

Family Promise

of Genesee County

Our mission is ending homelessness...one family at a time.



A message from the Director
Tiffani Ferrier-Wharry

Merry Christmas Housing Hero's!

It is hard to believe that it is December! We are so blessed. Blessed to have you as supporters, advocates, and most blessed to call friends.

Family Promise has seen a lot of changes since the end of 2019, but one thing that has not changed is our commitment to the children and families we serve.

Our goal is to get back to our "roots" and restart our emergency shelter program. In the late summer, we had an opportunity to think way outside the box and were selected for a grant to start a Mobile Housing Crisis Center.

This RV unit can house up to two families and will come equipped with space for a case manager, a pantry, shower facilities, and a washer/drier unit. Most of the details of how it will operate have been worked out, and the purchase will take place after the new year.

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Making Futures Bright

Hello Family Promise Friends,

Before COVID, things looked a little different here at Family Promise. You mostly knew us as a homeless shelter, helping families achieve sustainable independence, where you helped guide them, cooked for them, and shared meals with them. We might have done way more than that - but it is how you interpreted the help we all give to the families we serve.

You have heard us talk about families, but many of you have yet to have the opportunity to meet them. You couldn't see the tears in the dad's eyes when a gift of \$500 was given to him, and his car was repaired - even if you were part of the group from St. Paul's Episcopal who donated the money. We promise there were several silent moments and tears.

You also didn't get to meet Miracle or her amazing cuties, Tionna and Tiara. But your donations made it possible for them to stay in their home, which is imperative because Tiarra has Spina Bifida; she is partially blind and confined to a wheelchair.

So far, because of you, we have been blessed to serve 326 children in 156 families. That brings us to 1,560 in 594 families since the pandemic began. To put that in perspective, from the time we opened in March 2014 through December 2019, we served 542 individuals in total.

We are not saying that the help we gave didn't mean anything; in fact, it is the exact opposite. The families we serve go on to sustain their lives.

We know this because, once a quarter, we are reminded of this success when a donation from a 2017 graduate arrives. They engage their company match, and the check comes from what looks like a big company, but Nicole knows (she may even get a little protective when it gets logged as a "big company" donation and not to the family. Because she knows the hard work the family put in to get to a point where they could give back, that means something- huge! This successful family has given back more than \$2,100 since graduation, which is certainly something to be protected and cherished.

So even though you have not met Miracle, Tionna or Tiarra or Dale, and D'avante, the core of what we do remains very local and community-based. We hope you will consider renewing your support to us here at Family Promise, whether it is your gift of time, money, or both.

We visit families almost every day. Though it is not the same interaction as when we were hosting them, we still have the same conversations; they sometimes happen over the phone, and often, they occur when we deliver their weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly food or supply boxes.

There are plenty of opportunities to get to know the children and families. Thank you for all that you do for us here at Family Promise.

Family Promise Board of Directors and Staff



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It has been sheer excitement to work toward a way to say yes to all the moms and dads who call each day looking for a place for their families while they get back on their feet. We will invite you to our open house as soon as it is purchased.

Until then - wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Peace, Love, and Housing,

Tiffani M. Levine

Long-time Volunteer and current FPGC Vice-President of the Board, Dave Rayner, had his St. Jude's hat on and was busy handing out Turkeys with Tiffani to families for Thanksgiving!

We were honored to participate in this collaborative Fenton Community effort coordinated through Fenton Area Resources and Referral (FARR).



Turkeys were from Kiwanis and canned items from FPGC and UMC. Also involved were the Police, Fire, and many local churches and area schools.

We are grateful to all the sponsors, donors, and organizers who helped make this event successful.

New Faces

Many of you have likely spoken to Kelly, especially if you have adopted a family for Christmas.

Kelly comes to us with a background in nursing for more than 20 years. She has built a fantastic rapport with the families in a short time.

Kelly's favorite thing about being a case manager is seeing families be successful with the goals she sets with them. She says she finds it very rewarding!

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her own family, camping, and the outdoors.

We are very grateful to have Kelly on board with us!



Kelly (left)- Case Manager (pictured with daughter)



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S.H.I.P. Update

We started our SHIP program in late August. It is a two-year partnership with the GISD. So far, we have worked with 63 families who doubled up or were housing insecure.

We are excited to share that one of our families was able to secure housing for herself and her two boys. A tradition started during Lindsay Moore-Baldwin's tenure was pictures of keys.



Nicole, Bentley, and Lincoln
Keys 2022

Many of them were of the parents - wildly excited to be graduating - but it soon evolved into a whole family picture.

This is the first one we have had in a while, so it is super special to share with you!

Even though we have helped more than 156 families so far this year this photo holds us true to our mission of ending homelessness...one family at a time.

Golf FORE Families

On September 23, 2022, before our amazingly warm fall kicked in, 56 golfers gathered on a wee-bit chilly Friday morning at Sugarbush Golf Club to kick off our 2nd Annual Golf FORE Families!

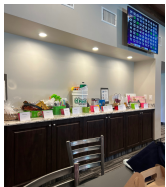
Hats off to the coordinators in the network helped put together the amazing prize packages.

Tiffani captured the best shot of the sun rising and the steam coming up off the lake.

Thank you so much to all who participated, sponsors who donated and volunteers for their time gathering prizes.

We appreciate each and every one of you. Including our last place team who each received a custom Peace, Love, and Housing trucker hats!

We look forward to next years event. We were blessed to have a participant already volunteer to chair it for next year.



50/50 Raffle was a Ball Roll (the winner generously donated her winnings back)



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2023 EVENTS

January 2023

date TBD

Open House - Mobile Housing Crisis
Center

April 20, 2023

Family Promise Giving Day

March 25, 2023

1st Annual FP Breakfast

July 2023

3rd Annual Golf Outing

URGENT NEEDS

Household Items

Laundry Soap
Paper Towel
Clorox Wipes

Gift Cards

Gas
Grocery
(Kroger, Meijer, Walmart)

Clothing

Kids Boots (any sizes)
Hats/Gloves
Backpacks

Personal Hygiene

Deodorant
Hand Soap
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