



## Now Introducing Our New Location!

Family Promise of Sussex County will now be serving clients at our new location at the Sussex United Methodist Church, 15 Bank Street, Sussex, NJ. Drop-in hours are available for our clients on Mondays and Thursdays from 12:00pm until 4:00pm.

Clients can meet with caseworkers that will provide housing guidance and support during the drop-in hours. Clients can also apply for LIHEAP. LIHEAP is a utility assistance program that helps with the costs of heating bills.



The Mobile Outreach Team will be available for assistance as well. This team can assist by providing access to needed resources, and can bring clients food, clothing, shelter resources, and mobile internet access. The team can also provide transportation to necessary appointments and can assist with benefits applications.



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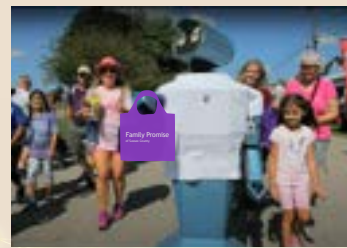
# Family Promise of Sussex County at the Fair

Welcome to our booth!

"There's no place like home was the theme of our booth at the Sussex County building where staff shared the agency's work with fair visitors and participants.



Over the course of a week the staff were able to distribute 145 bags containing information about the agency!



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

On Monday, August 7th, Family Promise of Sussex County was featured in the Nonprofit Spotlight. The teams were able to give distribute 141 agency information bags and inform fair goers about the agency.

12 PM | MONDAY 7 AUGUST | 10 PM





# Children's Day at the Fair



**This year Family Promise of Sussex County made Worry Monsters! Worry Monsters are used to help children who have suffered from abuse, neglect, or other serious problems, to resolve their worries, and they're super fun to make!**





FAMILY PROMISE OF  
SUSSEX COUNTY

# Summer of You

Over the summer, Family Promise of Sussex County ran a fun summer program for our clients' children, called Summer of You. This program focused on learning how to cope with trauma in healthy ways, the importance of self-care, engaging in emotional regulation, and practicing positive self-talk.

The program also featured The Champ Up Workshop from former professional Muay Thai Champion, coach and author, Chris Romulo. Chris's workshop focused on empowering the youth to embrace the spirit of a champion and had key speaking points that addressed overcoming adversity, bullying resilience, and the three steps to a champion's uprising.



SELF CARE  
is a  
PRIORITY



## Financial Literacy Course



The Financial Literacy class of FPSC was crafted to teach others how to improve one's relationship with money. The classes encompassed topics on how to create a budget, manage finances, bill paying, ways to fix one's credit, needs vs. wants, and ways to save and invest. Clients were also taught the importance of setting goals.

The Financial Literacy class was offered to all of our FPSC clients that were interested in taking the next step towards making a positive, healthier future with one's finances.





# BACK TO SCHOOL

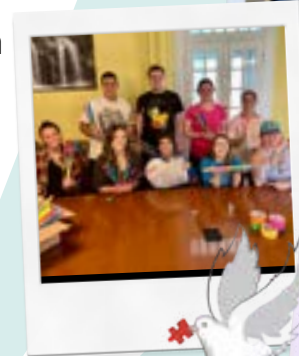
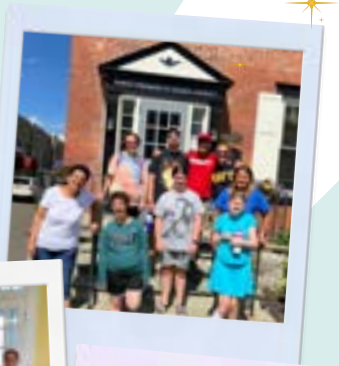
Family Promise of Sussex County attended Project Self Sufficiency's Back to School Night. We saw 400 families and were able to hand out flyers to those who may need our services. We also had a fun craft, paper kites!



On August 19th, Family Promise of Sussex County staff members attended the Community Fun Day event held by the First Baptist Church of Sussex. At this event we were able to inform attendees about Family Promise and the services we provide. We distributed 150 goodie bags full of school supplies as well as notebooks, folders, and pens and pencils to children and their families.

