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October - November Newsletter

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A few years back it seemed everyone was sporting WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) bracelets. It was a campaign reminding us to be like Jesus and do the right thing. Doing "the right thing" generally means making decisions that are not based on your personal needs or are going to make you more popular. It's about being given possibilities and knowing that your choice would make both Jesus, (and your mother) proud. Why then, is it so difficult?

Doing the right thing might make you the subject of ridicule. When you stop at the intersection to offer the man standing there a five dollar bill, the driver behind you begins honking his horn and gesturing. Your passenger may remark that he's probably just going to use it to buy alcohol. But your heart tells you that it's the right thing to do.

Your child talks of a bully at school who constantly belittles a classmate whose shoes are worn and hair needs washing. He tells you he stood up to the bully and now the bully is teasing him, saying the classmate must be his girlfriend. Your parental heart bursts with pride when he tells you he doesn't care because it was the right thing to do.

A graduate of our Family Promise affiliate shared this story with me last week. She and her children had just spent the morning at Sandy Hook Elementary volunteering at a community event. On the way home, they made a quick stop for groceries. As they were putting the groceries in the car the cart escaped and careened through the parking lot striking a very new, and very expensive pick up truck. The dent left by the cart was not small. She waited for the owner, but as time passed they did not come out of the store. Take a moment and ask yourself...what would you do? What is the right thing to do? She chose to write a note with her contact information and left it on the windshield.

They exchanged phone calls over the next two days. On the third day she received this text:
Hey; my husband had the truck looked at. He found someone who will pop the dent out for between \$500-\$600. It would be much more to go through insurance and our insurance might go up by submitting a claim. We really appreciate that you left a note and gave us your information. It makes my heart happy that you did the right thing, because a lot of people in your shoes would not have. We will take care of paying for the damage. We were once young with kids, struggling to keep up. Your parents should be proud of you.

Not only should her parents be proud, but the staff here was overcome with emotion. This young lady had faced great adversity getting back on her feet. She is now self-sufficient and working daily to give back to the community that helped her get there. With the support of each of you we were able to provide assistance and shelter during that time... Now, she is paying that forward. Because after all, it's the right thing to do.

Bringing people together to make a positive impact



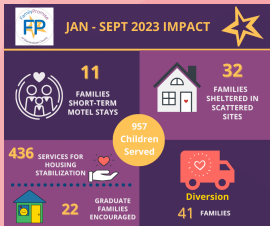
Family Promise Week is an annual week-long event that raises awareness about family homelessness and celebrates Family Promise's commitment to ending the crisis. With 200 Family Promise Affiliates across the country, there is a lot to celebrate.

Family Promise has served more than 1 million people since 1988. Last year (2022), 45,000 families turned to Family Promise for support with housing and related challenges. Family Promise is a national nonprofit addressing the crisis of family homelessness by keeping families together and providing resources and supports that tackle all the issues that can lead to poverty and homelessness.

We're there for families every step of the way as they work to regain independence.

ALWAYS HAVE A WILLING HAND TO HELP SOMEONE, YOU MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONE THAT DOES.

— ROY T. BOWETT



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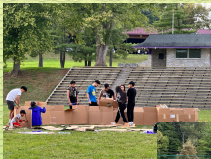
This year we raised
\$6,220
during the silent auction.

Thank you to everyone who supported
the auction through
donations and purchases.

THANK YOU!

The 4th Annual Golf
Tournament held at Bryce
Resort on August 5th was a
huge success!

\$7,353



Cardboard
City



*\$2,300
raised*

The FACE of Family Promise



Our board member and volunteer Kim Shrum is a retired nurse who wears many hats at Family Promise. Starting out as a coordinator at one of our churches, Kim currently serves on our board as secretary, is a member of the fund development committee, and co-chairs both the steak dinner and the silent auction. We can always count on her to attend every Family Promise event!

Kim has coordinated a group of friends to form our "Sparkle and Shine" team. They go in to clean when one of our families moves on to independent housing. The team works diligently making sure the shelter unit is clean, sparkly, and very homey when the new family arrives!

Volunteering frequently at the center, Kim loves to organize the many donations we receive. She is willing to help whenever she is called and she lights up the Center with her big smile and joyful attitude. Family Promise is grateful for her dedication and willingness to serve.

Thank YOU!

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