

April Newsletter

From the desk of the CEO

At Family Promise of Sussex County, we work every day to turn uncertainty into stability and hope into something tangible with a belief in a simple idea: everyone deserves a safe place to call home.

Right now, many organizations like ours are operating against a backdrop of change. Across the country, government priorities are shifting—sometimes quickly, sometimes unpredictably. Funding streams are evolving, and programs are being re-evaluated. But what does not change is the reality faced by people without a home.

The need doesn't pause while systems recalibrate. The cold doesn't wait for a new budget cycle. And a family experiencing homelessness cannot put their lives on hold until clarity arrives.

That's why today matters. Because when priorities shift elsewhere, the community steps in. When the landscape becomes uncertain, local commitment becomes essential. And when the safety net stretches thin, Family Promise of Sussex County stands as a source of stability and hope.

At Family Promise of Sussex County, we talk a lot about resilience—about adapting in times of change and making long-term decisions when the short term feels unclear. Those principles apply just as powerfully here.

This agency doesn't just provide housing opportunities. It creates stability where chaos once lived. It offers dignity where judgment might otherwise appear. And it builds pathways forward—one person, one family, one household at a time.

Our work is not abstract. It's measurable, human, and deeply local. It's a mother who can finally sleep without fear. A veteran who finds support instead of silence. A person who sees a future again.

And today, you can be part of that story.

Your support helps ensure that as public priorities change, your commitment does not.

Compassion is not conditional. Responsibility doesn't disappear with uncertainty. And community leadership is strongest when it's shared.



So, I invite you to give generously—not just financially, but with your voice, your networks, and your continued engagement.

Because stability doesn't start in a capitol building.
It starts right here.
With us.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for standing by this community. And thank you for being the kind of leaders who show up when it matters most.

Chris Butto

Chris Butto, LSW
Chief Executive Officer



Casino Night

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

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, June 11th, 2026
Doors open at 5:00 pm

The Conservatory at
The Sussex County Fairgrounds
37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ

Tickets are now on sale!

Buy your tickets to our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year! Tickets can be purchased on our website.

What to expect:

- Professional casino-style game tables
- Champagne Toast
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Live DJ entertainment
- Buffet dinner
- Cash bar
- Raffle Prizes

For more information, please contact Vicki at 973-579-1180 ext. 1034
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Success Story Spotlight

We recently received this heartfelt note from a client expressing gratitude for the utility assistance they received during a particularly challenging time. They shared how the support helped keep their heat on and their home safe. Moments like this are a powerful reminder that even a single act of assistance brings renewed hope to those navigating uncertainty.

Good morning,

I would like to thank you for the help you have provided. These programs and organizations are life-saving for many families. Thank you for having empathy and for your understanding. This help gives me hope and motivates me to continue to work hard to move ahead and provide for my family.

God bless you, and please continue helping those who are in need.

Thank you, thank you!!!

Emergency utility assistance and the home energy assistance program
end June 30th!

Frustrated by the rising costs of utility bills? See if you qualify for FREE utility assistance! Call 973-579-1180

THANK YOU

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the German Christmas Market! Every year, they put on an incredible market and donate the proceeds to local non-profits, like Family Promise of Sussex County! Thank you for supporting our mission to end homelessness!



April is Food Insecurity Awareness Month

People experiencing homelessness often face a lack of nutrition, which has negative effects on both physical and mental health. Without access to balanced meals, individuals are more likely to suffer from deficiencies in essential nutrients such as protein and vitamins. Many rely on inexpensive, highly processed foods or irregular meals.

Poor nutrition can weaken the immune system, making people more vulnerable to illness and infection. Those without stable housing can face exposure to harsh weather and high stress levels, and inadequate nutrition makes it harder for the body to fight disease. This increases the risk of conditions such as anemia, high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease.

Lack of nutrition also affects mental health. When the body does not receive the necessary nutrients, it can lead to depression, anxiety, and trouble thinking clearly. For people experiencing homelessness, this can make it harder to find work, keep appointments, manage finances, or access services that can help them regain stability. Hunger and poor diet can create a cycle where health problems make it more difficult to escape homelessness, and homelessness makes it harder to stay healthy.

In addition, limited access to cooking facilities, refrigeration, and fresh food makes it difficult for people without housing to maintain a healthy diet even when food is available. Soup kitchens do their best to provide already-made meals, but resources are often limited.

Ensuring access to healthy, consistent meals is an important part of supporting health for those experiencing homelessness.



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Want to help provide families and individuals with nutritious meals? Visit our donation page on our website Or scan the QR code to find out ways you can help!

Hope is in full bloom with our **Flowers for a Fresh Start** *fundraiser!*

Family Promise of Sussex County and Crayola Flowers are partnering to end homelessness.

We receive 10% of each bouquet sold!

Scan the QR Code below, or visit the Event page on our website



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What We've Been Up To

Family Promise of Sussex County attended the Sparta Community Food Pantry resource fair at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. We were able to provide information about our housing programs to those facing a housing crisis.



Students at VoTech and High Point High School recently took part in the Game of Life simulation, where they navigated real-world scenarios. Family Promise of Sussex County was among the participating agencies, providing situations that challenged students to identify and connect with the appropriate support services.



We were part of the St. Patrick's Day parade, where we raised awareness for the organization.

