



Family Promise[®] of Genesee County

BUILDING COMMUNITIES. STRENGTHENING LIVES.

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that it is fall already. It seems like we have only just completed our Give Me Shelter 5K—but school is in session and the Day Center is much quieter than it was just a few short weeks ago.

We continue our work of “Building Communities. Strengthening Lives.” Thanks to your generous support we recently graduated our 6th family of 2016!

It is exciting whenever we have a graduation but this one was special—often times the kids truly bond with us and they are frequently the icebreaker on the family’s road to rebuilding.

This is true of Ellie and her family. When they first came to us they were scared, stressed, quiet, and withdrawn. They had been living minute to minute. The worry daily was where would they sleep. As you can imagine, not knowing where you were going to have your 6 year old rest her head at night is extremely stressful. The family had been tested and were at their breaking point. Certainly, no parent wants their children worrying about where they are going to lay their head to rest at night.

Often times families come to us from similar situations. The stress that a housing crisis puts on the family unit is overwhelming. This is but one of many families your support has assisted this year. Whether it is has been a direct financial commitment, volunteer hours, or an in-kind gift—because of you—we have been able to help families like Ellie’s.

Unfortunately, our work is not finished. We remain at capacity most months and receive calls daily from other families who are homeless or about to become homeless. *We cannot continue our work without you.*

Throughout the year your contributions have helped us:

- transport families without transportation between the host churches and the Day Center and other critical appointments, when needed.
- provide 3,473 nights of safe sleep for children and their families, leveraged with in-kind donations.
- support summertime activities for more than 80 children which included: gardening, going to the movies, water park, church summer camps and visits to Applewood, and The Children’s Museum.
- increase case management to support the best evidence-based practices, thus improving our response to needs for both our families in shelter with us and families who have graduated our program.



Our promise is to our families - we do not make parents choose which children get to come with them - they all stay together! You can hear the relief in their voice when they learn that their family is staying together! Our shelter is a scattered-site shelter and through our dedicated network of host and support churches / houses of worship our families are housed and fed; and while this makes our budget smaller than static site shelters (where families stay at one location) - we still cannot do it without your support!

As we approach the gift giving season, we hope you will consider supporting us and our efforts in ENDING HOMELESSNESS one family at a time. We have enclosed a donation form that we hope you will consider, gifts of all sizes are appreciated. To give online, visit www.familypromiseofgc.org/donate.

If you would like more information about how you can get involved - please email us at info@familypromiseofgc.org or call - 810.234.9444.

Warmly,

Board of Directors

“You guys are so amazing. I thank God for you and the Family Promise family.”

- Tori and Tom 2016 Graduates

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A Message from our Director


Some days, it's tough to believe we will soon celebrate 3-years of helping children and their families. Our Day Center opened its doors in February 2014 and our first family arrived in March of that year. Before opening, dedicated board members, coordinators and volunteers spent nearly 2-years building Family Promise of Genesee County, based on the National framework.

We began with a Network Director and two part-time van drivers, one for the morning the other for evening. To date, our program has grown to include a Network Director, part-time Director of Development, part-time Active Family Case Manager, a part-time Graduate Family Case Manager and part-time evening van driver, who is also a program graduate.

Expanding our staff has allowed us to better serve both active and graduate families. At this writing, we have successfully graduated 24 families and have several close to securing sustainable homes. Graduate families are now supported by case management designed to maintain housing and stay connected to our Network through graduate events. Graduates have had a good time reconnecting with old friends, meeting new friends and sharing stories unique to the program. The kids especially love seeing one another and playing together again.

Having been involved from day 1, it is especially rewarding to see our program reaching milestones, changing the lives of children and their families and achieving the kind of growth National Family Promise outlines for building a successful Family Promise affiliate. Each time I talk with someone from our National office, they reiterate how impressed they are with our Network and its growth and how excited they are to see it continue. I very much look forward to writing about our 10-year anniversary and beyond, like some of our other Family Promise affiliates statewide, in Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Coldwater.

I am so grateful to our network of host and support congregations and their volunteers for continuing to make such a direct impact on the lives of our children and their families!

