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ANNOUNCEMENT

Family Promise of Sussex County would like to welcome two of the newest members of our team. Welcome Aboard!

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

It has been just 6 about months since I have taken on the role of Board President. During that time, it has been my privilege to work closely with the staff and other board members to learn more about Family Promise of Sussex County (FPSC) and the needs of our clients, donors, volunteers, church support and employees. During this time, I have scoured through financials, reviewed performance metrics, talked to church leaders, attended events, met with staff and board members individually and as groups.

We can all be proud of the accomplishments of Family Promise of Sussex County. Did you know that 82% of all families served by FPSC last year have remained in stable housing for at least a year after being homeless and exiting from the program.

That metric was a surprise and a delight! It shows a commitment to the vision where “Every individual and family shall have a home, a livelihood and the chance to build a better future”. This was accomplished through the teamwork of volunteers, churches, staff, donors, board members and even clients who are focused on eliminating homelessness. I also found out that FPSC served over 428 individuals this year alone. To date in 2019, we have served over 200 families, but only 5 households (14 people) needed to stay in Emergency Housing. This is a testament to FPSC success in helping people to stabilize their housing and prevent homelessness.

We still have a way to go. Homelessness continues in Sussex County where during the 2018 annual homeless count about 110 people were homeless at that moment. That doesn't include those who lost their home and are staying with family or friends, living in motels, or those still in a house with rents or mortgages past due and on the verge of eviction.

The Board of Trustees is focused on strengthening FPSC in three major ways:

Our employees are an asset that is critical to achieving our vision. They are a skilled and dedicated team that needs our support. We want FPSC to be competitive with other agencies in the area. In the long-term, we want to hold onto our talented team members to better serve our clients.

Our volunteers and church support are critical to providing shelter, support and services to clients in need. Our focus is to make a concerted effort to strengthen our relationships and develop a working Emergency Shelter model that meets the needs of our volunteers, churches and clients.

To accomplish our vision, we need the financial support of our community in the way of grants, donations, gifts, legacy giving, and on-going pledges of support. We are looking closely at our fundraising strategies and working to better connect with our donors through communications and outreach.

Family Promise of Sussex County is an agency worth supporting. By offering a helping hand, Family Promise of Sussex County brings independence and dignity to families who seemingly have lost it all. Together we can build a community which we can all be proud of. Consider making a monthly contribution of \$20, you won't regret it.

Thanks, and blessings to all!

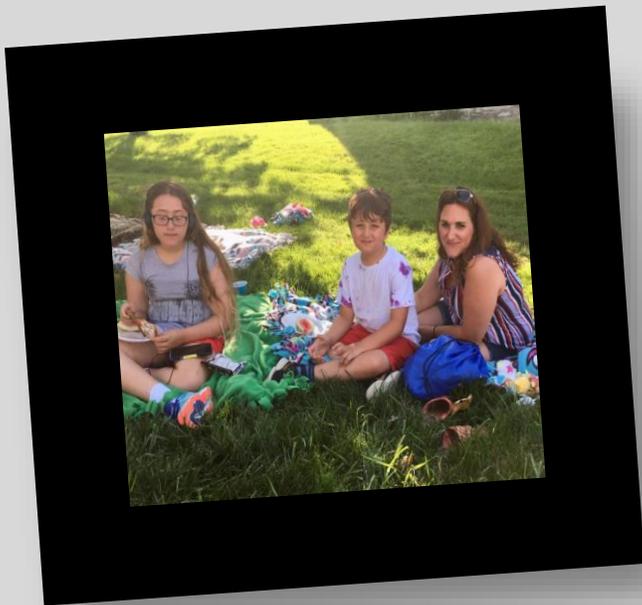
*Joseph Young
Board President*



WE SALUTE OUR DONORS, OUR HEROES

Your gifts, time and ongoing support to the agency make a big difference in the lives of those we serve. Your generosity and kindness give us the opportunity to work diligently with those in need, and most importantly be the voice of many individuals and families across Sussex County.

Daily, clients arrive at our agency with heartbreaking stories & unique circumstances. Most commonly, clients need immediate shelter, and/or are at risk of losing their home. Thanks to our generous donors, our agency can address clients' needs, and put smiles on the faces of children and adults. Often, while a family is transitioning into permanent housing, offer free laundry services, showers, clean towels, and back to school backpacks all of which can brighten their day. In general, most of us would take such small gestures for granted. But for these clients, it makes a big difference. The availability of resources and appropriate services boost their confidence, as well as providing hope for the future.



How does Family Promise of Sussex County contribute to building long term sustainability and prosperity in Sussex County?

