



FAMILY PROMISE



Our Hospitality Program is *Just* the Beginning

A Message from our Director

One of our primary goals at Family Promise is to leverage our church-based hospitality program into long-term success for our guest families. We want all the hard work and resources poured into the church-based hospitality program to serve as the foundation for lasting self-sufficiency and independence of our guest families. With more than 60 families having spent time in our hospitality program over the past three years, we are now directing more and more resources toward supporting our former guests.

Our **Alumni Moving Ahead** group met for the first time over a year ago. They have continued to meet just about every other month since then. Our most recent meeting was just before Christmas. Over 30 former guests, adults and children, gathered to share a meal, decorate Christmas cookies, share advice and enjoy each other's company. We are especially thankful to Dr. Martin Luther Church in Oconomowoc for letting us use their facilities for our meetings and to volunteer, Terrell Tynfield, for serving as our primary coordinator of these events.

There are currently six Alumni Moving Ahead events scheduled for 2018. These will include special activities and guests, childcare, great food, a support group discussion, plus lots of door prizes and other special gifts.



We are also ramping up our case management of former guest families. In the 2018 moves along, up to thirty percent of our current case manager's time will be devoted to former guests. At some point, we will be looking at bringing in a second case manager who focuses exclusively on alumni families.

If you would like to get involved in our Alumni Moving Ahead group or have something to contribute, please contact me.



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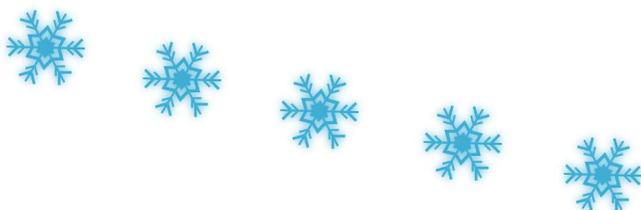
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Year-End Match Campaign a Tremendous Success!

Once again we reached out to our generous donors and asked you all to either provide funds for a year-end match or make a donation to be matched. We are so proud to announce that we exceeded our goals and even broke a new record for year-end giving **with a grand total of \$70,000!**

As we embark upon expanded support for our ever-growing alumni army, your generous contributions are changing lives more than ever. Thank you!

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A Message from the Board Chair



Happy Warm New Year to all! As you can see from the Executive Director's report, we had a very successful end of the year fund raising campaign. On Behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to thank all of you who helped

us set up our match dollars and for all the churches, individuals, community groups and businesses who contributed for the final result. The community's generosity was also felt by all the guests and alumni families who were able to experience special gifts during this time of holiday spirit. Many of us Board members are also involved at our churches during their FP week hosting weeks and it was wonderful to hear the gratitude and thankfulness of each family served during those weeks.

Now that the New Year is here, the Board will be addressing the future growth and priorities for Family Promise going forward. We will be meeting on Saturday, February 10th for our annual retreat for strategic planning. We encourage feedback from all of our constituents regarding issues of concern, ideas for change and opportunities to build partnerships for program and financial support. Please feel free to contact me or any of the board members by February 1st for meeting agenda consideration or at any time during the year.

We also have a couple of openings for new Board members. If you would like to find out more about the responsibilities of being a Board member, please let us know. We would love to tell you more about what we do and how you can help.

Thank you again for all the support given throughout the year in so many ways. It is so great to be able to offer the hospitality, safety, resources and relational warmth and caring to our guests- no matter how cold it may be outside!

Marjore Thompson, M.A.
Family Promise Board Chair



Family Promise Plays Santa for 15 Families

During our first Christmas in 2014, several churches and church groups provided Christmas presents for our three guest families. Parents put in specific requests for each family member while churches and church groups shopped, wrapped and delivered the gifts to our door.

Over the years this Christmas tradition has continued and has expanded exponentially at Family Promise. This year, various churches and church groups fulfilled wish lists for no less than 15 current and former guest families. Carloads of gifts made their way to our Day Center and we had a fantastic time presenting the gifts to families overcome with joy and gratitude.



Debbie Kopydlowski (right) from host congregation, St. Theresa's Church with Family Promise Case Manager (left) dropping off gifts for our guests and alumni

“Many of our graduate families are working hard to just to make rent and get food on the table,” says Director David Tennyck. “These gifts make all the difference in the world to them. I firmly believe that the gifts we give to those who can’t afford them far outweigh the value of all the gifts we more fortunate folks exchange amongst ourselves.” Thanks so much for helping to fulfill the real meaning of Christmas.



We love our all of our guests and volunteers!

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