

The Promise ... Powered by You!

Dear Friends,

Everyone has a different time of year that they love. In the fall, daylight is shorter and there are more clues as to who is spending a lot of time outside and might not have a warm place to stay. This is the reality for many of the families that we serve through our program.

We are extremely grateful that our phone has already started to ring with concerned volunteers, like yourself, asking what they can do to ensure our families have a nice Christmas. Ours is truly a community solution to homelessness.

Looking back on this year we had so many families that touched our hearts in many ways. A dad with three boys that was awarded the best "house husband" by many at the Day Center. He had the Family Room in tip top shape every day. His integrity and work ethic is something that he instilled in his children. His oldest, liked to keep busy, and would frequently "patrol" the church making sure everything was "just so" when he was here at the Day Center.

While they were in shelter with us, he would tell us interesting things about the churches he and his family visited. As a graduate, he enjoys when he can pop in with his dad and update us on the things going on in his neighborhood.

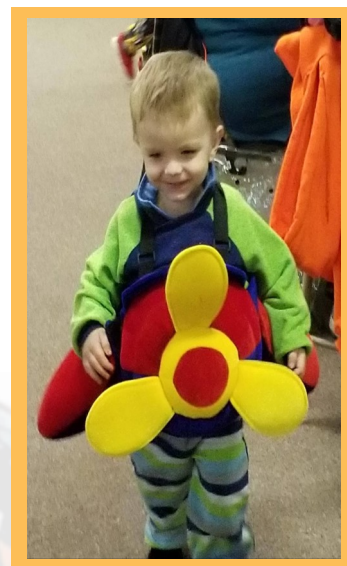
We are sure he holds a special place for all volunteers at the host and support churches. Our heartfelt thanks to you, if you have already given this year, whether of your time or resources, we are humbled and grateful for your support. Your generosity allows us to provide haven and hope to those in need year-round. If you have been looking for a way to get involved or give back, we encourage you to consider an investment in our mission, so we may continue offering a hand up to those in need.

Your generous gift allows us to work toward ending homelessness...one family at a time. From everyone here at Family Promise, we wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Warmly,



Karen Vobach
President, Board of Directors
Family Promise of Genesee County



2018 Graduate Family Member

Our mission is engaging community and faith based organizations in ending homelessness one family at a time.

Family Promise of Genesee County keeps families together during a housing crisis, by working with a network of churches and houses of worship.

From the Director's Desk

Did you know that in March of 2019 we will celebrate our **fifth** year in serving families in Genesee County?

It is such an exciting time for us, and I am humbled and honored to become part of the "Family".

After earning my masters, I spent time soul searching looking for purpose in my career, outside of my own amazing family, and I could not have landed in a better place. The work we do here, each and every day, is not only rewarding but changes our community, one family at a time.

With Lindsay's transition to our Regional Director, we took an in-depth look at our mission and programs. We have identified new programs, some of which we can implement soon and

some that will take time to build. It is important to all of us that we maintain the integrity of the network and provide vision for growth as we move forward into the next five years of service in our community.

The board and staff remain committed to changing five families' lives every 60 days. This goal would not be possible without our churches, coordinators, donors, board members, staff, volunteers, and members of the community.

Thank you for all that you do each and every day.

From my family to yours - Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.
Sincerely,
Tiffani Ferrier



"Just keep swimming..."

Give Me Shelter 5K

August 11, was an absolutely perfect Saturday morning! Not a cloud in the sky, great temperature, no mosquitos, and our highest attendance yet!

Our 5K continues to draw runners from all over Michigan. As a CrimFit voucher race, we host many CrimFit training teams as well. This year more than 330 runners and walkers participated.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, Collingwood residents, and race attendees who helped make our 6th Annual 5K Run/Walk a success!

A special thank you to our volunteers, from the ladies who walk the neighborhood delivering flyers to the residents, to the team

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August, 11, 2018

setting up the course, to our lead biker, there are a lot of moving parts to creating a successful race. Thank you all for devotion to its success!

Sponsorships and registrations helped us raise more than \$24,000. The money we raise is used to support our Emergency Services and Graduate After Care programs.

What ever you contribution, you helped change the life of a family in the process.

Thank you!

We are Growing!

We have added several new churches this year. Grumlaw in Grand Blanc supporting Holy Spirit Lutheran also in Grand Blanc.

St. Mark Evangelist Catholic Church who will be supporting Goodrich United Methodist Church beginning in 2019.



Mayfair Bible Church in Flushing who will be new in the host rotation in 2019. Last but not least, the Road Community Church in Fenton, who have already been involved supporting in different locations. We thank you all for answering the call to aid our families as they transition back into homes of their own.



Not able to give your time, but you still want to help those in need? Give a monetary gift and we will do the shopping for you.

Club 365 is a great way to help our families offset every day bills—like gas for a vehicle, a cellphone bill, or storage bill.

For just (\$1) a day you can sponsor children and families experiencing a housing crisis.

Though we require families to save a large portion of their income, often times they are still paying a large bill that stands in their way to independent living.

Your gift can be broken up in a variety of ways. A weekly investment of 7.60, a bi-weekly investment of \$15.20 or a one-time monthly investment \$30.40.

For more information, please contact Nicole Breslin at 810.234.9444.

Grand Blanc Students are back with the Power of Positivity

For the second year, students from Grand Blanc High School Visual Arts program made and sold more 300 greeting cards.

Students sold their cards during parent-teacher conferences—raising the money to benefit Family Promise of Genesee County.

Amy Johnson, Art Teacher was instrumental not only in the success of this project but in the donation to Family Promise.



She first heard of Family Promise as a member of the St. Robert Parish in Flushing. They are a support church providing meals and volunteers to our host church, Flushing United Methodist.

We are one community coming together to support those in need. Our hearts are thankful for their contributions!

Together—we are committed to helping low-income and homeless families reclaim and maintain independence.

Painting with a Purpose!



All are welcome to join us at a unique FUNdraiser, on Thursday, December 6th at 6:30.

Painting with a Twist, 17155 Silver Parkway in Fenton, will be donating 50% of their proceeds from this evening back to Family Promise.

Did You Know?



Did you know, once a month we send out an email newsletter?

If you would like to be added, please send your email to development@familypromiseofgc.org and we will add you to our list.



Ending Homelessness...One Family at a Time.
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Please save the date!



FAMILY PROMISE OF GENESSEE COUNTY INVITES YOU TO OUR 6TH ANNUAL

FLIP-FLOP GALA

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2019

COMPLIMENTARY COCKTAIL RECEPTION ✨ 6:00 PM

SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER ✨ 7:00 PM

GENESYS BANQUET CENTER
801 HEALTH PARK BLVD., GRAND BLANC, MI

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