



Gala Event Draws Crowd to Raise Funds and Honor Awardees

Family Promise of Sussex County hosted its annual gala sponsored by THORLABS, Andover Animal Hospital, Rubenstein Properties, and Atlantic Health System Newton Medical Center. The event featured a fairytale theme dedicated to “making dreams come true” and helping families find their “happily ever after”. The gala is the non-profit’s largest fundraising event which raises money to support stabilization of families in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis .

Each year an individual or organization is chosen to be recognized at the event for a Community Impact Award and a Volunteer Spirit Award. For the 2018 gala, Family Promise of Sussex County honored Sussex County Technical School with the Community Impact Award and Teddy Cosgrove with the Volunteer Spirit Award.

Chef Gasiorek, Chef Trimper, and students of the Culinary Arts Kitchen and the Culinary Arts Commercial Baking Kitchen programs, were recognized for their extensive community involvement . This past December they provided great service by sharing their talents with clients from Family Promise of Sussex County at the annual Christmas Party. A group of students prepared the food, transported it to the event, and then served the meal to the 85 clients in attendance. The two instructors are local Sussex County raised residents who have a love of the county at heart.

Ted Cosgrove was honored as the 2018 Making Dreams Come True Gala Volunteer Spirit Award recipient. Ted’s involvement with Family Promise began in the late 1990’s, when his church, Lafayette Federated, began as a support church for the Emergency Shelter Program and in 2011 joined the Board of Trustees. Ted states one of the many highlights to volunteering is seeing the guests go away with love and compassion, as Ted views these encounters as opportunities to show the guests that God loves them and will provide. Ted speaks of his experience, stating “being with the guests is where the rubber meets the road,” for his heart is always right there.

Attendees had a lovely evening of food ,live music, a silent auction, live auction, and a bar. Thank you to all those who volunteered, donated, and helped make this event great! We are already looking forward to a great event next year!



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Newsletter

Important Dates

5/21 Volunteer Training 6-8 PM

6/6 Employment Night

6/9 Skylands Ball Park Star Wars night—Stop by vendor table to say hello

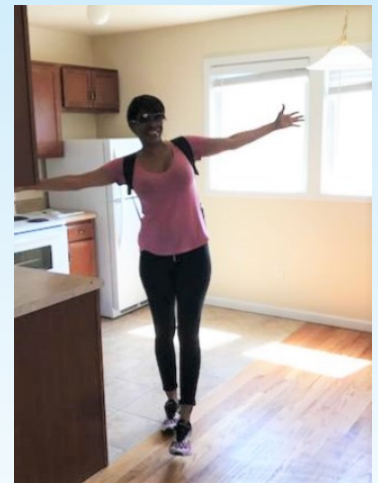
6/20 Coordinators Meeting 5-7 PM

7/ 25 Health Fair 11:30-12:30 held at Manna House

8/16 Strike Out Homelessness



Celebrating Moving In Day!



Spring Coordinators Meeting

The Spring Coordinator's meeting will be held on June 20th from 5 to 7 pm with a light meal provided. Our guest speaker will be Mary Dolan who will present a Darkness to Light training which focuses on child sexual abuse prevention. Mary worked for many years for Ginnie's House and she travels to agencies for these very informative Darkness to Light training sessions. We are super excited to have her to administer the training to coordinators, volunteers, and those interested in attending to provide tips on abuse prevention. For more information or to register for the meeting please contact the office.



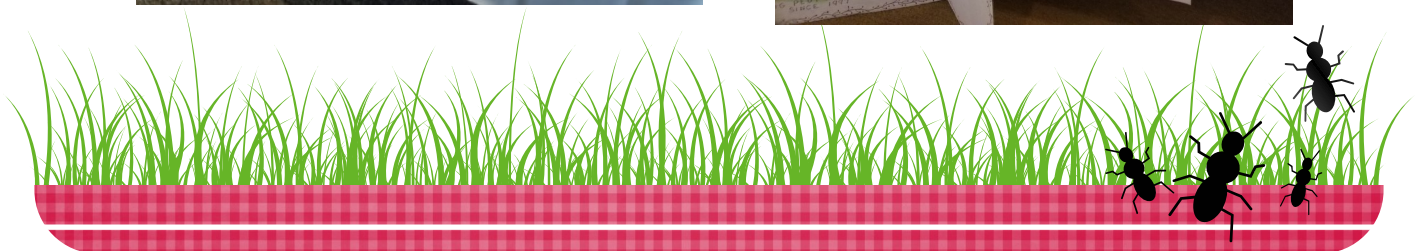
Health Fair Connected Lunch Crowd With Local Agencies

For February the interns at Family Promise of Sussex County were successful in organizing a Heart health and Hypothermia Awareness health fair held at Manna House. The event drew 39 attendees who were able to receive flu shots, nutrition counselling, heart health information, and even pick out a new purse. Participants were also able to connect with Family Promise during the health fair and learn more about agency services.