# We ♥ our Volunteers

Peace by Piece is a 501c3 non-profit organization driven to enhance the lives of those faced with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families. Since 2016 the goal has been to provide lifelong support and services through a community center as well as housing options that will promote lasting friendships and a superior quality of life for its precious individuals. Family Promise of Sussex County is fortunate to have Peace by Piece volunteers every week!



Amanada Keppler is one of volunteers that helps out with outreach events such as Newton Day, Newton's St. Patrick Day Parade, and Children's Day at the NJ State Fair. She also helped out at our main fundraising event, "Bid to Build a Better Future." Amanda also organized our resource room!

Vivian Bragg and Melanie Abel from JCP&L assisted our team with set up for our pop-up thrift shop. Hundreds of items such as books clothing items, toiletries, pillows, and blankets were moved.

Thank you JCP&L for your help!

Gus G., Enrique R., and James C. from the Franklin T-Mobile assisted our team with the pop-up thrift shop-one of our busiest events, Thanks T-Mobile of Franklin for all your help!

We would like to thank Sharon Coffman for assisting our administrative team in keeping track of the books.



**Jersey Central**  
Power & Light

**T-Mobile**





## To Our Amazing Supporters



# Atlantic Health System

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## Newton Medical Center

Thank you Newton and Hackettstown Medical Center for awarding Family Promise of Sussex County a generous \$20,000 grant! This grant will help us to reach more community members through outreach and education activities. We thank our neighbors at Newton Medical Center for selecting us and partnering with us to foster a healthier community.

### LAKE STOCKHOLM SWIM TEAM



Each year, the Wallkill Valley Swim Conference (made up of 9 teams) selects a local nonprofit to be the beneficiary of the Conference fundraising events. Olga Struble, one of Lake Stockholm team's board members, was kind enough to nominate Family Promise of Sussex County as the beneficiary for this year!

**Thank you!**

Thanks a Latte  
for all that you do!

We're excited that our local Starbucks partners (employees) nominated us to receive a grant from The Starbucks Foundation!

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS

THE STARBUCKS FOUNDATION



Bill and Mary

Bill and Mary donate shelf stable food to the agency every month. Thank you, Bill and Mary for your kindness and generosity!



### The Dorso Community Foundation, Inc



The Dorso Community Foundation, Inc. has been a gracious donor to Family Promise of Sussex County throughout the year. We thank the Dorso Community Foundation Inc. for their continued support!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FPSC  
AT SUSSEX  
COUNTY DAY**  
LOCATION:  
SUSSEX COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS  
  
12PM-4PM

SEP  
**17**

**FPSC  
NIGHT WITHOUT  
A BED**  
LOCATION:  
ONLINE

OCT  
**21**

**FPSC  
OPEN  
HOUSE**  
LOCATION:  
19 CHURCH ST, NEWTON  
  
11AM-3PM

OCT  
**05**

**FPSC  
COAT  
DISTRIBUTION**  
LOCATION:  
19 CHURCH ST, NEWTON  
  
10AM-2PM

OCT  
**25**

**BBQ FUNDRAISER  
FOR HOMELESS  
VETERANS  
PRESENTED BY  
BAND OF BROTHERS**  
LOCATION:  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 86  
20 YATES AVE, NEWTON

OCT  
**21**

5-9 PM

**FPSC X NICK'S  
HOPE POP-UP  
THRIFT SHOP**  
LOCATION:  
19 CHURCH ST, NEWTON

NOV  
**18**

10AM- 1PM

Do you want to help a family this winter season? We are looking for donations of new winter coats, gloves, hats, snowpants, and socks.

Please call or email Mike  
973-579-1180 - [mnebia@familypromisesussex.org](mailto:mnebia@familypromisesussex.org)





# FALL FUN in Sussex County



Join the town of Newton on Spring Street as the leaves are turning colors for the Annual Fall Festival! The Town of Newton and the GNCC provide a fun family-friendly day each year, where you will find fun for all ages! Admission is free. The Fall Festival will include a classic car show, live music, activities for kids and families, and local vendors. This event will be held on October 8th, 2023, from 11:00am - 4:00pm



From September thru November, Skylands Stadium will be transformed with over 6,000+ Jack-O-Lanterns, for an Original 45-minute Walk-Thru Spectacular. Sussex County's Family Entertainment Destination is set ablaze with spectacular visuals, a thrilling Fall Festival & more! Perfect for families, date nights, and lovers of Halloween spirit. Tickets must be purchased in advance.



Falltime on the farm is a ton of fun. Tranquility Farms offers hayrides, a corn maze, cow train ride, apple and pumpkin picking. Kids can enjoy the giant slide, kids fun tent, playground, and bounce pillow. The farm also has delicious treats available such as pies, ice cream, apple cider donuts, and apple cider slushies!

# Family Promise of Sussex County

## JOIN US FOR OUR **OPEN HOUSE** A Community Against Homelessness

Our community thrives when we all come together, in unity, to serve and support each other, regardless of our backgrounds. Let us celebrate our differences and serve each other with open hearts.

Flavors Without Borders!

**Eat** lunch with us as we embrace the delicious diversity of global cuisines!

**Meet** the staff that makes housing stability a possibility for those facing a housing crisis.

**Learn** about the agency, the housing programs, and wrap-around services that we have available for Sussex County residents!



**October 5th, 2023 | 11:00–3:00**

**19 Church St. Newton**

**RSVP by September 29th**

**Please contact Mike at 973-579-1180 ext. 1008**



# Family Promise Night without a Bed

Night Without A Bed is a campaign that raises awareness about family homelessness, a crisis that affects more than 2 million children in this country every year. Imagine sleeping in your car and having to get ready for school or work. Or moving from one motel to another to have a roof overhead. Those are just some of the realities faced by families experiencing homelessness.

- 1 in 19 children experiences homelessness before entering the first grade.
- The number one cause of family homelessness is a lack of affordable housing. On average, there are only 33 affordable rentals available for every 100 extremely low-income households.
- Children who experience homelessness are at increased risk of academic failure and physical and mental health issues.
- Family homelessness is an invisible crisis. Ashamed of the stigma of homelessness, families often go out of their way to keep their situation hidden.

October 21st



You can show your support for families in crisis by spending a Night Without a Bed sleeping anywhere except your bed. Night Without a Bed is Saturday, October 21st. Share your experience by posting a photo and tagging Family Promise of Sussex County and let people know the extent of this crisis and how they can help.

## Bonfire & Merch

Scan the QR code below to access our storefront:



Family Promise of Sussex County is excited to announce that merchandise will now be available to purchase through Bonfire! We currently have 5 unique permanent designs available and one limited edition design, A Night Without a Bed. You can purchase short sleeve t-shirts, long sleeve t-shirts, crewneck and hooded sweatshirts! We have both adult and youth sizes available.



Access the storefront through the URL below:

<https://www.bonfire.com/store/family-promise-of-sussex-county>

Limited Edition Campaign: A Night Without a Bed Campaign Shown to the right.  
(Available from September 18th-November 5th.)



# Fundraiser for Homeless Veterans

Hosted by Band of Brothers

In Partnership With American Legion Post 86, Sons of American Legion Post 86,  
and Family Promise of Sussex County



## ALL YOU CAN EAT



American Legion  
Post 86

# SOUTHERN BBQ DINNER



Sons of American  
Legion Post 86

## MENU

Fresh Fried Chicken Pulled Pork

BBQ Bakes Beans Mac-N-Cheese Cole Slaw Potato Salad

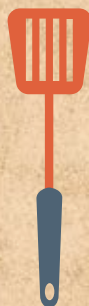
Fresh Baked Corn Bread

Soft Drinks Coffee Included

Take out  
Available!

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER**  
**21<sup>ST</sup>**

**5:00pm - 9:00pm**



**TICKET \$50 PER PERSON**  
**AMERICAN LEGION POST 86**  
**20 YATES AVE, NEWTON**

Contact: Text or Call

Joe "Veg" Luchetti (973)-459-9880

Frank Gerardi (973)-903-3631

Please make checks payable to  
Family Promise of Sussex County  
and add Memo: Band of Brothers

This event will benefit homeless veterans.  
If you're not able to join and would like to  
donate, scan this QR code.

