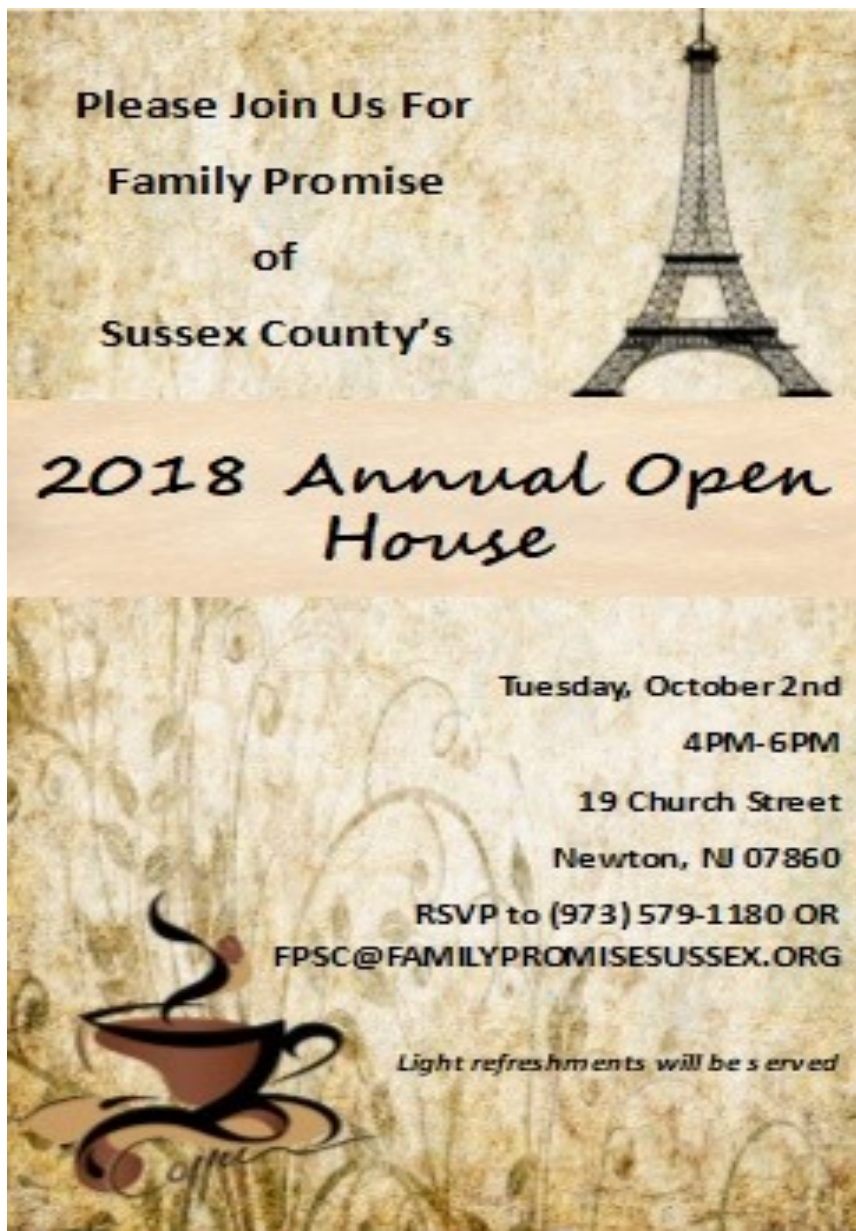


Family Promise of Sussex County

Summer News!

Summer 2018



It's Open House Time!
Hope you can join us.
RSVP to 973-919-0917

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Because, Everyone Deserves a Home!



Agency Expands Programming to Meet The Need in Community

Family Promise of Sussex County is proud to announce that we have expanded programs to better meet the needs of the homeless community in Sussex County. The new Permanent Supportive Housing Program began on August 1, 2018. The program provides services to chronically homeless individuals with a diagnosed persistent and pervasive disability. Family Promise of Sussex County has a focus on reducing the time a person experiences homelessness, thus decreasing the impact of trauma brought on by the housing crisis. In recent years, the agency expanded services to include intensive case management, homeless prevention, and rapid rehousing programs to work in conjunction with the emergency shelter program. This has proven to shorten the average time a family or individual remains homeless and to more quickly achieve housing stability.



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HERE IS TO END
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Walmart Foundation Grant Funds Vehicle and More!

Family Promise is proud to announce we are a recipient of the Walmart Foundation State Giving Grant Program. The grant has provided funds to partially fund the purchase of an All-Wheel Drive Honda Pilot. An all-wheel drive vehicle was an important addition for the agency as Sussex County roads can quickly become especially treacherous in winter months. The Grant also funded the purchase of additional supplies and needed items to support agency programs and meet client needs. Thank you, Walmart Foundation for the award and your partnership to achieve our mission of ending homelessness in the community.



