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## Newsletter Summer Edition



## values and goals >>>

### **Family Promise of Sussex County's Sustainability Strategy**

Family Promise of Sussex County is dedicated to reducing the vicious cycle of poverty in Sussex County. Our mission is to unite resources within the community, provide overnight shelter services and short and long term housing solutions. In addition, our goals are to advocate, empower, and educate families about homelessness, and most importantly, help them reach a sustainable independence, and acclamation back into productive lifestyles.



## Meet Our Volunteers

### *Memorable Experiences and Testimonies*

*Family Promise of Sussex County had the opportunity to reach out and speak to our volunteers regarding their experiences and the reason behind their devotion to the community. Listening to their testimonies, and understanding what is it like to be a volunteer and recommendations for the next generation of volunteers.*

Meet Ron and Carol Stickney! They have been volunteering since the mid 80's, and have been directly involved with the agency for about 25 years. Mrs. Stickney has been

with Family Promise since the beginning, serving on the Board of Trustees as well as directly participating with the overnight shelter program. Together, Mr and Mrs Stickney began their volunteerism

through Sparta Presbyterian Church.

Today they are members of Newton Presbyterian. At the shelter, they took part by preparing meals for the guests. According to Mr. Stickney, this was simply not good enough. He understood that families were overwhelmed with the uncertainty of tomorrow. Thus, it was essential for him and his wife to sit and share the cooked meals with the group. They treated them like family. To them, this is what makes others

feel like they matter. We asked Mr. Stickney about some of the biggest challenges of being a volunteer today and any recommendations for young generations. Mr. Stickney expressed his



frustration about young people and smart phones. There are bigger problems and needs in the world.

The notion that the government would provide all the financial assistance is false. Volunteers are the back bone of social change. He urges young people to have faith, as well as compassion for others in need. Mrs. Stickey explained that

volunteerism gave her the biggest joy and fulfillment in life. Mrs. Stickney explained that people need to give back, because we get a lot more by giving rather than taking. Today, Mr. & Mrs. Stickney continue to devote their time in the community, as well as encouraging their grandchildren to be part of a scout troop and collect items for those in need.

celebrating success >>>

# Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

*The Volunteer  
Appreciation Dinner  
was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
2019 at Christ  
Episcopal Church in  
Newton, New Jersey*



## The Volunteers

Family Promise of Sussex County hosted the event to honor and celebrate the hundreds of volunteers that make our mission possible. They spent countless hours at our emergency shelter program where they assist with meal preparation and client companionship.

## Thank you

Family Promise of Sussex County values and appreciates our volunteers because they are vital to our success and overall impact in Sussex County. With this event, our agency would like recognize every volunteer for their hard work and ongoing support. Thank you for your service!



## Our sponsors

Thank you to all of our sponsors for making this event possible.

ThorLabs	Mohawk Country Club
Jersey Mikes	Mama's Restaurant
Yetter's Dinner	Bella Italia
Starbucks	Stonewood Tavern
Dunkin Donuts	ShopRite
Weis Markets	Costco
Gala Floral	Café Pierrot



award ceremony >>>

## Everyone is a winner

Family Promise of Sussex County was proud to recognize and award all volunteers for their years of service with the agency. Awards included those serving 20 years, 10-15 years and those offering a few years of volunteer service. Family Promise of Sussex County considers every volunteer very valuable to our success. **Congratulations!**



## Every Volunteer Matters

Learn more about our volunteer opportunities by contacting us directly, or visit our office location:

**19 Church Street  
Newton, NJ 07860  
973-579-1180**

**[info@familypromisesussex.org](mailto:info@familypromisesussex.org)**





# Faith and Family Night

*On June 1<sup>st</sup>, Sussex County Miners and Thrivent Financial sponsored the Faith and Family Night Event at the Skyland Stadium in Augusta, NJ. The event included free petting zoo, horse and carriage rides, pony rides, face painting, arts and crafts, live performances, and fireworks.*



Our agency had the opportunity to engage with the community by providing valuable information of our mission and role in Sussex County. Special prizes and arts and crafts were offered for the children to enjoy.



Family Promise of Sussex County was honored to be a beneficiary at the event. Everyone who attended the event was encouraged to donate new or gently used items, which would benefit our agency's Emergency Shelter Program. Guests donated items, such as towels, shower curtains, mats, and various bathroom supplies.



Thank you Sussex County Miners and Thrivent Financial for making us a part of such wonderful event. Special thanks to all of the donors for your help and generosity.

