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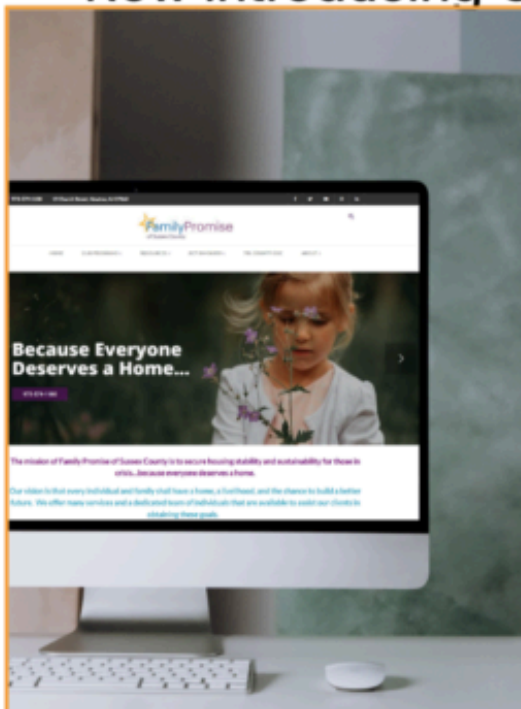
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Now Introducing Our New Website!



Family Promise of Sussex County is proud to announce the launch of a new website! This launch marks a significant milestone in our mission to support those who are facing a housing crisis in our local community. This new website will allow Family Promise of Sussex County to enhance outreach efforts by making it easier for families to find the support they need. The website offers a user-friendly interface that provides valuable information about our programs, resources, opportunities to get involved and the agency's current news and events. With a modern design and intuitive navigation, the website aims to raise awareness and facilitate easier access to our services.

Our new website is optimized for different devices and can be used on desktops as well as mobile devices. This will ensure ease of access for clients, volunteers, and fellow nonprofit agency members.

You can access our website today at
<https://familypromisesussex.org/>

Homelessness has no season

As the holiday season approaches, we are filled with hope and gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. The holidays are a time of warmth, joy, and togetherness, but for many in our community, they can also be a time of struggle and hardship.

This year, we are launching our holiday appeal to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most. Your donation can help provide housing stability and sustainability to families in your community.

Together, we can bring smiles and comfort to those in need, ensuring that everyone can experience the true spirit of the season. Please consider making a donation today and be a part of our mission to spread kindness and joy this holiday season. Your generosity will make a lasting impact and bring hope to those who need it most.



The first 50 donors who give \$250 will receive this beautiful Lenox snowflake ornament

Your contribution of \$50 will provide a bag of toiletries and hygiene items.

Your contribution of \$100 can feed a family of 4 for a week

Your contribution of \$500 can provide a family of 4 with winter coats, gloves, hats, and socks.

Your contribution of \$1000 can provide a month's worth of case management and housing stabilization support



Winter Wonderland Toy Drive

November 10th - December 20th



**Please Bring a Brand New
Toy Unwrapped to the
Following Location:**
Family Promise of Sussex County
19 Church Street, Newton,
NJ, 07860

For more information, please contact Mike at
mnebbia@familypromisesussex.org
973-579-1180 ext. 1008





Winter COAT Drive

**The cold weather is
on the way!**

**We are collecting winter coats for the
upcoming winter season!**

Please donate new coats to

Family Promise of Sussex County

19 Church Street, Newton, NJ, 07860

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Need help shopping? Visit our Dreamlist!

DreamList.com/for/db8yklvv2q

Oh What Fun!

Winter Fun in Sussex County

Skylands Stadium Light Show & Christmas Village

November 22-December 30

Drive through a beautiful exhibit that twinkles with over two million dazzling lights—your littles will be amazed by all the sparkle and shine on this mile-long course. Afterward, head to the village to spot Santa, go ice skating, dine on hot cocoa and s'mores, and play lots of festive-filled games.