Family Promise Attends Family Expo and Game of Life Outreach Events

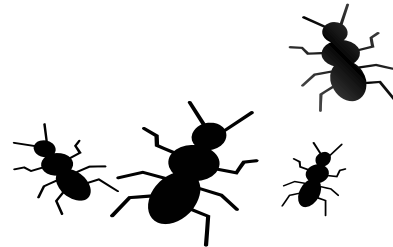
In continuing to support our community partners Family Promise of Sussex County recently attended both The Project Self Sufficiency Family Expo and the Game of Life at Sussex County Technical School. The Family Expo was free and open to the public for parents and children to connect with local agencies. Family Promise was in attendance to inform any families who were facing eviction or experiencing a housing crisis about programs offered. The agency was also excited to be invited back again this year to participate in the Game of Life poverty and crisis simulation at the Technical School. Students were provided real life scenarios and then guided to the 30 agencies on hand to seek guidance in addressing their issue, and how they might work to resolve it. Christine, Allison, and Jordan helped to educate more than 300 students about eviction, couch surfing, and how families can reach out to Family Promise of Sussex County if they are facing homelessness.



Employment Night to Connect Job Seekers With Local Resources

Clients are invited to join Family Promise of Sussex County for Employment Night on June 6th. Employers will be available to conduct mock interviews and bilingual mock interviews as well as feedback to improve interviewing skills. A resume specialist will provide critiques of client resumes and suggest improvements. An employment agency specialist from Express Pros will be on hand with a list of current job openings to conduct mini interviews with clients. Clients will learn about funding available to them for on-the-job training through Employment Training Services. A beauty consultant and hair stylists will be available to provide grooming and wardrobe tips as well as free haircuts to

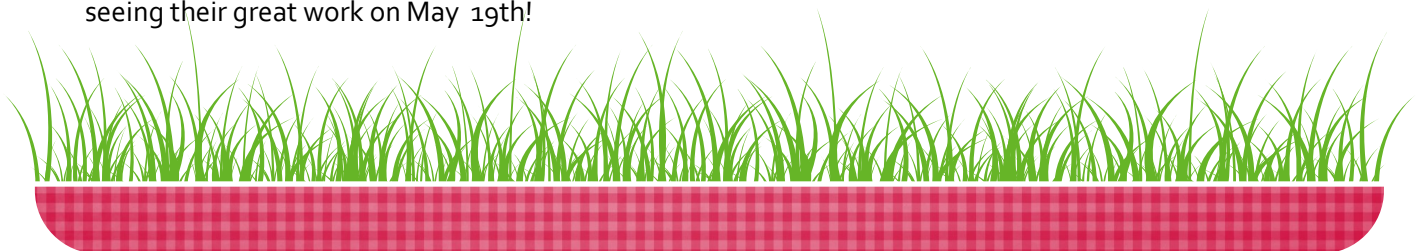
assist clients who want to put their best food forward. Childcare will be available from our wonderful volunteers from Pass It Along. We are so grateful for all of our community partners who have come together to make this night possible.



"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." Mother Teresa

Pass It Along, Master Gardeners, and Sussex Woman's Club Beautify Agency at Day Service

After the rain frigid temperatures, high snowfall amounts, and a seemingly unending winter we are excited to host the Master Gardeners and the volunteers from Pass It Along for a day of planting and landscaping. The Sussex Woman's Club have graciously donated funds toward the purchase of materials for the team to plant. A big thank you to Betty Rust and Georgia Burns for facilitating the donation and their continued support. Also to recognize the 10 teenagers volunteering for the day of service, their supervisor Kelly Gvoth, Kathy Rathbone, and Director Kurt Walton for their participation to make the event a success. We are also grateful for the Master Gardeners, Noreen Applebaum, Carol Johnson and Alison Rist, and Lisa Chiariello who will be offering guidance on proper planting techniques. Looking forward to seeing their great work on May 19th!





Students with their decorated Houses for Change fundraising boxes.

Miriam Avenue School and THORLABS Team up for Fundraiser to Make Change

A community fundraiser is planned for May where Development Specialist, Christine Nostray, will bring together the families at Miriam Avenue school in Newton and Thorlabs for a Houses For Change family night. The evening will focus on raising homelessness awareness and also creating fun houses from cardboard boxes. After adorning their boxes with glitter, glue, stickers, paint, ribbon, and other messy crafting options children will then use them to collect donations for Family Promise of Sussex County. Thorlabs will be partnering with the school to match any funds raised from the campaign.