Medieval Times Partners With Family Promise for a Day of Family Fun

“Chivalry In Action”

Family Promise of Sussex County partnered with Medieval Times to host a good old fashion family fun picnic day at the agency office on Monday, July 16th. The Medieval Times Dinner Theater, from Lyndhurst New Jersey, sent knights and the queen from their cast to add to the day of fun. Volunteers were provided through a local group called Kids for Kindness. It was truly a great partnership coming together to provide a day of fun and food for the families in the Family Promise programs. Food insecurity is one barrier that many of our clients face. Too often the clients we work with don't have regular access to healthy foods.

Many healthy summertime classics were served giving parents a little relief from this worry for a day! Imagine the fear a child experiences when not knowing where their next meal will come from or where their family will find shelter to lay their heads at night. The event brought about an afternoon of simple fun for kids to be kids again. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success!



Family Promise Conducts In-service Training

Community education and outreach are essential parts of the work of Family Promise of Sussex County. Bringing about awareness to the issues of homelessness is essential in bringing about change.

Did you know.....

- ~Homeless children are 9 times more likely to repeat a grade,
- ~4 times more likely to drop out of school,
- ~3 times more likely to be placed in Special Education classes
- ~Institute of Children and Poverty

On Monday May 7th, 2018 agency staff attended an in-service training at Marian E. McKeown Elementary School in Hampton. A second in-service training was held at Project Self-Sufficiency on August 8, 2018. Collaborations with the schools and other service agencies provide a network to quickly identify those at risk and assist with providing resources to households in crisis. Upcoming outreach events are scheduled with the School Nurse's Organization, additional local area schools, and other service providers. Information is provided at these events to increase awareness and aid others in understanding of how to connect students and their families with services through Family Promise of Sussex County. Would your organization benefit from an FPSC In-Service? Please call our office at 973-579-1180 to schedule.



Bowling Fundraiser Puts the *FUN* in fundraising!

Saturday August 18th Family Promise of Sussex County filled the lanes for their first bowling fundraiser event! Those in attendance enjoyed 2 hours of bowling, rocking music, flashing lights, and glowstick fun at Sparta Lane. Prizes and trophies were awarded to winners in many categories such as the first person to bowl turkey, the oldest and youngest bowlers, lowest and highest scores, the ugliest shoes, best celebration dance, most enthusiasm, etc. Funds raised will be used to help support the agency's programs.

Programs offered through the agency include intensive case management, an emergency shelter program, rapid rehousing, homeless prevention, life skill training, career counseling, a Day Center with access to laundry and shower facilities for the homeless, youth support programs, and a homeless men's drop-in day center program.

Family Promise of Sussex County relies on the generosity of the surrounding community for financial support as well as donations of rehousing items and hygiene products, volunteer hours, prepared meals for hosting weeks, and event volunteers. The volunteers who work year-round with staff to fulfill the mission of hospitality are the heart and soul of all the work Family Promise of Sussex County accomplishes.

Donations are welcome and can be mailed to PO Box 154, Newton, NJ 07860.

Upcoming Fundraising Event:

Annual Housewarming Tea Party which will be held in January. Tickets will be on sale later this year. Please call the agency office for additional information.



Winner Katie Bloomer

Are you interested in volunteering?

Opportunities available to

Cook meals

Provide Hospitality in the Shelter

Clerical and other office duties

Landscaping and maintenance

*Call the agency office today to learn more
about how you can get involved!*

973-579-1180





Outreach Activities Help Spread Homelessness Awareness

The warm summer weather has lead to some great outreach days for Family Promise of Sussex County. The ladies of the office hit the road to many events this summer throughout the County. We were extremely fortunate to work with Pass It Along on a Box City Fundraiser to benefit the agency programs. Each teen slept in a large refrigerator box overnight to increase awareness and raise funds.

Agency staff attended the event and brought along a past shelter client who spoke about her experiences with homelessness and the road to housing stability. The agency also organized a summer health fair focused on staying safe and hydrated in the heat.

Another stop on the summer tour included visiting the Helen Morgan School in Sparta to speak to the 5th grade class who had collected donations. The agency was honored to be invited to the Lakeland Bank Golf Outing. Family Promise staff attended Star Wars night at the Sussex County Minors baseball game and also Children's Day at the Sussex County Fair. Then staff was off to participate in the Vacation Bible School program at the First Presbyterian Church of Newton where participating children learned about hunger and homelessness.