Skylands Stadium, 94 Championship Pl., Augusta, NJ 07822

2023 Weihnachtsmarkt German Christmas Market of New Jersey

December 2-4

Who says you need to fly to Germany to experience an authentic Weihnachtsmarkt? Sussex County Fairgrounds is home to the largest annual Christmas market in the state and the only German Christmas Market in the US, complete with a Biergarten, food market, folk dancers, and live music. Your littles will enjoy a special visit from St. Nicholas and Mrs. Claus. 100% of all proceeds are donated to the local Sussex County charities.

Sussex County Fairgrounds, 37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 07822

Holiday Market in the Park in Hopatcong

December 10

The tree lighting and a visit from St. Nick are at dusk but come earlier to explore what the holiday market has to offer. There will be free hot chocolate, prepackaged cookies, and ornaments for the kids.

Modick Park, 28 Hopatchung Road, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

Holiday Recipe

White Chocolate Cranberry Tart

SERVINGS

8-10
slices



PREP
TIME

15
minutes



COOK
TIME

30
minutes

Additional Time 3 hours

Total Time 3 hours 45 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

Crust

1 1/2 cups gluten-free oats

1/2 cup raw almonds

5 tbsp coconut oil
(melted)**

2 tbsp maple syrup

Cranberry Layer

2 cups cranberries (fresh
or frozen)

1/4 cup maple syrup

1 tsp agar agar (substitute
with gelatin powder 1:1
ratio)

White Chocolate Layer

2/3 cup coconut milk (sub
with cashew milk)

1 cup raw cashews

3/4 cup cacao butter (sub
with white chocolate),
melted and cooled

1/3 cup maple syrup

Pinch of salt

4 tbsp white chocolate,
melted and cooled

DIRECTIONS:

For the crust add oats and almonds into a food processor. Pulse until combined and add maple syrup and coconut oil. Process into a moist mixture. Firmly press dough into the tart and press up on the sides as well. Bake at 350F for about 10-15 minutes until crust appears golden brown. Let sit for about 5-10 minutes and then transfer onto a cooling rack.

In a small saucepan add cranberries, water and maple syrup. Simmer for about 10-15 minutes over low-medium heat until cranberries have broken down. With a hand mixer puree cranberries and add a little bit of water if sauce is too thick. Add 1 tsp of agar agar powder (or gelatin powder) and simmer for another 5 minutes over low-medium heat. Set aside to cool for a couple minutes, then spread cranberry jam/sauce into the crust (1/2 way full) and let set in the fridge for another 15 minutes.

In the meantime prepare the white chocolate layer. Melt white chocolate and cacao butter in a small saucepan over low heat and set aside.

In a food processor or high speed blender add cashews, maple syrup and coconut milk. Process until completely smooth. Add melted chocolate/cacao butter and process until combined. Pour white chocolate mixture into the tart and let set in the refrigerator for about 2-3 hours. Garnish with sugar coated cranberries and white chocolate chips and serve immediately.

Store leftovers in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

Ingredients: 1 cup cranberries, 1/4 cup maple syrup, 1/4 cup water, 1/4 cup granulated cane sugar
In a medium sized pan add water and maple syrup. Heat over medium to high heat until it starts to bubble. Simmer for a couple minutes, then add the cranberries. Simmer for another 5-10 minutes over low heat until almost now liquid remains. It will appear very stick, similar to caramel sugar.
Transfer onto a cooling rack and let them sit for about 1-2 minutes. Then place them in a bowl or onto a plate filled with either monk fruit sweetener or granulated sugars. Coat them well and transfer back onto a cooling rack. Let them dry until maple has hardened and sugar is stuck to the cranberries.

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

As the leaves fall and a new chapter opens, this month is not only a time for autumnal reflections, but also an opportunity to raise awareness about a pressing issue that often goes unnoticed-youth homelessness.

