



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## SO MANY WAYS TO JOIN US IN THE **FIGHT TO END HOMELESSNESS**

Family Promise of Sussex County has launched numerous initiatives during this holiday season offering delicious Thanksgiving meals and providing a welcoming environment for clients to enjoy. We are collecting new winter coats for distribution to needy households - look for collection boxes in your local community. Lastly, we are determined to grant each child experiencing homelessness a wish of a favorite toy or gift item, but this is only possible with your contributions. Without your support, these initiatives cannot be turned into reality. Each donation our agency receives helps us come closer to our goal of ending homelessness in the county and ensure that our less fortunate neighbors have the basic needs to keep safe during this holiday season. Pay it forward and share your *Blessings!*

FAMILY PROMISE OF  
SUSSEX COUNTY  
NEWSLETTER

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# Blessings!



While preparing for your upcoming festivities with family and friends this holiday season, it is a perfect time to take a moment to reflect on our many blessings.

*A growing number of our neighbors are not as fortunate.*

No one plans on being homeless, especially for the holidays. People end up homeless for many reasons: a large unexpected expense or repair, poor health, job loss, domestic violence, substance use disorder, foreclosure, mental illness, or loss of a loved one to name a few.

Many of us have experienced these same issues but have family and friends to provide strong support and help us through the tough times. One big difference is that for many homeless individuals, they are alone in life with minimal or no personal support systems.

At Family Promise of Sussex County, we work to provide long-term, permanent, and stable housing solutions. Our professional staff provide intensive case management services that include life skill training for sustainable change, financial repair, budgeting, and help clients to understand landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities.

*Your financial support will make a difference.  
Please share your Blessings!*



We hope that each and every one of you enjoy a warm home this holiday season filled with joyful moments with family and friends, but please remember that we have neighbors who are less fortunate: left out in the cold, hungry, lonely, and unable to provide a home let alone a holiday celebration for their family. Your generous donation will help to quickly stabilize our less fortunate neighbors and provide them the gift of warmth and shelter this holiday season.

*Every gift matters!*

Family Promise of Sussex County offers numerous donation options. You may sign up for a one-time donation or reoccurring monthly donations on our web page at [www.familypromisesussex.org](http://www.familypromisesussex.org). You can also mail a check made payable to Family Promise of Sussex County to 19 Church Street, Newton, NJ 07860.

Sincerely,



Polly Quiles  
Coordinator of Philanthropy





# SELECTIVE INSURANCE VOLUNTEERS

Last month, volunteers from Selective Insurance took on two amazing projects for our agency. First, volunteers Liz and Nicole tackled the difficult task of organizing our file room. Prior to their visit, you could not even see the floor of the room! Now, our files are organized and secure and our agency Christmas Decorations are categorized and easily accessible!

The day before Halloween, Marion and her daughter threw a special party for the children in our shelter program. The children participated in crafts, received Halloween goodies, and even turned each other into toilet paper mummies! The children were so grateful and had a **FRIGHTFULLY** good time!

Thank you, Selective!

**SELECTIVE**  
BE UNIQUELY INSURED<sup>SM</sup>



## FREDON SCHOOL'S 10 MONTHS OF GIVING

Fredon School's Student Council chooses a cause to donate to for each of the ten months that school is in session. They call this project Ten Months of Giving. For their October project, Fredon chose to donate toiletries to benefit Family Promise! Each grade level of the PreK-6th grade school was assigned an item to collect. Our event Coordinator attended the school's monthly "Den Rally" assembly to receive the donations.



# DRIVES AND COLLECTIONS

Oh, the weather outside is frightful...

## Coat Drive

November 1 - December 1

Family Promise of Sussex County will be collecting **NEW** winter coats for homeless and at-risk adults and children in Sussex County.



COATS CAN BE PLACED IN COLLECTION BOXES AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - BRANCHVILLE  
K&P HOLISTIC HEALTH AND FITNESS - FRANKLIN  
BALEVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH - NEWTON  
BARN HILL - NEWTON  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH - NEWTON  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - NEWTON

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - NEWTON  
MCGUIRE CHEVROLET - NEWTON  
NEWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT - NEWTON  
SUSSEX HONDA - NEWTON  
THORLABS - NEWTON  
WALMART - NEWTON  
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH - SUSSEX

SUSSEX COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM:  
FRANKLIN BRANCH - FRANKLIN  
MAIN LIBRARY - NEWTON  
DENNIS BRANCH - NEWTON  
LOUISE CHILDS BRANCH - STANHOPE  
DOROTHY HENRY BRANCH - VERNON  
SUSSEX-WANTAGE BRANCH - WANTAGE



But coats are so delightful!