New Members Join Family Promise Board

Welcome Johnathan Frodella

Jonathan N. Frodella focuses his practice on commercial litigation in the state and federal courts of New Jersey and New York. Jonathan represents a diverse group of corporate and individual clients in matters ranging from complex disputes in scientific and technological spaces to small business and personal disputes, both at trial and on appeal. Jonathan also litigates estate and probate matters and represents various public entities both as a litigator and as an advisor. His commercial litigation practice is informed by his experience as a transactional attorney in New York, and he continues to provide transactional services at Laddey, Clark & Ryan.



Jonathan attended the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, from which he earned a B.M. in vocal performance. While at UNCSA, he received the Sarah Graham Kenan Award for Excellence, which included a full-tuition merit scholarship. Jonathan earned his J.D. from Duke University School of Law, where he was a member of the Moot Court Board and the Student Note Editor of the *Alaska Law Review*. (Bio Curtesy of Laddey, Clark, & Ryan LLP)

Welcome Jonathan to the Board of Trustees at Family Promise of Sussex County!

Family Promise Week: October 21-28

Celebrate!

To celebrate Family Promise week, Family Promise of Sussex County will partner with the Sussex County library System to bring about awareness to issues of homelessness. The library will display books, videos, and resources for the week of October 21-28. Stop by any local branch of the library to check out materials on homelessness, poverty, and children's books that convey the message of homelessness. Agency flyers, brochures, and volunteer applications will also be available. Our local Affiliate, Family Promise of Sussex County is one of over 200 affiliate agencies across the country working to end homelessness and uniting the faith community to provide support to children and their families who are homeless. Family Promise Week raises awareness about the issue of homelessness and celebrates the service of our volunteers. Thank you to the Sussex County Library System for helping spread awareness and educate the community on this important mission of hospitality! "Every family deserves a home."

<https://sussexcountylibrary.org/>



New Members Join Family Promise Board of Trustees

Welcome Joseph Young



Joseph Young has been a resident of Sparta NJ since 2000. During that time his family have been active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta. Joseph has served in the church as Elder, participating and leading Missions and Human Resource Council. He sings with the Choir, is a member of the Praise Team, and participates in Salt and Light Theater Ministry. Joseph is also committed to hands-on mission work that includes volunteering at Family Promise of Sussex County, Johnsonburg Presbyterian Camps and participates in Disaster Recovery Mission Trips. Joseph is proud to be serving as a board member of Family Promise of Sussex County.

Joseph has been retired for almost a year, however he spent 40 years working for Toys R Us starting out as a backroom store clerk. He and his family moved around the country with Toys R Us working and living in San Jose CA, Seattle, Chicago, and New Jersey. He eventually moved up the ladder working in the corporate offices as Strategic Director of Global Supply Chain Systems and Processes focusing the integrations of supply chain applications into business units around the globe. Since Toys R Us, Joseph worked as CEO of Roberta Roller Rabbit LLC, a small apparel retailer located in New York. Joseph has a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University.

Welcome Joseph to the Board of Trustees at Family Promise of Sussex County!

Would you like to learn more
about how to become a member of
the Board of Trustees at
Family Promise of Sussex County?
Call today to Inquire: 973-579-1180



Families now comprise 35% of the homeless population.

One out of every five people who is homeless is a child.

One out of every 30 American children will experience homelessness this year.

Sussex County 2nd In State for Foreclosure Spurring Homeless Count

Driving through Sussex County this summer the high number of houses which have been neglected and overrun by plant overgrowth is apparent. With the warm weather and the abundance of rain it made for a great growing season for weeds to have taken over abandoned properties. Many of these are homes that have been foreclosed and left behind, a sad reality for many here in the county.



In fact, according to an article posted on NJ.com, “New Jersey once again claimed the infamous honor of leading the nation in foreclosures in 2017,” with Sussex County ranking 2nd in the state for highest number of foreclosures in the state. The article provides statistic stating that 1 in 32 homes were foreclosed last year impacting nearly 2,000 Sussex County household properties.

The Annual Point-in-Time counts performed by the County provide data on number of homeless county residents. Reports recently released by the state indicate that the number of homeless individuals in the county continued to increase into 2018. Over one hundred homeless households were identified on this one day survey in January, with 28 individuals being unsheltered, and living exposed to the bitter elements of winter. If you know someone in need of housing assistance please refer them to our office located at 19 Church Street, Newton, NJ.

If you would like to read the full article By Erin Petenko go to
https://www.nj.com/data/2018/01/foreclosure_rates_in_all_21_counties_rankeddddddd.html



19 Church Street, Newton NJ 07860

973-579-1180

Hours: Monday—Friday 8:30 to 4:30

If you would like to learn more about agency services, RSVP to an event, or learn about volunteer opportunities please call the office.

Important Dates in 2018:

10/02 Open House

10/21-28 Family Promise Week

11/14 Fall Health Fair at Harvest House in Sussex 11:30-12:30

2019 Events:

Annual Housewarming Tea Party:
Date to Be Announced