As we navigate into the chillier weather of November, it is crucial to acknowledge and address the challenges faced by those who don't have the comfort and security of a place to call home. Let this month serve as a reminder to educate ourselves and our communities about the root causes of homelessness.

Youth homelessness is a complex issue intertwined with factors such as family conflicts, health struggles, and economic instability. By understanding these underlying issues, we can work towards providing support and guidance.

You are an important aspect of solving youth homelessness. You can help by donating to your local agency, whether it be your time, money, or supplies that are needed.



According to the 2023 PIT Count there were 159 people that were experiencing homelessness in Sussex County.
36% of those people were under the age of 18.

All About LIHEAP



The Utility Assistance Team works with the Department of Community Affairs to help create and approve applications for LIHEAP and USF (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program/Universal Service Fund). Qualifications for these programs are based strictly on household size and monthly income. If approved, clients receive a one-time heating credit, in addition to a monthly credit on natural gas and electric bills.

Family Promise helps spread awareness of these programs through outreach events and community engagement. If qualified, we will work directly with clients to help navigate the online application process. The state also assigns the department with applications throughout Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex, and Warren counties to review and approve for payment.

We understand that rising costs of utility bills can contribute to the financial strain on low-income households. Through administration of the LIHEAP and USF programs, we help our clients sustain their housing and work towards a better future.

Applications are now Open!

There are 20 million Americans that are behind on their utility bills. LIHEAP is a utility assistance program that is here to help!

Who can apply?

Anyone!

Renters
Homeowners

Those who have income
and those who don't

All are welcome to apply.

What's included?

Any source of Heat

Natural Gas, Electricity
Propane, Oil, Wood

Non-Heating Utilities

Electric
Natural Gas

Need help applying?

Call us today!

973-579-1180

utilities@familypromisesussex.org





October FPSC Open House

A Community Against Homelessness



The success of our open house would not have been possible without the support and active engagement by our fellow nonprofits and community members.

A sense of unity could be felt and our shared mission to improve the lives of those facing a housing crisis was reinforced.

We believe that by working together, we can achieve an even greater impact and bring positive change to the community.

Please know that our door is always open, and we look forward to future collaborations with all organizations! greater impact and bring positive change to the community.

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Thank you to those who supported our fundraiser for homeless veterans!



In the spirit of community, our recent Southern BBQ dinner fundraiser was a huge success, bringing together friends, families, and neighbors to support a cause close to our hearts-aiding homeless veterans.

The event was held on October 21st, at the American Legion Post 86. Employees from Brick N Brew worked tirelessly to ensure that everyone was well fed. Lively chatter and laughter resonated throughout the building, creating an atmosphere of shared purpose.

Funds raised during this evening will be directed towards providing essential support for homeless veterans, offering them a chance to rebuild their lives. The resources that we can provide are vital in empowering our veterans to overcome the challenges that they have when facing a housing crisis.

It is through collective efforts like these that we can truly make an impact on the lives of those who need it the most. Thank you to all that were a part of this meaningful journey.

Thank you to the Band of Brothers, American Legion Post 86, and Sons of American Legion Post 86 for partnering with us for this noble cause!



American Legion
Post 86



Sons of American
Legion Post 86



FAMILY PROMISE OF SUSSEX COUNTY AT SUSSEX COUNTY DAY

Our merch is still available!

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

Perfect gift for the upcoming
holiday season!

More Styles and Colors
available on our
storefront!



Sussex County Day was not just a celebration of community, but also an opportunity for organizations like Family Promise of Sussex County to showcase their dedication to their community and those who are facing a housing crisis.

Amidst all the festivities, Family Promise of Sussex County's booth was adorned with informative program flyers and staff ready to share the organization's mission. The booth also sold Family Promise of Sussex County merch and had Family Promise water bottles to give away. Sussex County Day provided a platform for Family Promise to connect directly with community members, raising awareness about the challenges faced by families experiencing a housing crisis and the impactful work the organization undertakes.

