



VOLUNTEERS

May 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In response to the unprecedented public health crisis related to COVID-19, Family Promise of Sussex County will remain open to assist those in need; however, walk-ins and in-person services are suspended. Our staff are working diligently to ensure the safety and well-being of those we serve.



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UPDATES ON OUR IMPACT

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Family Promise of Sussex County provided 12 families with stable housing and rental assistance. With the support of our donors, volunteers and community partners, the agency was able to move all shelter clients into permanent housing, a vital step ensuring safety for those most vulnerable. Furthermore, the agency provided additional rental assistance for families experiencing unemployment because of COVID-19; and our agency worked with landlords to accommodate families at risk of losing their home during this public health crisis.

FEEDING FAMILIES DURING THE CRISIS

Many thanks to our community of supporters and volunteers. We were able to provide many of our clients with nutritious food and meals during this critical time. Our agency collected food donations and supplies providing clients with items based on their specific needs. Many of the families experienced difficulties with access to food due to reliance on public transportation or vulnerable health conditions. Many families have seen transitioning to at-home/ online school, thus trips to the grocery stores were delayed, leaving many with little supplies. With the help of our volunteers, all food bags and additional resources were distributed fast and efficiently to those in need. Thank you for your support and dedication!

THE SHELTER PROJECT

The Shelter Program is a pivotal source for those in need of emergency shelter. The success of this program is due to the ongoing support from local congregations and volunteers. Due to health concerns associated with COVID-19, as well as concerns for the safety of volunteers, the Shelter Program is currently unavailable. We are working with local community leaders and partners on the ground to secure permanent shelter location for our clients. Our goal is to establish a long-term and a sustainable shelter sight, in the event of a future crisis.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WE RELY ON GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO CONTINUE OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES LOOKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Become a Personal Shopper

Family Promise of Sussex County connects volunteers and families to provide safe and personal shopping during COVID-19. Currently, online grocery systems are overwhelmed with the volume of orders, leaving many waiting for days or weeks before they can receive supplies. This is a great opportunity for volunteers to help those most at risk from contracting the virus. It is a great way to assist those in need by becoming a personal shopper and personally deliver nutritious food to families in need. By becoming a personal shopper, it is a rewarding experience and an opportunity to connect with others in the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS
DESPITE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19, THE AGENCY IS TAKING THE SPRING IN BLOOM IN A VIRTUAL PLATFORM. LIVE AUCTION AND ENGAGEMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR GUESTS. 50/50 TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE. MORE DETAILS AND INFORMATION ON THE EVENT TO COME. FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA FOR QUICK UPDATES.

COVID-19 Opportunities for Your Skills

Our volunteers make a huge difference for Family Promise of Sussex County. Volunteers give of their time, energy, talents, and skills as a special way to give back and impact in community. If you have any special talents and can offer creative ways to help those in needs, we would like to partner with you.

Please feel free to reach out to us for more details and information!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Sharing Shelf

Your generous food donations can make a difference in our community. Donating nutritious food to our agency will feed the homeless with dignity.

Wish List:

- Can food, fruits, vegetables
- Soups, apple sauce
- Cereal, peanut butter and jelly
- Pasta, bread, rice
- Cleaning supplies, laundry detergent
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Shampoo, body soap, toothpaste
- Grocery Food Gift Cards