Family Promise Programs

- Emergency Shelter
- Opening Door's Men's Day
- Intensive Case Management
- Rapid Rehousing
- Homelessness Prevention

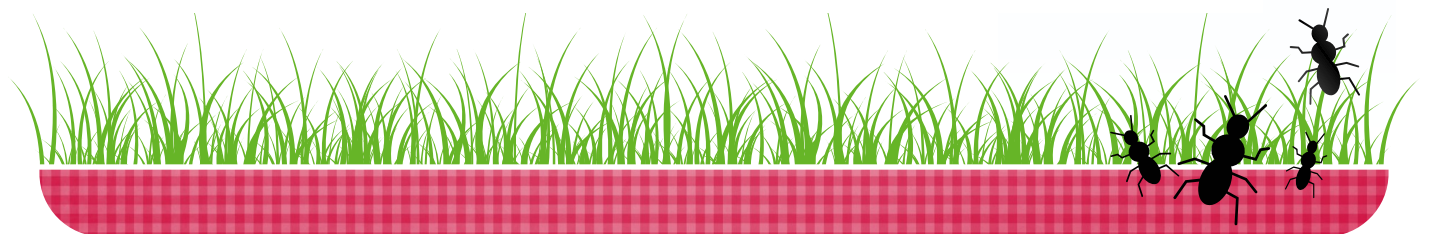
Interested in Board Membership?

For more information on how to apply to become a member of the Family Promise Board of Trustees you can request an application from a current Board Member or call the office at 973-579-1180.

Volunteer Days

Want to spend a day helping at the Agency Day Center? Call Christine, Development Specialist and ask to be connected with a volunteer opportunity!

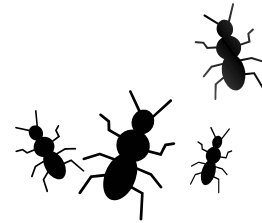
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Successful Family Seminars Continue Client Engagement

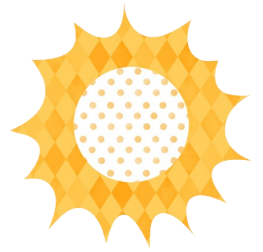
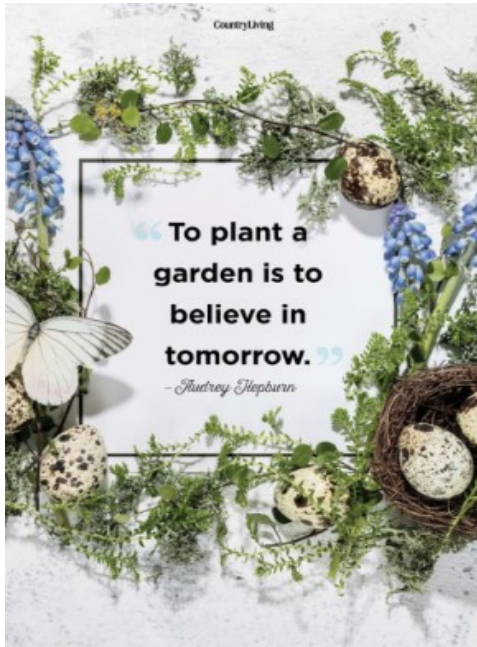
Many thanks to Patricia David, Housing Specialist, and all of our interns who have organized many wonderful group family sessions including an Easter party, Eating right on Budget with Atlantic Health, Healthy Eating with the Shoprite Dietician, and Meditation and Sound Healing. All of the topics have been well received and we were able to distribute over 20 Easter Baskets on the Easter Family Night. We are looking forward to some great spring and summer events including an upcoming client session on Bullying and Self Confidence, Creating a Stress Free Lifestyle with Dr. Eric, and a SCREAM sun safety and skin cancer program through Public Health Nursing. Look for a flyer and

registration information on our big Medieval Times Family Fun day for clients.



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."- Elizabeth Andrew





SAVE THE DATE



STRIKE OUT HOMELESSNESS!

*If you are registering as a team, you must register a full team of 8 people.

*Come by to enjoy the fun music, lights, and PRIZES!

2 HOURS OF BOWLING FOR ONLY \$10 per person
and includes the shoe rental fee!

Saturday, August 18th from 2pm-4pm held
at Sparta Lanes 43 Center St, Sparta
Township, NJ 07871



*RSVP by July 30th!

*Call FPSC @ 973-579-1180 for more info or to purchase tickets

For More
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tickets to our
fundraiser call
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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi