

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



A message from the Director
Tiffani Wharry

Happy Holidays, Season Greetings, Merry Christmas! If you didn't know, now you do; this is my favorite time of the year! I am a holiday fanatic and am not ashamed to say it!

On November 5th, I celebrated my 5th anniversary at Family Promise of Mid Michigan! If you asked me five years ago if I would still be here, I would have said no since Nicole had to talk me out of quitting on my second day! (HA!HA! #facts)

As I look back at the last five years, I can see now that we have accomplished so much, and I could not be more proud of where we are and how much we have done! To name just a few, we now service over 100 families a year; when I started, we were in the 20's. We have expanded our programming in so many ways: prevention, graduation services, and diversion, and now have two mobile shelter units, as well as a house. We have expanded into another county and officially changed our name!

I hear all the time, "Wow! What a rewarding job!" The truth is, and as I always say, some days are better than others, but I believe we have truly made a difference in so many children's and families' lives, and for that, I am so thankful and grateful! Since I arrived five years ago, FPMM has helped prevent 296 kids from becoming homeless, sheltered 43 children from 34 families, helped stabilize 1,259 children, and diverted 104 children and families from experiencing the trauma of homelessness! None of this would be possible without the help of amazing donors and volunteers like you. We make every effort to be good stewards of every dollar you donate. We hear all the time, "I can't believe how many people you help with such a small budget!" We have so many people who help, from the \$10 gifts we get every month to the \$5,000 gifts we get less frequently. You all have big hearts, and I hope you know we do our very best to help as many as we can with your hard-earned generosity.

I get to see the effort and change it has caused in families like Velva's, Amanda's, Alyse's, George's, Bo's, and Lewis's, to name a few. We win and lose some, but the wins make it worth it. I know in my heart that we are changing families generationally and improving these kids' lives as adults. I think we have done that. While I can't know for sure, ask me in another 10 or 15 years, but I see the effort and hard work from all of us has paid off for so many, which makes me proud. I am proud of what I do daily, even on the bad days. It's what keeps me coming back even when something goes wrong. I thank you for the friendships and connections I have made with each of you at churches, events, hosting, pick-ups, and wherever our paths cross.

If you have the ability and you can swing it, we'd love a donation in a denomination of 5. The amount doesn't matter, from \$5, \$55, \$255, whatever your heart desires - to honor all we have accomplished in the last five years! As we look forward to 2024, we will celebrate another denomination of 5 as we mark our 10th year serving children and families in our community.

Peace, Love, and Housing, -
may all your holidays be Merry and Bright!

Tiffani M. Lerner

Farley House

We are beyond excited to share that we welcomed our first guest family into Farley House, who helped turn the house into a home. ❤️

Mom is single with two children with very special needs. She works at her church and also teaches Sunday school. Her story struck us deeply, and we could not be more proud to have her as our first guest.

After 19 years of an abusive marriage, she found the strength to break free. E is a 35-year-old (with very special needs) with a heart as vast as the ocean, and young E is an 11-year-old (also special needs) with a smile that could lighten up the gloomiest room. He is sweet and loving, hugging everyone goodbye when he leaves the room.

Mom's path to freedom was complicated, and fate dealt her another cruel blow. The place she had lined up became uninhabitable when the trailer was vandalized, and copper gas lines were stolen, leaving her with no choice but to seek refuge in a motel—and soon she found her family trapped in the limbo of a motel room. The weight of financial strain bore down heavily on her shoulders, making it impossible for her to break free from the cycle of weekly rates. She was caught in a Catch-22 — she couldn't save money while paying for shelter and couldn't work without a stable home. She was so relieved when we extended an invitation to our emergency shelter program.

They have decorated the house for Christmas



and we couldn't be more excited about it!

We are so thankful to the many donors for their support in keeping the house well stocked with both food and supplies.

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Name Change

We're excited to share the wonderful news about the growth and expansion of our beloved organization! Over the years, Family Promise of Genesee County has blossomed into a dynamic force for positive change in the lives of families facing homelessness.

