



Family Promise[®] of Genesee County

From the Director's Desk

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Sometimes, you just gotta blow bubbles. Right now, I am listening to a sweet, energetic, loving 6-year old sing songs from her heart while bubbles drift up past my window. Bubbles and songs flowing freely. What a gift to be part of that.

This particular day started kind of rough. It was a Monday in the truest sense. Two of our families had some disappointing setbacks, which is always tough to witness when they are working so hard to get it back together. Another family was having some more personal struggles. But amid all of that, the 6-year old was blowing bubbles because the sun is shining. Made my day have a complete U-turn. Our families may have hit some speed bumps but,

overall, they're headed in such a positive direction.

School is out for the summer! We have been busily planning summer activities for the children. Thanks to generous grant funds, several active and graduate children have selected sleep-away summer camp activities they are excited for. We are also lining up off-site educational opportunities and on-site chances for them to have some new experiences. One of those experiences will be hands-on learning with Genesee County 4-H, in the garden. We will also have some educational experiences to help them fight the summer "brain drain."

Lindsay Moore, Director
Family Promise of
Genesee County



*Genesee County 4-H helps put in plants with FPGC kids!
Special thanks to WoJo's Garden Splendors in Davison
for donating soil. We look forward to sharing pictures of
our produce...stay tuned!*



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Exciting New Staff Developments!

We have another exciting staff development! Last newsletter, we shared the hiring of Nicole Hoste-Breslin, as our Director of Development. This issue I am excited to share that Lisa Sivosky is now the part-time Case Manager for our active families, meaning she will work one on one with the guest

families who are currently staying at the host churches. Lisa has been with Family Promise of Genesee County since 2014. She was hired as a morning-shift van driver and the person who staffs the Day Center on Sundays. Lisa graduated from Michigan State University with her Masters of

Social Work in 2016. Prior to that, she graduated with her Bachelors of Social Work from the University of Michigan-Flint, in 2015. During her college studies she gained valuable experience with REACH, ReMix and Hartland Hospice. Her area of focus for her degrees was therapy, youth

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and homelessness. She has Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT) training - therapy focusing on personality disorders but can also be used for clients going through substance abuse and depression.

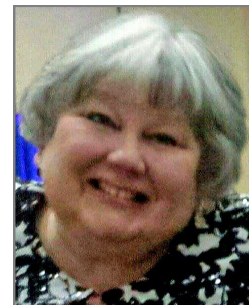
As Lisa transitions into her new role as case manager, Valerie Hempsall will begin helping to create our Graduate Family Program. Valerie has more than 20-years of experience in the social work field

and has a gift of being able to connect with families. As our affiliate grows the number of graduates, we want to have a strong program in place to keep them connected to us and other program graduates for support and motivation.

The addition of these professional positions are in line with other very successful Family Promise affiliates across the country. We are very excited to see such growth!



Lisa Sivosky



Valerie Hempsall

Serve Our City Day

Davison Free Methodist (network host church) made an amazing impact on our Day Center, during their Serve Our City day on June 12, 2016. Their team tackled two big projects, organizing our supply/volunteer room and prepping our garden for planting. Each task took A LOT of elbow grease!

The supply/volunteer room needed to have some recent donations sorted and organized. The team also needed to remove a computer desk so we could use it in another location. When the team arrived, the room was crowded and supplies were starting to feel a little disorganized. I (Lindsay) keep walking in the room and marveling at its organization and spacious feeling! What an amazing gift.

As if tackling the supply room was not enough, with smiles on their faces and gardening implements in hand, the second group headed to the weed-covered, overgrown garden. This year Genesee County 4-H, will be coming to not only help plant and maintain the garden but also to engage the children directly in the process. But, we needed to get the garden ready for planting and the team from Davison Free Methodist made that happen! They came in brightly colored shirts with bright smiles to match. They truly brightened our Day Center and our day. Thank you!





August 13, 2016
Davison Abernathy
Regional Park
Includes One Free Lake Callis & Splash Pad Day Pass Per Partici-



- Free Kids “Super Hero” Run at 8:00am (costumes encouraged!)
 - 5K Run/Walk at 8:30am
 - Awards
- Guaranteed Tech T-shirt For those who register by Monday, July 25, 2016
 - Free Pancake Breakfast & Free Childcare

Thank you to these current Sponsors for supporting the Family Promise of Genesee County “Give Me Shelter” 5K Run/Walk:

Race Sponsor: McLaren Flint
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- Baker College ▪ DaVita-Grand Blanc ▪ Davison Optimist Club
- Davison Twp. Parks & Rec ▪ K. Michelson ▪ Mass Mutual SE Michigan Snider Financial ▪ SE Genesee County Assoc. of Retired School Personnel

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER TO RUN OR WALK OR BECOME A SPONSOR!

To register or for details on how you can support this event with different sponsorship levels, visit www.GiveMeShelter5K.com or www.FamilyPromiseofGC.org and download a registration/sponsorship form.



Donations are vital to enabling Family Promise of Genesee County to help families in crisis. We are a 501(c)(3) organization, so your contribution is tax deductible. Please consider what you can do to help our families!

Mail Donations

Donations by mail are gratefully accepted. Please make the check out to Family Promise of Genesee County and mail to P.O. Box 4519, Flint, MI, 48504

Donate by Phone

Donations via phone are also appreciated. You can do so by calling 810.234.9444. Ask how you can also donate “in-kind” items for our families such as personal care items, home cleaning items, etc.

Our online donation option will be available soon!

National Family Promise Facts

Established: 1986

Current Operating Affiliates: 200 (4 in MI)

Number of Participating Congregations: 6,000

Family Promise of Genesee County

Established: 2014

Graduates: 20 and counting!

Network: 15 host churches, 15 support churches

Community Partners: State Bank of Fenton, Genesee Landlords Association, Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties, Genesee County 4-H, MSU Extension, University of Michigan-Flint, Mott Community College, Baker College