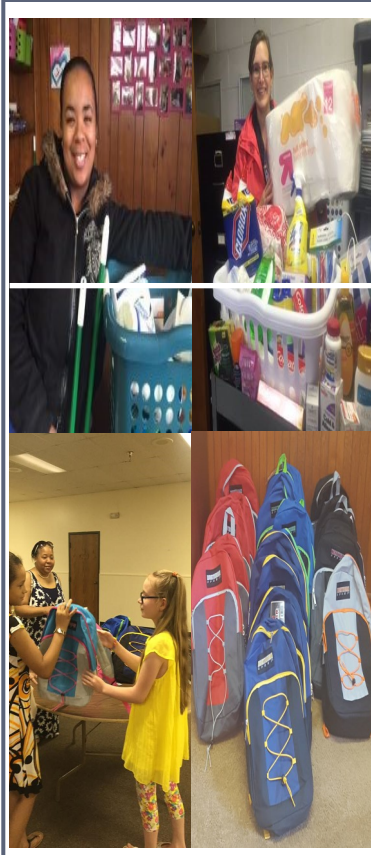
Kindly,

 Lindsay Moore

Thank You For Supporting Give Me Shelter 5K



Thank you to our 2016 Sponsors

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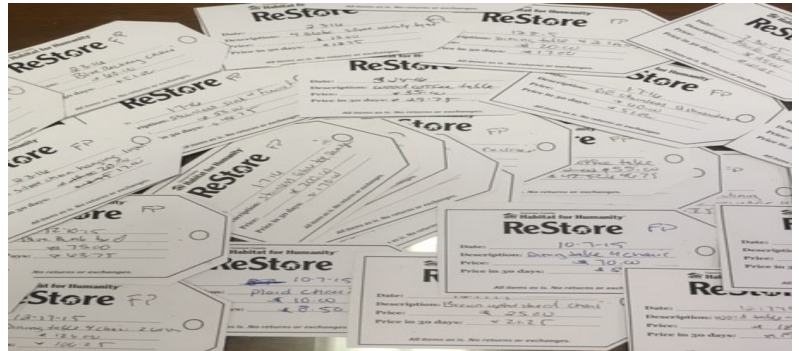


Donations

- Back packs** - Dedicated Believers Ministries
- Household Items** - Moms Offering Moms Support Club
- Baskets of Love** - Genesee County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Building Promises with ReStore

The Genesee County Habitat for Humanity has been changing the lives of families for 25 years. In 2015, it was recognized as an Affiliate of Distinction for 2015 – 2017, by Habitat for Humanity International. Only 14 affiliates nationwide have been given this recognition. The award recognizes the Genesee County affiliate for its standard of excellence, leadership and innovation. And Family Promise of Genesee County is proud to call them a partner.



The Habitat mission statement, “Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope,” aligns perfectly with the Family Promise of Genesee County mission statement to “Engage community and faith-based organizations in ending homelessness...one family at a time.” So, when we opened our doors nearly 3-years ago, we worked to establish a partnership with them, specifically the ReStore component.

ReStore is the retail arm of Habitat for Humanity. The storefront is open to everyone in the community. Shoppers can find used and sometimes new furniture, appliances, paint, cabinetry, wood and other housewares. Purchases support the work Habitat for Humanity does in our community. Items for sale come from community donations or store donations.

Fast forward to today and the partnership is going strong, “it’s a great partnership, not only for Habitat, helping us get more quality donations, different customers and a bigger

donor base, it’s also a great way to help Family Promise graduates transition,” says Greg Mosley, ReStore Director. Mosley credits an increase in revenue between 2015 and 2016 to the partnership.

Here’s how our partnership works: anyone interested in donating furniture, beds, appliances or housewares can call and schedule a pick-up with Habitat (see contact information below). Donors explain the items are in support of Family Promise they are tagged and sold by ReStore.

Once the item is sold, Family Promise receives a portion of the purchase price back, in the form of vouchers. When a family graduates, they are given those vouchers to select what they need for their new homes. Any mattresses, bed frames, or appliances donated are saved specifically for graduates and stored at ReStore until a family needs them.

To arrange a donation pick-up, call Habitat for Humanity ReStore at (810) 766-9089.

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- Greg Mosley, ReStore Director

How You Can Get Involved?

HELP START THE CONVERSATION

Share our mission within your network of people. We are unique and often your friends, family, church, house of worship or community organization you are involved with have not heard of us.

GIVE THE GIFT OF TIME

Whether it is organizing a short activity for the children, helping parents prepare a proper resume, practice interviewing, leading a class on meal preparation, couponing, exercise, service animals or any experience or passion you would like to share with our guest families.

ORGANIZE A FUNDRAISER

Bake sales, concerts, product sales are effective tools for raising awareness and funds. FPGC does offer pre-packed kit fundraisers ideal for groups, clubs, or organizations.

ORGANIZE A SUPPLY DRIVE

Suggested Items:

Baby Wipes	Disposable diapers—all sizes
Toilet Tissue	Laundry Soap
Paper Towel	Fabric Softener
Bath Soap	Shampoo and conditioner
Household cleaning supplies: glass, furniture, floor, and toilet	

If you are interested in helping organize, volunteering or sponsoring, please contact our Director of Development at 810-234-9444.

MAKE A FINANCIAL DONATION

100% of our budget comes from grants, fundraisers and the generosity of people like YOU! More than 90% of our budget directly supports programming for our children and their families. FPGC is a 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.



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Family Promise of Genesee County is part of a national volunteer-based nonprofit organization founded on the belief that we are all compassionate people who want to make a difference.
 Our mission is engaging community and faith based organizations in ENDING HOMELESSNESS ... one family at a time.

Please join us
 for an evening of
 Celebration and Inspiration
 Saturday, February 4th, 2017

Black & White
 4th Annual Charity Gala





Genesys Banquet Center
 805 HEALTH PARK BLVD
 GRAND BLANC, MI

Black and White Attire
 Cocktail reception 6:00 pm
 Dinner 7:00pm
 Tickets \$75

All proceeds support Family Promise of Genesee County.
 To purchase tickets or for sponsorship opportunities, contact
 Nicole Breslin at 810.234.9444 or email development@familypromiseofgc.org
 For more information visit our website at familypromiseofgc.org

Our Impact in the County

	15 Host Churches 16 Support Churches
	11,352 volunteer hours shared
	205,471 volunteer time value
	8,325 meals shared
	1,000-1,500 Volunteers
	3,473 safe nights