Our journey of compassion and service has led us to extend our reach beyond Genesee County, embracing the Lapper community. This expansion reflects our deep commitment to meaningfully impacting even more families in need. With this growth comes a new chapter in our story, and we are thrilled to announce our name change to Family Promise of Mid Michigan. This rebranding celebrates inclusivity, unity, and our unwavering dedication to providing support and hope to families throughout the Mid-Michigan area.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community as we embark on this exciting chapter together!



Fall Fun with the Family

Thanks to the spirited enthusiasm of our dedicated Family Advocate, who absolutely loves Halloween, our family participated in multiple trunk-or-treats this year!

We are reminded of the power of simple joys and their positive impact on the lives of those we support. Here's to the positivity that a smile brings and creating lasting memories during this spooktacular season!



New (to US) Pick-Up Truck

In late September, we experienced an unbelievable pinch-me moment when the County Planning Commission reached out to us with news that they had unused grant funds ready to be allocated immediately. Without hesitation, our resounding answer was, "Ahh...YES, Yes, we can spend it!" The result?

We are now the proud owners of a 2020 pickup truck, a remarkable addition to our fleet.

This (new to us) vehicle has the capacity to accommodate an entire family and tow our mobile shelters, addressing a longstanding challenge in seamlessly transporting them from one hosting church to another. It also opens up new possibilities, aiding families in their transition from shelter

to a permanent home. This development is an immense blessing, not only for the enhanced efficiency it brings to our operations but also for the relief it provides to our 2013 vehicle, minimizing wear and tear. We are profoundly grateful for this unexpected windfall, as it empowers us to serve our community with increased effectiveness and compassion.



Mobile Shelter

As winter descends with its cold, this is a reminder that our mobile emergency shelter units will temporarily close until spring. The safety and well-being of those we serve are of paramount importance, and given the harsh weather conditions, we believe it is in the best interest of our guests to suspend operations during the winter months.

This decision ensures that we can provide a secure and comfortable environment for individuals and families in need when the weather is more conducive. We remain committed to our mission and look forward to reopening the mobile shelters in the warmer season, ready to continue our support for those facing homelessness.

We will continue to host at the Farley house until the mobile shelter reopens in April.



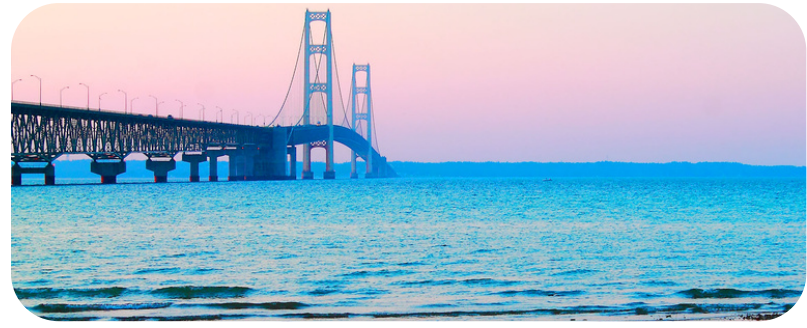
2nd Mobile Shelter Unit

Farley House



Volunteer Spotlight

Silent Auction



We are beyond excited to share this opportunity with you.

The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) holds a drawing once per year each August and randomly chooses 25 non-profit organizations to receive a tower tour certificate to be raffled or auctioned for charitable purposes. For more than ten years, we have been applying to be chosen for this coveted experience. It is an absolute honor to have finally been selected, and we are excited to share it with you!

We present an exclusive opportunity to bid on an unforgettable Mackinac Bridge Tower Tour experience, where you'll journey to the heart of this iconic American marvel! The certificate can be used from May 1 through October 15, 2024, and is good for two people.