Attendees had the chance to learn about Family Promise's innovative approach to ending homelessness and providing housing stability and sustainability. Through a comprehensive support system Family Promise of Sussex County aims to empower families to regain stability.

FAMILY PROMISE OF SUSSEX COUNTY

Betting on a Better Future: All-In to End Homelessness

Casino Night



**JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF DRINKS, HORS
D'OEUVRES, DINNER AND FABULOUS PRIZES. PLAY
THE TABLES AND ENJOY MUSIC BY DJ RAY SIKORA**

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024 AT 5:00PM

**THE CONSERVATORY AT THE SUSSEX COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
37 PLAINS ROAD, AUGUSTA, NJ 07822**

All of your favorite Games!

Blackjack | Roulette | Craps

Giant Money Wheel | Poker | Slots

TICKETS ARE \$100 PER PERSON AND INCLUDES

**CHAMPAGNE TOAST HORS D'OEUVRES BUFFET DINNER DESERTS CASH BAR
\$50 CASINO MONEY COMPLIMENTARY PHOTO BOOTH**

We invite you to a night of timeless elegance and unforgettable moments.
Please join us in your finest formal wear.

For more information please contact Mike Nebbia at mnebbia@familypromisesussex.org or 973-579-1180 ext. 1008

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Sponsorships

Sponsorships hold a paramount significance to our organization. By partnering with us you are offering a lifeline of support that enables Family Promise of Sussex County to fulfil its vital mission. Homelessness is a complex issue. It necessitates resources ranging from shelter and food to comprehensive rehabilitation programs. Through sponsorships you can help create a significant impact on the lives of those in your community that are experiencing homelessness.

We thank you for your support!

Your Sponsorships Matter

With \$500 we are able to provide 40 families with essential toiletry packs.

An essential toiletry pack includes toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, body wash/soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products.

With \$1000 we are able to provide 5 families of 4 with winter jackets.

Winter jackets are imperative to have during the cold winter season.

With \$2500 we are able to provide car repairs.

Car repairs are especially important in Sussex County since it is a rural area and public transportation is nonexistent. Car repairs help clients maintain employment which in turn helps further stabilize their situation.

With \$5000 we are able to provide shelter to 3 homeless families for one month.

Sussex County does not have any shelters for families that are experiencing homelessness. Family Promise of Sussex County has three apartments that we put families in until their situation stabilizes. We have a constant waitlist for these shelters.

With \$10,000 we are able to provide a family with one year's worth of case management, financial planning, and financial repair.

Case management allows sustainable change to help foster greater housing stability by removing barriers. Clients learn new life skills, how to budget.

Case management is a client centered approach to support individuals experiencing homelessness. It involves assessing unique needs, coordinating services, and facilitating resources. The primary goal is to help individuals regain stability and self-sufficiency by addressing the underlying issues of their homelessness.








































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Sponsorship Levels

	Royal Flush \$10,000	Straight Flush \$5,000	Four of a Kind \$2,500	Full House 1,000	Flush \$500
Verbal recognition of your support at the Casino Night Event					
Company name & logo to appear on agency's event webpage					
A social media post highlighting your support of the event					
Recognition of your support in mass emailing for the event					
Company name & logo to appear at the Casino Night Event on a sponsor board					
Company name & logo to appear on agency's sponsor slider on agency's website					
Company name & logo featured in sponsorship compilation video					
2 Comped Tickets to Casino Night Event					
Company logo on all mass emails (over 4,500 contacts) for 1 year					
Additional 2 Comped Tickets to Casino Night Event (Total 4 Tickets)					
Recognition of your support in agency's quarterly newsletters					
Recognition of your support at all agency events for one year					
Company video showcasing your business (includes drone footage)					
Additional 2 Comped Tickets to Casino Night Event (Total 6 Tickets)					

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