

Family Promise of Cape May County

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A Note From the Director ...



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

As I sit at my desk writing this note to each one of you who have taken the time to see what's up in the world of Family Promise, I glance at the clock...1:45 pm. I have about an hour to get everything done that I want to this afternoon before the Day Center is full of children wanting a snack, a pencil for homework, and a HUG. Like Cinderella's Coach turning back into a pumpkin at midnight, the Day Center (the working nucleus of the Network) turns into a "Play Center." While this was the perfect place to start our journey.... when you get eight children, three moms, Kathleen and I all in the Day Center at the same time..1,550 square feet feels like 50. Why am I complaining, I mean mentioning this you ask? We have formed a team that is looking into a possible new Day Center site and I would like everyone to keep their eyes, ears, and prayers on this project.

The Day Center... a central foundation in helping families achieve sustained independence. A safe haven where children can play and just be kids as their parents work to rebuild their lives. So what are we looking for?? A house...with a white picket fence..a yard.. Oh, and a dog. Ok, forget the fence and definitely the dog. A house with a yard would be perfect... and along Route 9 would be a blessing. Additionally, a house would provide rooms, providing a daytime place to sleep for any guest that works a third shift or a quiet room for a mom and her baby. With all that having been said, this Day Center has been a wonderful beginning. And the fact that we have outgrown it in just eight short months is thanks to God and all the blessings and answered prayers that He has given us and our guest families. And to all of you that have allowed God to work through you, turning feelings of loss into HOPE...Peace and Blessings, as always!

Laurie Johnson

Monthly Monday Meetings

- 1st Monday
Coordinators Meeting
- 2nd Monday
**New Volunteer Training
- 3rd Monday
Village Volunteers

All Meetings begin at 6:30 at the Day Center located in the Village Shops of Rio Grande 1304 Route 47 S Rio Grande

(next to Produce Fresh)

**Please call to schedule who will be attending the Volunteer Trainings each month. 846-7862



Case Workers PROGRAM REPORT

May 2009—January 2010

Services

- 10 Families
 - 30 Individuals
 - 19 Children
- 56 Individuals (not included above) received assistance through FPCMC
- 14 Host Congregations
- 19 Supporting Congregations
- 654 Volunteers



Results

- 8 Families found Permanent or Transitional Housing
- 1 Family moved in with a friend
- 1 Family is still in Program
- 3 Guests found employment during stay
- 1 Guest started HHA class
- 3 Guests participated in parenting classes
- 1 guest received a donated car



Did you know...

Sending the combination of

WHITE & RED Roses

sends the message of

UNITY ?

Amen

If the only prayer you say is "Thank You", that would suffice.

Meister



The Work of God

Dear Laurie, Kathleen, Leif and Volunteers,



I just wanted you to know that you have been a huge part in my life and my experiences with you will never be forgotten. When I first came to the program, I thought no one in the world could care about a family like mine, but I was proven wrong!!! I love you.

Jennifer Age 13

Present guest

Our HOST Congregations

Cape May UMC
St. Mary's of Stone Harbor
Sea Isle UMC
Resurrection RCC
Holy Trinity Lutheran Wild-
wood
Seaville UMC
Cold Spring Presbyterian
First Baptist CMCH
Petersburg Wesley UMC
Bible Fellowship
Calvary Baptist
Tabernacle UMC
St. Peter's UMC
Ocean City Tabernacle
Avalon United Methodist



Our SUPPORT Congregations

Seaville Quaker Meeting
First Assembly of God
Our Savior Lutheran
Messiah Lutheran
Temple Beth Judah
First Baptist of Wildwood
Cape May Lutheran
St. Paul's RCC
Stella Maris RCC
St. Joseph's RCC
Our Lady of Angels RCC
Woodbine Baptist
Dennisville UMC
South Seaville UMC
Cape May Presbyterian
Church of the Advent
Seashore Church of the Nazarene
Christ Gospel of Whitesboro
Holy Trinity Lutheran Ocean City



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS TO BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

*Mark your calendars...Details to come.

May 8th ~ Fashion Show at the Cape May Winery

June 5th ~ Share the Weight—LIFT UP a Family"



*CALLING ALL COORDINATORS
AND KEY VOLUNTEERS ~~*

A Family Promise

RETREAT !

April 18th—19th

A time to reflect, share and to ask yourself,....

"Why do I serve?"

Join me on this overnight journey and I promise
you that God will tell you why He called YOUR name.

Marianist Family Retreat Center

417 Yale Avenue

Cape May Point

\$50.00 per person/includes Dinner, Breakfast & Lunch

RSVP asap..maximum participants is 48

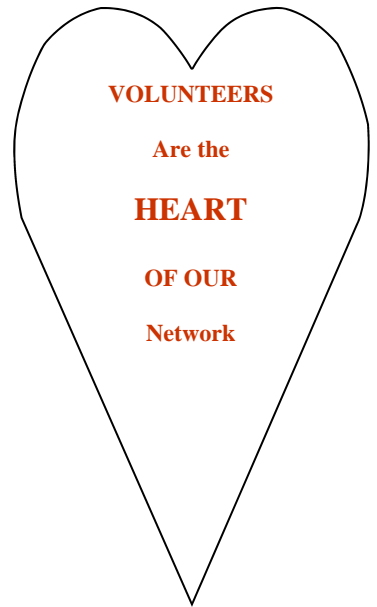
A special THANK YOU goes out to
The
MAD BATTER
19 Jackson Street. Cape May
For hosting our 1st annual
'Evening of Giving Thanks'

Great Food...Great Fun...
Great Owners
Thanks Mark and Pam



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“There is no remedy for love but to love more.” Henry David Thoreau



ITEMS NEEDED:

- Paper Towels*
- Toilet Paper*
- Napkins*
- Paper Plates*
- Copy Paper*
- Shampoo*
- Toothpaste*
- Coffee*
- Tea*
- Q - Tips*
- Lotions*
- Trash Bags (large & small)*
- Dish Soap*
- Bath Soap*
- Hand Soap*
- Razors*
- Paper Cups*
- Office Depot gift cards*
- Staples gift cards*
- Lysol*
- Soft Scrub*
- Mailing Envelopes*
- Plastic Silverware*

HELP!

Volunteers, items, and your financial support are always needed and greatly appreciated, to maintain operation.

Our Interfaith Network has many volunteer opportunities! Become a Village Volunteer and see first hand how your HEART and HANDS can be used for serving. We meet the third Monday of every month at the Day Center at 6:30 pm.

Family Promise of Cape May County is a fully recognized IRS 501 ©3 exempt organization. All donations are fully tax deductible.

Dear Girlfriends,
(You know who you are)

Just a note to say how amazing each and everyone of you are and to thank you for GIVING your H E A R T S s o freely....so often....to so many.

Love, Laurie

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