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Helping homeless families with children regain and retain their independence



Ways to Help Family Promise Guests

GIFT CARDS

(\$10, \$20 or \$25 increments)

- ~Kwik Trip Fuel Only
- ~WalMart

HP Printer Cartridges - 950 & 951

(Guests print resumes, housing applications and children's homework assignments)

Diapers-SIZE 6



Drop off at Day Center,
543 AJ Allen Circle, Suite D in Wales
Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm
Or call (262) 968-2321

Well Done, Marjore!

After more than four years of dedicated service, Marjore Thompson recently stepped down as Family Promise's Board President. Since joining the board in January of 2014 and becoming President in July of 2014, Marjore has served with extreme dedication and devotion throughout her tenure. She has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty in her service to the organization.

Marjore's many accomplishments for Family Promise include:

- Helping the organization develop from a start-up non-profit to an established service provider in our community;
- Recruiting and developing active and competent board members;
- Steering the organization through several leadership changes;
- Helping to more clearly define our mission and vision;
- Filling in any and all gaps, whether it was driving the van, managing guests, serving as interim director, representing Family Promise at community events, taking the overnight shift at her church, overseeing operations at the Day Center or a myriad of other tasks and responsibilities.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the start-up and the establishment of this wonderful organization," says Marjore. "It's really all about connections – to Family Promise National, to our guest families, to our volunteers, to our participating congregations and to all the local organizations, individuals and companies that support us. The best part of my service to Family Promise has been telling the story, the story of how Family Promise National got started and the story of how our local Family Promise affiliate got started. It's the story of people coming together to meet a community need and then making it happen."

Marjore will continue recruiting volunteers for Family Promise. Her parting words are an encouragement to all of us: "Every contribution to Family Promise has immense value in giving our guest families hope and in building our community."

Farewell Marjore and thank you for a job well done!



***Introducing our new President,
Pastor Lindsay Jordan***

Pastor Jordan joined our board in 2017 and was recently elected Board President. He serves as Senior Pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Delafield. We anticipate great things under his leadership!



A message from Pastor Jordan:

From the time I first heard the mission of Family Promise, I was hooked. I continue to be. “We help homeless families with children regain and retain their independence.” The purpose expressed in this statement drives us forward. It sets us apart from organizations providing emergency shelter. We keep families together and help them get back on their feet. We provide families with hospitality so that our purpose can flourish.



I’m proud to have been an early advocate of Family Promise in my congregation when it was first beginning. I’m proud to have served as a member of the board of directors for about a year and a half. I’m honored, now, to serve as Family Promise of Waukesha’s President. I serve with a dedicated group of people who are committed to assisting families during times of hardship.

I’m also proud that Family Promise goes above and beyond other organizations working with the poor. We help people get jobs, help them develop plans for sustainability. We provide them with community support to get them back into affordable housing. We support them through our alumni program as they live in their homes. In other words, I’m proud because the work we do makes an incredible difference in the lives of people.

I invite you to be involved in Family Promise. Join the many dedicated volunteers who work in local congregations to house families as they make their way through our program. Join the list of volunteers who serve at the day center. Give generously to enable Family Promise’s purpose to grow. When you give of yourselves, you join us in helping homeless families with children regain and retain their independence.

Home Sweet Home

Family update from Erin Pechacek, Case Manager

Anna and her young daughter, Serenity, walked through the doors of Family Promise after a referral from Safe Families for Children. Anna showed determination and grit. Within a week at Family Promise, Anna had a job lined up at Walmart. Serenity’s father, Randy, soon joined the program and within his first 5 days at Family Promise, he too had a job at Walmart!

Anna and Randy diligently searched for places to call home while working full-time jobs and taking care of their daughter. With hard work and assistance from a Family Promise volunteer, Anna and Randy found an apartment in East Troy and moved in mid-September. Then through the blessing of a generous donor, Anna and her family received a car. Before receiving the car, Anna obtained her driver’s license, paid for insurance and registration.

Walmart is allowing Anna and Randy to transfer from their Delafield store to their Mukwonago location. If you happen to be shopping at the Walmart in Mukwonago, be sure to say hello!



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moving ahead

Our Alumni Moving Ahead (AMA) group gathered several times this summer at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Oconomowoc. Parents learned about such things as inexpensive summer activities and strategies for smooth transitions back to school. They also shared their successes and challenges.

Lots of birthdays were celebrated. Lots of games were played and lots of free pizza was devoured thanks to Rosati's Pizza in Oconomowoc!

We also gave a warm goodbye to one of our faithful volunteer leaders, Terrell Tynfield, who is moving on to other social work opportunities but is still serving as a Volunteer Coordinator at Oakwood Church. Thanks Terrell!

