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## Labor Day 2019



### Upcoming Open House Commemorates Family Promise's 5th Birthday!

In early November 2014, Family Promise of Waukesha County opened its doors to our first guest family. We have been operating 24/7 ever since that cold November morning and our fifth birthday is fast approaching! By the time November rolls around, we'll have taken in over 100 local homeless families with children. Fifty families will have been placed in their own fully furnished apartment and more than ninety percent of our placed families will have been able to keep their homes. This great success is due to our incredible volunteers, donors, and employees who have contributed thousands upon thousands of meals, hours, and donations of cash, supplies and furniture.

To celebrate our fifth birthday, **we are holding an OPEN HOUSE at our Day Center in Wales on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25th, FROM 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM.**

Anyone interested in celebrating with us or wanting to learn more about the program is welcome to stop by. There will be tasty refreshments, lively conversation and several information stations summarizing where we've been, how we got there and where we're going.



**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**Family Promise Open House**  
**Celebrating 5 Years!**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>~3:30 TO 7:30 PM**  
**FAMILY PROMISE DAY CENTER**  
**543 A.J. ALLEN CIRCLE, STE D IN WALES**

## Ways to Help Family Promise Guests

### GIFT CARDS

(\$10, \$20 or \$25 increments)  
~Kwik Trip Fuel Only  
~WalMart

### Copy Paper

### Disinfectant Wipes

### PULL UPS-SIZE 5 & 6

### Small reuseable plastic bowls

### Silverware



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

# "We Have a Home Again...Our Home!"

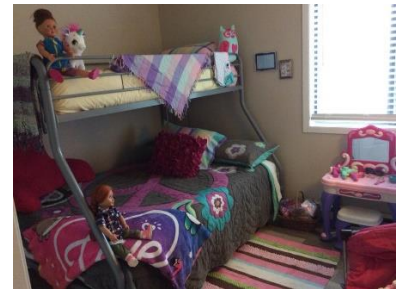
## *A Family Update*

Kim and Mike\* had fallen on hard times. After wandering around a bit, Mike managed to land a good job in Oak Creek, but the couple was living in their van at a campground because of lack of funds and credit issues. Their two small boys were living with them, but their daughters were living with other family members while Kim and Mike worked on stabilizing their housing situation. Then they found Family Promise of Waukesha County. The family left the campsite and moved into Family Promise in mid-July. Mike kept working and saving money while his wife, Kim, took care of their young boys and made arrangements for reuniting with their two daughters. Both daughters were back with the family within a couple of weeks. Thanks to the Hospitality Program and a special gift from one of our host churches, Mike, Kim, and their kids were able to secure a new apartment in Hartland and move in after just one month at Family Promise. As always, Denise O'Halloran and her Furniture Moving Team did a fantastic job decorating the family's new home, filling it with beautiful furniture and accessories.

*\*names have been changed*

*"We enjoyed all the host churches and how nice and supportive everyone was. The support we received was overwhelming. Everyone's efforts gave us such a great start. The best part is we have a home again...Our home!"*

*~Kim*



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## **A Word from Our Board President, Carol Lawnicki.**

The Board was busy this summer with two fundraisers. Our June brat sale at Piggly Wiggly went well. Along with selling brats and burgers, we were able to talk to a number of people about family homelessness and the great work that we do. Our 4th annual golf outing was another successful event, thanks to all the golfers and the wonderful local businesses that donated so many wonderful raffle items.

We welcomed two new board members this summer, Lynn Marsh from Delafield Presbyterian Church and Coleen Valley from St. Jerome Parish. Both of these women bring a passion and experience that will enhance the workings of our Board. We continue our search for additional board and committee members. The Fund Development, Public Relations/Awareness, and Congregational Relations committees are in need of additional members.

Also, if you have skills in marketing, event planning or graphic design, please consider volunteering some of your time and talent. Contact Family Promise at 262-968-2321 or [director@familypromisewaukesha.org](mailto:director@familypromisewaukesha.org) if you would like more information.

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## Meet Our New Case Manager, Christina Perkins

HELLO! My name is Christina Perkins. I came to Family Promise in May as the new case manager. Prior to this position, I served for many years as a social worker in Child Protective Services. While I enjoyed my job, I found myself looking for a position that would allow me to have more direct hands-on involvement with families and their children. Family Promise has given me that and so much more! We are here to assist families, help them get back on their feet and move past the difficult times.



The amount of work the Family Promise volunteers accomplish each week is amazing! Yes, we offer our guests a place to live, but our volunteers also provide these families with an overwhelming amount of support that goes far beyond anything I have seen in all my years of social work. I am happy to be a part of such a great organization and I look forward to continuing to work with our families and our volunteers.

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## Greetings from our new Board Member, Lynn Marsh

I am new Family Promise member but not new to Family Promise. I have been a volunteer with the program since our first guests were served at Delafield Presbyterian church nearly five years ago. I typically help with the dinner shift once or twice during our host weeks. I still remember how grateful our first guest, Chy Chy, was to be in the program. She eventually graduated, was placed in her new apartment, continued to be active in our alumni program, and is now working at Family Promise as one of our Weekend Day Center Managers!



This year has been a transition year for me. I am sending my son off to college, my daughter is a high school sophomore and I had a significant career change. I am therefore able to volunteer more of my time. When I heard Family Promise was looking for additional Board Members, I jumped at the opportunity to utilize my business skills to help this organization I feel so passionate about.

We are currently seeking more board members and committee members to serve in the following areas: Public Relations/Awareness, Fund Development, and Congregational Relations. In addition, if you are an event planner, we would love to use your talents for a one-time event with no long term commitment. Please join me in making the next five years of Family Promise even better as we continue to help more families in Waukesha County.

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### **HELP FAMILY PROMISE GUESTS!**

Your financial gift offers families facing homelessness the ability to regain and retain their independence. We provide individualized case management services to assist current and alumni families with guidance to help them succeed. We become their extended family. Click to [DONATE](#) button on our website to help today!