Family Promise of Sussex County is an independent affiliate of a national nonprofit organization. The Sussex County affiliate, established to meet the needs of our local community, receives no funding support from the national office. When local businesses and individuals contribute to our agency, **resources remain in our community** and residents are directly impacted by these contributions.

At Family Promise of Sussex County, we understand that providing financial support is only half of the battle of addressing poverty and homelessness. Once housing needs are addressed, our agency **provides ongoing advocacy and support** including intensive case management to ensure for long-term prosperity. Our housing specialists assist with job searches, coaching during interview process, provide attire, encourage personal and professional development, education, and better health.

Your Donations in Action

FAITH

“**Faith**” is a widowed grandmother who very suddenly had her young grandchildren placed in her care. Faith had been living with a family member but, had to leave when the home became overcrowded. As a result, Faith and the children became homeless and entered the FPSC Emergency Shelter. Prior to this, the children had been living and going to school in another county in NJ. The children found themselves in a new town, new school, and far away from things that were familiar. Staff at FPSC provided the family with assistance as they transferred schools and got settled into their new life. Staff continue to work with the family as they search for the resources needed to stabilize their household and secure permanent housing.

HOPE

“**Hope**” is single mother with 3 sons who were evicted from their home and entered the FPSC Emergency Shelter Program. Agency staff assisted the family with getting the children ready for school by purchasing needed supplies and arranging transportation. The family has had a difficult time losing their home of many years and having to give up their beloved pet. FPSC volunteers helped to find a temporary “foster home” for their pet and they look forward to being reunited soon in a new home.

Connecting the dots...

Homelessness is a trauma that negatively impacts a household and reaches far beyond the boundaries of the physical walls of a home. Children are found to have higher levels of depression, health issues, and educational needs.



Family Promise of Sussex County welcomes volunteers to support the needs of families experiencing a housing crisis. Donating your time for a couple of hours after school, on evenings or weekends to play games, read books or do craft projects can make a big difference in a child's life. Learn more by calling 973-579-1180.

Homelessness Hurts!

CHARITY

“**Charity**” has custody of her grandchild. The two have been “couch surfing,” bouncing from household to household for several months. The support of their friends and family members has helped to delay their homelessness. However, when their resources ran out, the family became street homeless. Family Promise of Sussex County welcomed the family into the shelter program and assisted to coordinate services with the Division of Social Services as well as helping to connect with local counseling supports. The trauma of homelessness takes a toll on a family that is already experiencing a high level of stress. Supportive counseling services are helping to alleviate the effects of PTSD brought on by their prolonged housing crisis.

THANK YOU!

For making the Strike Out Homelessness event such a success. Your contributions turn our mission and goals into reality.

Thank you to every participant, sponsor, donor, and volunteer for lending your time, financial resources, goods, and energy to this great cause.

Everyone is a Winner



Our Strike Out Homelessness event encourages team building, friendly competition, and fun, all while supporting a great cause.



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UPCOMING EVENTS



JOIN US FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT OUR ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

to TACO 'bout HOMELESSNESS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
FROM 4:00-6:00 PM
19 CHURCH STREET
NEWTON, NJ 07860

RSVP by September 20, 2019 to nreed@familypromisesussex.org



Fall Open House ~ It is a great opportunity for staff, volunteers and community partners to get to know each other and learn more about current trends and needs in the community.



FIGHT HOMELESSNESS,
DONATE TODAY.



19 Church Street,
Newton, NJ 07860
(973) 579-1180

#HUMANITARIANDAY #WORLDPHOTODAY #PHOTOGRAPHYDAY

The **Summer Appeal** is a great opportunity for everyone to assist the agency towards building a stronger and thriving Sussex County community. Support provided through the Summer Appeal will be used towards meeting client and program needs including rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and homeless prevention programs. Monthly giving and sponsorship options are available on our agency web page.



I wish to make a one-time donation of:

___\$100 ___\$200 ___\$500 ___\$1,000 ___\$2,000 ___\$5,000

Other Amount \$ _____



I wish to commit to a Monthly Giving in the amount of:

\$ _____

A Monthly Commitment to Help:

Monthly giving is the best way to make an ongoing commitment to the agency. It allows you to plan your annual giving of support to our agency mission. Your credit card will be charged each month for the amount you choose. You may cancel at any time.

*Please provide credit card or check information on back.

**Checks should be made payable to Family Promise of Sussex County.

Thank you for your support!

Please return this card with your donation to PO Box 154, Newton, NJ 07860.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please Choose:

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Visit us on the web or social media

***Join us for this Roaring 20's
themed fundraiser as we
celebrate the start of 2020!
Contact the office at
973-579-1180
to reserve your tickets!***