**Our agency truly appreciates you!**



## The True Cost of Homelessness in Sussex County

*10 in every 10,000 individuals in NJ were homelessness in 2018. New Jersey is the #1 state in the nation with 1 in 605 foreclosed homes. In Sussex County the total is 1 in every 32 homes end up in foreclosure.*

❖ *US Department of Housing and Urban Development*

## Impact on Children....

Homelessness in children is significant and long-lasting. Being homeless increases their chances of high rates in chronic health issues. Many children are exposed to physical violence, which directly affects their social and emotional development. Lastly, homelessness in children results in low academic performance and a decline in graduation rates.

**community service >>>**

## Family Promise of Sussex County partnered with Pass it Along and many local organizations to Stand Down for Veterans

Stand Down for Veterans Event was held on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Sparta Evangelical Free Church. The event welcomed all veterans, including retired or active duty. It was a day full of delicious food and free services. Family Promise of Sussex County and various local organizations provided veterans and their families with free healthcare services, hair cuts, housing resources, counseling, personal care, and free access to legal assistance. **Thank you veterans for your sacrifice and service!**



## Solutions to Homelessness....

**Prevention-** Prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless by providing support and resources.

**Strong Emergency Response-** having effective shelter program, food and supplies while homeless.

**Housing, Accommodations and Support-** Provide short and long term housing solutions, ongoing support and education, as ways to move people back to productive lifestyles.

# Upcoming Events...

## STRIKE OUT HOMELESSNESS

Strike Out Homelessness was established with the goal of raising awareness of the issue of poverty and homelessness in Sussex County. All proceeds will be used to benefit our Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Homeless Prevention, Permanent Supportive Housing, Intense Case Management Services, and our Men's Day Programs. The event will take place **on August, 17<sup>th</sup>, at Sparta Lanes**. Individuals and businesses are encouraged to participate through direct sponsorship, and/or to register yourself or a team. What a great team building activity! Price of admission is \$10. Please contact our office at 973-579-1180 to reserve your spot.

### Would you like to be a sponsor and help us to end homelessness?

#### SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES FOR STRIKE OUT HOMELESSNESS

##### \$2000 "Family Fundraiser Sponsor"

- Company literature table at event
- 30 second Company announcement during event
- Company name displayed at shoe rental station
- Company logo displayed on two tables behind lanes
- Name featured on two lanes during event
- Name Featured in agency Newsletter
- One social media promotion for an event

##### \$1000 "The Perfect Game Sponsor"

- Company name announced as a sponsor at event
- Company name displayed at shoe rental station
- Company logo displayed on two tables behind lanes
- Name featured on two lanes during event
- Name Featured in agency Newsletter
- One social media promotion for an event

##### \$700 "Lucky Strike Sponsor"

- Company name displayed at shoe rental station
- Company logo displayed on one table behind lanes
- Name featured on a lane during event
- Name Featured in agency Newsletter
- One social media promotion for an event

##### \$500 "King Pin Sponsor"

- Company logo displayed on one table behind lanes
- Name featured on a lane during event
- Name Featured in agency Newsletter
- One social media promotion for an event

##### \$250 "Lucky Shot Sponsor"

- Name featured on a lane during event
- Name Featured in agency Newsletter
- One social media promotion for an event

##### \$125 "Bumper Bowler Event"

- Name Featured in agency Newsletter
- One social media promotion for event

##### "Other Donations"

To be used for agency and program needs



## Summer Health Fair

Family Promise of Sussex County is organizing two Summer Health Fairs. The first fair will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:45am-12:30pm at the Harvest House, Sussex NJ. The second fair will be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30am-12:30pm, at the Manna House, Newton, NJ. The goal of the events is to promote healthy lifestyles and community education. The events offer preventative care and resources about how to better protect the community from sun stroke, dehydration, ticks and insects during the summer months.

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coming soon >>>

## Tea Party

*The Tea Party is scheduled for January, 2020 at the Lafayette House, Lafayette Township, NJ. Save the dates will be mailed out in July. Additional information and details for the event are to come.*

## Pet Portraits

**Pet Portrait Photography Minisession**  
by Lorena Roman Photography

Where:  
Maxwell and Molly's Closet,  
218 Spring St. Newton.

When:  
June 19, 2019, (2:00pm-6:40pm).

Cost:  
\$25 with \$5 going to Family Promise

This includes:  
Minisession 10 mins max 2 Pets per photo  
and 4 members of the family  
2 Portrait Digital Negative HD sized 11x20  
Print Release.

Call 973-300-0101 to schedule your appointment



*For event updates, visit us on  
Facebook or Twitter*



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