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Director's Message



I have a new favorite Bible verse: 2 Corinthians 5:7 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight." (NASB). It is amazing how Holy Scripture can sum up in eight words the journey I find myself on at Family Promise of Atlantic County. When we need volunteers, we pray and God provides. When we need help with transportation, we pray and God provides. Do you see where I'm going with this? When we need help and guidance and some encouragement, we pray and YES, God provides.

Have you felt the nudge of the Holy Spirit to help or get involved? That's because we are praying...for you and for lots of God's people to do something to honor Him and to help the homeless families who come to us.

Here are some people who strengthen our faith. Annalise, a high school student, stops by on Saturdays to spend time with the young people who are in our program. Erica posts a bulletin board at her work so her customers know our needs and can donate. Alexandra volunteers her skills with our social media. Bob helped me push a large file cabinet up the fifteen steps at the Day Center. He also volunteers his tech knowledge so we have computers, wifi, tv, and telephones. Patti, Bill, Ritchie, Darlene, Eileen, Dave, Shelee and Gary have volunteered to drive our van, transporting our guests to the host churches in the evening and back to the Day Center in the morning. Patti cleaned the Day Center from bottom to top last week. Others volunteered to cover the Day Center on Saturdays or Sundays. Donna made our valances for all the windows.

When I thank God and praise Him in my prayers each morning, I have quite a list of people to go through. I'd love to see your name on my prayer list, too.

-Mike

FPAC Opens in January, 2017

On Sunday, January 8, Family Promise of Atlantic County opened its doors and hosted our very first family. After 3 1/2 years, of praying, planning, sharing and connecting with congregations, community leaders, businesses and other organizations, our host congregations shared God's love and hospitality with a family of four. It was an exciting day for FPAC to finally become a reality.

Thanks, Art Handler's!

Art Handler's Family Promise of Atlantic County was blessed to receive a new washer and dryer for our day center provided by Art Handler's in Pleasantville, NJ. Thanks goes to Glenn Davila who helped FPAC get this donation. This is one more way our guests will feel at home at our day center, located at Zion Lutheran Church in Egg Harbor City.

FPAC Events Raise Funds



Hamburgers, French fries, milkshakes and breakfast, lunch and dinner were all featured items at two of FPAC's most recent fundraising events. Five Guys Burger and Fries in Absecon and The Galloway Diner in Pomona opened their eating establishments to FPAC and offered a portion of the profits that day and evening to help provide for the children in Atlantic County. Five Guys provided \$365 and The Galloway Diner gave \$400.



We appreciate both of these businesses and their willingness to partner with us!!

Save the Date...2nd Annual Gala



Our 2nd annual Hope for Tomorrow Gala will take place on Friday, May 12, from 6:30-10:30 pm at The Carriage House in Galloway, NJ. Buffet dining, cash bar and silent auction will round out the night.



Our key note speaker will be Michelle Dawn Mooney, lead anchor of SNJ Today

Tickets are \$75 a person. Please contact one of our host congregations or Janet Longo at jilportnj@comcast.net for tickets.

Club 172

Just one way to support FPAC...check it on our web site:

www.familypromiseac.org

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April 27
May 25
June 29

Interested in becoming a board member??

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Thank you...Thank you

Thank you never seems like enough as we say just that to organizations, churches, and individuals who have done so much to support Family Promise of Atlantic County by providing diapers and other baby supplies, toys, valances for each window in the day center, gift cards, a wii, physical labor of moving furniture and cleaning and cleaning products!

OUR WISH LIST

How can you help?

- Volunteer coordinator
- Volunteer van drivers needed
- Day Center volunteers needed too!
- More funding for this ministry
- More host congregations
- More support congregations

Contact our Director Mike at 609-798-0066 for more info.

Visit our day center located at Zion Lutheran Church on 321 Philadelphia Avenue in Egg Harbor City.

Family Promise of Atlantic County is a nonprofit organization committed to helping low-income families achieve lasting independence. Networks of congregations and volunteers meet homeless families' immediate needs for hospitality, meals and support.

DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!!

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