



"Bringing Families Home. . .
Keeping Families Housed"

e-Newsletter
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Program at a Glance

2021 YTD Statistics

10 Guest Families

7 Families

Transitional Housing

15 Families Forward

136 Services

Housing Stabilization

9 HUMI/Diversion
Families



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A Child's Future Begins at Home

Empathy....Sympathy...Compassion... Are they synonyms? At the very least could they be grammatical cousins? *Psychology Today* provides the following:

Empathy-You feel what a person is feeling. You have most likely heard the phrase, "Put yourself in someone else's shoes." That is the path to empathy.

Sympathy -You can understand what the person is feeling. Our families have lost their homes. While we may not be able to physically feel that person's pain, we can understand their feelings of sadness.

Compassion- Compassion kicks empathy and sympathy up a notch. When you are compassionate, you feel the pain of another (i.e., empathy) or you recognize that the person is in pain (i.e., sympathy), and then you do what you can to alleviate the person's suffering.

As we welcome families into Family Promise we strive to bring compassionate hope. We want families to understand that while we may have never experienced what they have endured, we feel their worry, understand their sadness, and will work with them to end the suffering homelessness causes.

*Let me hold the door for you.
I may never have walked
A mile in your shoes,
But I can see that
Your soles are worn
And your strength is torn*

*Under the weight of a story
I have never lived before.
So let me hold the door for you.
After all you've walked through,
It's the least I can do.
--Morgan Harper Nichols*



2020 Statistics

13 Guest Families

5 Families
Transitional
Housing

11 Families
Forward

181 Services
Housing
Stabilization

14 HUMI Families

145
Children
Served



NIGHT WITHOUT A BED Report from Team Love Thy Neighbor

For our Night Without A Bed 2021 we chose to sleep in tents in our backyard. We all pitched in and helped set up the large tent. Our daughter and two of our grand kiddos slept in the larger tent, while Paw Paw and NeNe slept in the two-man tent. We made a campfire and roasted hotdogs and marshmallows. We talked about how some families don't have homes and need help. By participating in Night Without A Bed we were thinking about these families and raising money so that FPSC could help them. At bedtime we read and talked about the book *The Berenstain Bears Help the Homeless*. It was lanterns out at 10:00 pm. Participating in NWAB made us even more thankful for a comfortable mattress, air conditioning, walls that block outside noises, easy access to a restroom, a shower before bedtime, security and feeling safe. **Thank you Team Love Thy Neighbor – you raised \$3,145, exceeding your goal of \$3,000!!!!**

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Hannelore Pearson (left), designer of the 2021 t-shirt, poses with her sister, Willow. Thank you for your creativity!!!!

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Donations accepted until July 2nd.
Handcrafted Items
Theme Baskets
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Sign Up & Bid, Bid, Bid
<http://e.givesmart.com/events/IWU>
Auction Site Preview Starts June 15th

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Thank You for Your Support!

[Click here to preview items.](#) New items being added daily!! Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the auction! Check out these great treasures!



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Welcome Grace Elizabeth!

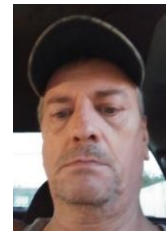
Weighing in at 8 lb. 2 oz., Baby Grace arrived on June 5, 2021. She was greeted by proud parents, Dakota and Caitlyn. Bryce is her sweet big brother! Congratulations to all.



This just in!!!! “Congratulations! We’re happy to share that **The Starbucks Foundation** has selected your organization to receive a **\$4,000** grant. This grant is part of our Neighborhood Grants program, through which one or more Starbucks partners (employees) nominated your organization based on the important work you are leading in our communities. This round of Neighborhood Grants focused on supporting organizations that address a critical need in the community and that partners are passionate about. We received over 7,000 submissions from Starbucks partners across the U.S. and Canada and are proud to recognize and support your organization as one of more than 1,300 nonprofits selected to receive a Neighborhood Grant.”

In Memory – Ronnie Loomis

Ronald Lee Loomis, Jr. age 51, a resident of Romney, WV passed away Saturday, June 5, 2021, at the Winchester Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Kelly, and children, Derek, Jennifer and, James. Our deepest sympathy for your loss.



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