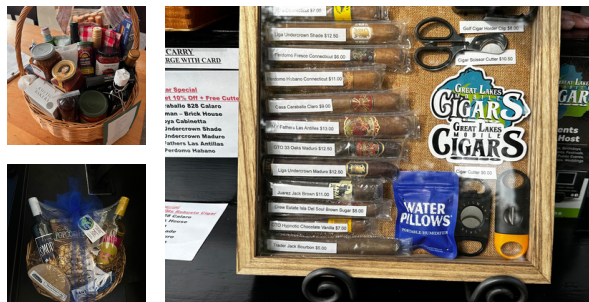
For more information or to place your bid, visit www.familypromisegeneseecountymi.org/blog OR scan this QR Code with your camera.



To access and place a bid on the Mackinac Bridge Tower Tour - please select the AUCTION tab (next to the Overview tab) - from either a desktop or mobile device.

In September, we had the pleasure of hosting our 3rd Annual Golf FORE Families at the picturesque Sugarbush Golf Club. Your unwavering support played a pivotal role in the success of this event, and we extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to join us on the greens. Your enthusiasm and participation truly made the day special. A particular note of gratitude goes to our dedicated coordinators, who have assembled baskets for our silent auction for the past two years. This year, we had our first Co-Chair of the event since its inception, Jacqui McMahon. This generous support has been instrumental, especially given our modest team size. Events like these require an all-hands-on-deck approach, and the extra hands provided by our coordinators and contributors have made the process considerably smoother. A heartfelt thank you to Diane Putnam of St. Jude's Episcopal in Fenton, Carol Dunlan and Shirley Sanborn of Flushing Presbyterian, Ellen Wagester of St. Dunstan's, Carolyn Malaski of Flushing UMC, and Barb Mannor of St. Paul's Episcopal. Your dedication and generosity have genuinely enriched our efforts, positively impacting the lives of the families we serve.

Next year, we will do a better job capturing all of our players and maybe not photograph them with the sunshine behind them.



Help change the future for children and families facing homelessness!

You can make a difference! Visit familypromiseofgc.org/donate or use the QR code :




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2023 EVENTS

Friday, December 8
Adopt A Family Drop off
Due date

December 15-18
Adopt A Family
Package Delivery

Day Center Closed
Dec 22-26

Day Center Closed
Dec 30 - Jan 3

2024 EVENTS

Family Easter Dinner Delivery
March 29

Bowl O Ramma
March TBD

The Saturday Brunch
Saturday, April 13

Give Me Shelter 5K
Saturday, August TBD

Golf FORE Families
Saturday, September 14

Scan,
to access
our socials,
help form,
website, and
more



FamilyPromise of Genesee County 2022 Impact

Congregations
14 Host
17 Support

Volunteers
1,000 - 1,500

Meals Shared
191

Families Sheltered
Nights of Safe Sleep

Graduates
pending

Volunteer Hours Served
500 hours

Volunteer Time Value
\$14,270

Promise for Home
Eviction Prevention
Kids 131
Families 44
Investment \$15,825.28

Shelter Diversion
Diversion avoids a shelter stay, focuses instead on finding alternative safe housing while working toward a long-term solution.
Kids 72
Families 27
Investment \$3,750

Basic Needs Support
Stabilization via Beyond the Promise
326 Kids 156 Families

Adopt-A-Family
130 Kids 30 Families
gifts for all family members and a full dinner including a turkey or ham

Family Education Lab
Kids 6
Families 2

SHIP
Kids 156
Families 53

Total Served
Families 312 Kids 821

URGENT NEEDS

Household Items

Dish Soap
Hand Soap
Clorox Wipes

Gift Cards

Gas
Grocery
(Kroger, Meijer, Walmart)

Clothing

Kids Boots (any sizes)
Hats/Gloves
Backpacks

Personal Hygiene

Body Wash
Shampoo / Conditioner
Hand Soap

Family Promise is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization addressing the crisis of family homelessness in Genesee County. Through a comprehensive set of solutions involving prevention, shelter, and stabilization. Family Promise empowers families experiencing or who are at-risk of homelessness to reclaim and maintain their independence.