## HAT, GLOVE, AND SOCK DRIVE




As winter quickly approaches, Starbucks in Franklin, Sparta, Rockaway, Denville, Parsippany, and the Wayne Route 23 locations will be collecting NEW hats, gloves and socks - for all ages - to donate to Family Promise of Sussex County.





# DRIVES AND COLLECTIONS

## Love in Action



Over the past several years, Love in Action has very generously prepared and delivered thousands of Thanksgiving meals to those in need in our county. Families and individuals living on the streets in Sussex County are able to benefit from a warm, home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner despite a lack of kitchen to prepare it. FPSC delivers these meals directly to those in need.

Interested in contributing to this noble cause?  
There are two ways to help!

- 1.) Bring a prepared meal item to the United Methodist Church:  
71 S Sparta Ave, Sparta at 1pm on 11/24/19.
- 2.) Volunteer to plate single serve meals in assembly line fashion.

Please email Mitch Morrison at [mitchell.morrison5@mac.com](mailto:mitchell.morrison5@mac.com) if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity!

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO  
FRANKLIN BOROUGH  
RECREATION  
FOR COLLECTING SOCKS  
TO BENEFIT HOMELESS  
AND AT-RISK INDIVIDUALS  
AND FAMILIES IN SUSSEX  
COUNTY!**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## GREAT GATSBY FUNDRAISER

Please join us, along with your friends and family, at a Roaring Twenties themed fundraiser in lieu of Family Promise of Sussex County's Annual Tea Party.

See back for more details.

JANUARY **18** 1-4 PM

The Lafayette House  
100 Olde Lafayette Village  
Lafayette, NJ 07848

RSVP TO NICHOLE AT (973) 579-1180  
OR [FPSC@FAMILYPROMISESUSSEX.ORG](mailto:FPSC@FAMILYPROMISESUSSEX.ORG)

Price: **\$50**

### LUNCH TO INCLUDE:

Fresh Garden Salad  
Antipasto Salad  
Beef Tips with Mushrooms  
Chicken Florentine  
Penne with Pink Vodka Sauce  
Vegetable Medley  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Hot Apple Betty  
Coffee/Tea

### COSTUME CONTEST:

Best Dressed Gatsby Couple  
Most Creative Costume  
Best Dressed Flapper  
Spirit of the Roaring Twenties  
Best Dressed Gangster

### TRICKY TRAY

50/50

Please consider bringing a gift card to a local supermarket or housing store (i.e. WalMart, Shop Rite, Weis, Home Goods, Home Depot, Lowes) to assist clients moving into housing.

DON'T MISS OUT! PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR THE

## GREAT GATSBY FUNDRAISER

AND JOIN US IN

CELEBRATING THE 20'S AS WE RING IN 2020!

CALL 973-579-1180 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



# LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED?

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

Distributing Thanksgiving Meals

Picking up Donated Items from Collection Locations

Decorating the Day Center for Shelter Guests

Volunteering at our Client Christmas Party

Wrapping Christmas Presents

## NO TIME? NO PROBLEM!

Family Promise of Sussex County offers numerous donation options. You can make a one-time donation by mailing a check or you can go to our website to make an online donation or set up a recurring monthly donation. You can also contribute to one of our collections!

## EVERY GIFT MATTERS!

Call our office today for more information!

(973) 579-1180





'TIS THE SEASON TO BE  
**JOLLY**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR  
FAMILY PROMISE  
OF SUSSEX COUNTY  
*Christmas Party*

-Holiday Dinner prepared by Sussex County  
Technical School's Culinary Program-  
- Desserts and Drinks from Starbucks -  
- Music - Games - Crafts - Santa -  
GIFTS FOR ALL ATTENDEES!!

DECEMBER 10

FROM

5:00 - 7:00 PM

AT

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF NEWTON  
54 HIGH STREET  
NEWTON, NJ 07860



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