Sign up through the link in weekly enews or on the website under "Serving." Haven't served before? We will be having a **training on Thursday, August 15 at 6 pm**. Sign up required by contacting Kevin (kevin@hacctulsa.org)

Remaining HOST DATES 2019

November 10 -17th

December 15 – 22nd



Bridges Out of Poverty

**October 11th 6-9 pm and
October 12th 9am-12pm**

This 2-day workshop provides social service providers and community members with key lessons in connecting with individuals living in poverty. Topics include increasing awareness of the differences in economic cultures and how those differences affect opportunities for success. This will help us better understand the issues surrounding poverty as we work to help those in our community and continue to host families through Family Promise. This is open to anyone in the community. **Sign-ups required** and meals are provided.

New Opportunities at Grimes!

The Outreach Team was delighted to meet with the new principal at Grimes Elementary, Kristen Smith, and we are very excited about reigniting our partnership this semester! Mrs. Smith is eager to have a community presence in the school and offered many ways we can be involved at Grimes. Many students need good adult role models, and Mrs. Smith is seeking caring adults that can step into this need. There is also great need for staff support and encouragement. Below are some specific ways to get involved but know that Mrs. Smith would be glad to help you find the right fit for supporting the Grimes community!

- 1. Teacher/Classroom assistant:** 1.5-2 hours a week in one classroom weekly helping prepare lesson materials or overseeing small groups as they work.
- 2. Lunch Buddies:** 90 minutes in the lunch room one day a week eating and talking with kids. This is meant to be a mentoring and relationship building role and modeling caring conversation at the tables; it's not lunch duty.
- 3. Teacher Appreciation:** Sign up to provide a light lunch or treat for the teachers (20 total).
- 4. Running, biking or robotics club mentors:** Assist with afterschool clubs once a week as available.

Please contact Kevin Howe (kevin@hacctulsa.org) if you're interested in one of these opportunities.

School Supplies

You can also support Grimes through donations of school supplies. Shopping lists are available at the display in Peake Commons; donations can be dropped off at the display through August 18th.



A Letter From Francis



A few months ago we shared that we are sponsoring Francis González, a translator with JustHope. We're excited to share this personal letter, addressed to our congregation.

León, Nicaragua July 15th, 2019

Dear friends at Harvard Avenue church,

My name is Francis González, I am 37 years old, and I am married and have a 7 year-old daughter. I have a degree in English and have been working for JustHope for 6 years. I love to speak with new friends that come visit Nicaragua as well as meeting new partners that come for the first time.

My position at JustHope is to interpret for all the groups or brigades that partner with JustHope and come down to help in both of the communities we work with: Chacraseca and La Flor. I also translate documents from Spanish to English and English to Spanish. I also work hand by hand with a sewing project (Stitching Hope) where there are four women who hand paint fabric and make different products to sell locally or as orders from partners in the USA.

My salary impacts my family as well as in the communities I work with because personally I can pay all my bills and send my daughter to school as well as help other members of my family. With my salary I can purchase my families monthly provision and I also pay my sister-in-law who takes care of my daughter while I work.

My salary also helps me to travel to the communities I work in so I can do my job in a more efficient way. Like when I need to meet with the women at Stitching Hope I can pay the bus and work with them in the community of Chacraseca.

I want to thank you for all your support and interest you have for JustHope as well as for the staff who work here and try day by day to do the best we can to help as many people as we can in our country and the communities we work with. Without your support all this would not be possible.

Sincerely,

Francis Gonzalez

Upcoming Event



Wine for Water

Just Hope's annual fundraiser, Wine for Water will be held on September 26th. To get tickets, please visit www.justhope.org and mention your connection to HACC when you purchase tickets and they will seat us together.

Questions?

Contact Kevin Howe or Outreach Team Leader
Diana Booren at any time with questions,
concerns or ideas!
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