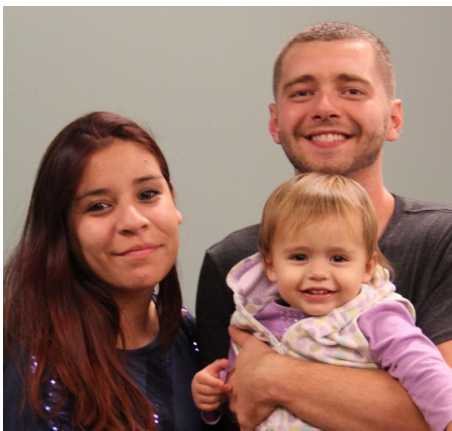


Every Family Deserves a Home!



October 2016 Newsletter



ANOTHER FAMILY FINDS HOME!

Ben and Leah and their 15-month-old daughter came to Family Promise in July with no place to go. Due to unfortunate circumstances, they had been evicted from their apartment in Jefferson and had run out of options. Family Promise took them in and from Day One, Ben and Leah took full advantage of our free hospitality program to rebuild their lives. Ben found work right away and began saving his money. Leah concentrated on caring for their daughter, applying for various benefit programs and searching for a landlord that would take them in despite their recent eviction.

Their hard work and persistence paid off. The first week of October they moved into their new apartment in downtown Waukesha! The place was really a mess, but Ben and Leah have been working hard to clean it up and make it their new home.

Congrats to Ben and Leah and congrats to all the Family Promise volunteers who made their success possible. **Ben and Leah are the ninth family this year to successfully come through the program, acquire sufficient income and benefits, then move into their own apartment. Keep up the good work everybody!**

HOEDOWN BRINGS LOTS OF FUN!

Over 150 people came out to the Okauchee Lion's Park on Saturday, Sept 24th for Family Promise's Volunteer Recognition Hoedown. The folks enjoyed a roasted pork barbecue, live music and friendly conversation. **For those Family Promise volunteers that didn't make it to the party, we still want to shout out a big "Thank You!!" for all that you do for our guests.**

We'd also like to thank the **Okauchee Lions** for donated their great facility for the day.



That's some tasty vittles!

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

When I was a kid way back in the 70's, the slogan, "Keep on Truckin" along with the image of the guy walking goofy was all the rage. I would see this on T-



shirts, posters, coffee mugs and bumper stickers. I'm sure some of our more "experienced" volunteers remember.

Recently I've been listening to our volunteers, volunteer coordinators and church leaders talk about how things are going with the hospitality program. There's clearly a bit of fatigue and frustration coming through in those discussions.

Let me express a few thoughts in response. Worthwhile endeavors always include some frustration and fatigue, but we must push through the pain and focus on the gain. We've got a steady flow of families moving through our hospitality program and back to self-sufficiency. This has been our mission from the

start and we are fulfilling it on a regular basis! Plus, even those families who don't find permanent housing through are program are being kept off the streets and are being shown God's love by all your hard work and hospitality. Often times we don't get to see all the fruits of our labor but that's okay - we stand fast in the certainty that all of our work pays dividends - to ourselves and to all the people we encounter. So...Keep on Truckin' Family Promise!!

David Tennyck
Executive Director

Update From the Board Chair

As we have entered the last quarter of the year, the Board continues to be busy. Specific targeted activities over the next three months are:

- Strengthening Board governance role via revision and review of all current By-laws, Policies and procedures;
- Completion and analysis of surveys/reviews with all Host and Support congregations, Volunteer Coordinators and other leadership;
- Strengthen and define the needs and capacity of on-going committees (Marketing, Development, Congregational Relations and Finance) to assist with the growth of providing Family Promise services in all of Waukesha County;
- Continue to build Board capacity and diversity to better reflect the skills and connections needed;
- Have a successful end-of-year campaign to ensure financial stability.



If you or anyone you know might be interested in finding out more about our committees or Board, please contact me. Also, if you are part of an organization that is looking for a non-profit to support over the Holidays, please remember Family Promise!

Thank you for all of your support, hours of service and new ideas. We couldn't do it without YOU!

Sincerely,
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