

June Newsletter



From the Desk of the Community Manager

After a long day of work, where do you go?

Home to your family? Your apartment? A place where you feel safe and comfortable?

Now imagine if that stability suddenly disappeared.
What would you do? Where would you go?

This month, we are raising awareness about the trauma that individuals and families can experience when facing or experiencing a housing crisis. The uncertainty, fear, stress, and emotional toll of not knowing where you will sleep at night can leave lasting impacts on someone's life.

For children and families, the effects are especially severe, often disrupting emotional development, education, and a sense of security. Housing is more than a roof over someone's head; it's a foundation for mental, emotional, and physical well-being.

Trauma from homelessness can linger long after someone enters a safe place to stay.

We have seen clients refuse to sleep in a bed because they were afraid to become too comfortable or too attached, living in fear that their housing could be taken away again. After experiencing instability, uncertainty, and repeated loss, even simple comforts can feel temporary.

Homelessness affects more than physical shelter. It impacts a person's sense of safety, trust, and emotional well-being. The fear of losing stability again can remain deeply rooted, even after someone begins rebuilding their life.

This is why compassionate, trauma-informed support and long-term housing stability matter so much. Healing begins when people not only have a roof over their heads but also feel secure enough to believe it will still be there tomorrow.

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LAST CALL for utility assistance applications!

Frustrated by the rising costs of utility bills? Family Promise of Sussex County has a dedicated utility assistance department that can help you complete an application!

The application period for heating, electric, and medically necessary cooling ends

JUNE 30th

June Community Events We Will Be Attending:

Wantage Day

12:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Saturday, June 13, 2026
Woodbourne Park, 145
Sherman Ridge Rd, Sussex

Stop by our table and learn more about Family Promise of Sussex County's programs and resources!

Casino Night

Betting on a Better Future

Family Promise of Sussex County's **BIGGEST** fundraiser of the year, Casino Night, is more than just an event; it's an unforgettable evening of excitement, connection, and community impact.

You can enjoy the thrill of professional gaming tables, complete with classic casino favorites, all while mingling with friends, neighbors, and new faces from across the community.

Casino Night is a fun and welcoming atmosphere where networking happens naturally, whether you're striking up a conversation at the blackjack table or celebrating a win at the roulette wheel.

Tickets are \$125 each and include

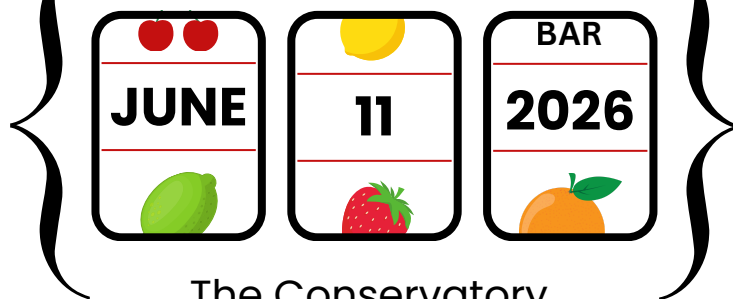
- Champagne Toast ·Hors d'oeuvres ·Buffet Dinner
- Desserts ·Cash Bar
- \$50 Casino Money ·Professional-Style Casino Tables
- Music by DJ Ray Sikora

What makes Family Promise of Sussex County unique is that we serve both individuals and families, because we believe everyone deserves a home.

Those who have experienced or are experiencing homelessness often share that they feel forgotten by their community or worry others see them as a burden or in a negative light. Our team works diligently to ensure that no one in our community faces homelessness alone.

Ongoing funding cuts to essential programs create challenges that directly affect this vulnerable population. Funds raised help strengthen our ability to respond quickly and compassionately to the increasing number of people seeking assistance.

Join Us



The Conservatory
at the Sussex County Fairgrounds

Doors open at 5:00pm



Scan the QR code to
purchase your 2026 Casino
Night tickets

At Casino Night, we will be raffling off an incredible Traeger Ironwood pellet smoker grill valued at nearly \$2,000!

Whether you love grilling, smoking, roasting, or hosting backyard BBQs, this prize is a total game-changer.

🎫 Raffle tickets are \$20 each,
or 6 tickets for \$100

📍 Winner must be present at
Casino Night to win



★Service Strong★

Veterans Fair

Our Service Strong Veterans Fair is an event dedicated to connecting veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, and their families with resources, support services, employment opportunities, and community programs.

We are seeking sponsors and vendors for our upcoming Service Strong Veterans Fair!

Veterans and former service members face a higher risk of homelessness than the general population. Experiences such as combat exposure and PTSD can create additional challenges that impact long-term housing stability.

At the same time, rising costs of living and inflation continue to drive up expenses like rent, utilities, and groceries. For many veterans living on fixed or limited incomes, these increasing costs place significant strain on their ability to secure and maintain stable housing.

Our goal is simple: connect those who have served our country with the tools and opportunities they need to rebuild stability and independence.

For any questions or to register as an employer or sponsor, please contact Vicki at
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About the Service Strong_ **Veterans Fair**

The Service Strong Veterans Fair is a community-driven initiative designed to support veterans, active-duty service members, reservists, and their families. This event brings together employers, housing providers, and service organizations to create a one-stop opportunity to access employment, stable housing resources, and support services.

Saturday

July 18th, 2026 11:00 am-1:00 pm
Christ Episcopal Church
62 Main Street, Newton

Featuring

JOB FAIR * VETERANS SERVICES * VENDORS

All current and former service members and their families are welcome!