

Family Promise of Cape May County



Our Mission

To keep homeless families together during their time of crisis by providing safe shelter and meals in congregational facilities as well as support services needed to educate, encourage, and empower these families in their quest to re-establish their individual pride and independence.



Our Vision

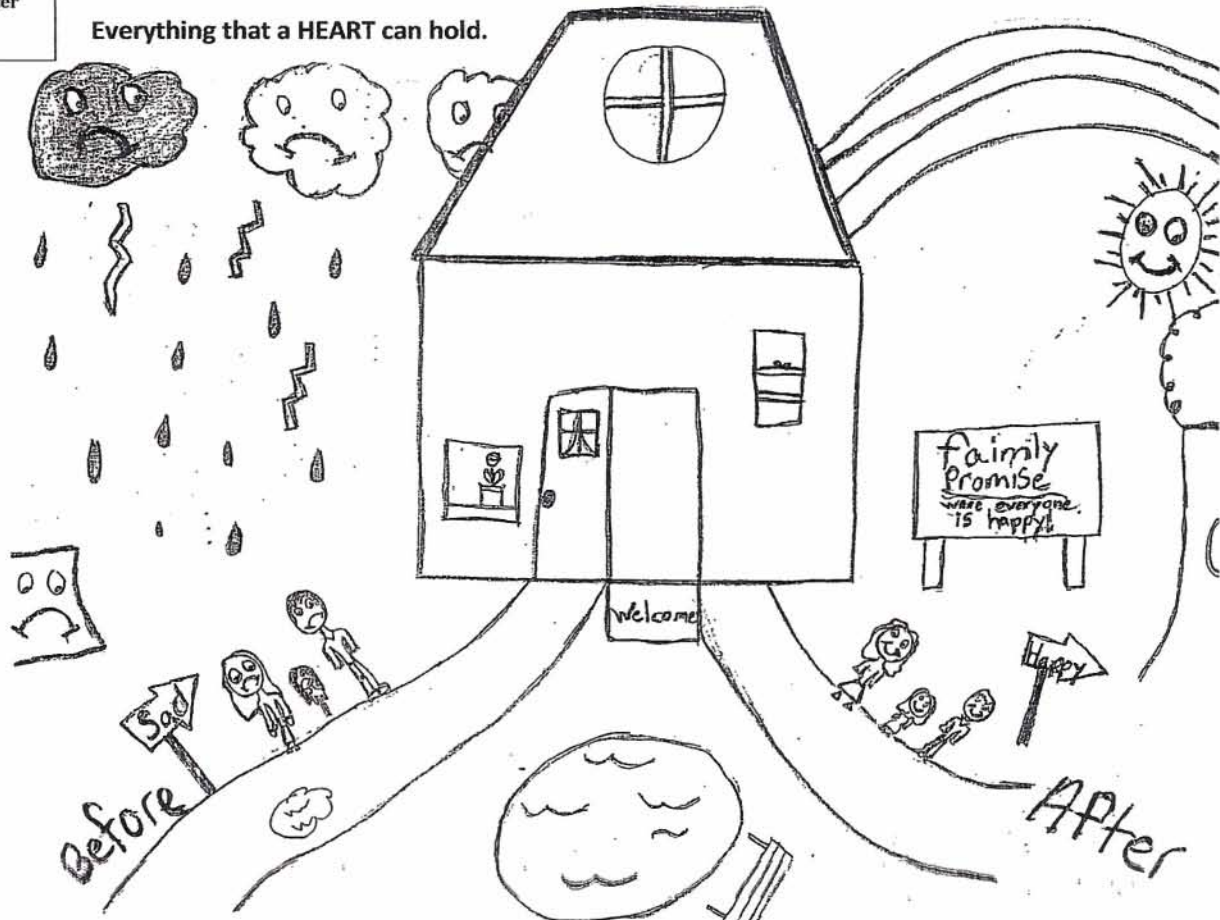
A nation, in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future together.

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR... "Happily Ever AFTER"

Recently, one of our past guest children stopped by for a visit at the Day Center and she presented us with a picture that I just had to share with you. Stop and take a look. It simply shows a family entering Family Promise sad and leaving happy. Is it that simple? She was with us only 13 weeks, but that time spent gave her hope, gave her happiness. Think back to a situation in your life that really had a strong hold over you...be it tears, pain, anger, frustration, confusion, worry, etc. Think about how much of an impact it had on your thoughts, daily function, sleeping, and eating habits. Speaking from personal experiences, I shared some of what I have been going through with a member of our Family Promise Board who happened to be giving some volunteer hours at the day center at the time I wrote this. She said she was sorry to hear some of the struggles I had recently face and the material things I had lost in the process. At that moment I honestly was able to say that I truly thank God that those things that recently held me captive emotionally, spiritually and physically, no longer have power or a place in my life. Things that have the ability to change my mood, personality and mind-set no longer have an effect on me. And, at that moment, I realized how good it felt to talk about it with someone who cared. Can my happiness change from moment to moment? Certainly. Nobody is happy all of the time, but spending so much time with homeless children has revealed to me that happiness doesn't have much to do with material goods like food, clothes, and toys. It seems to come down to the relationships, someone to talk to, and the hospitality given by the people around them. Look at the picture again. What is she holding that she didn't have coming into family promise?

Everything that a HEART can hold.

Drawing by
Past guest
Child



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Club180

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 St Joseph's of Sea Isle City
 Woodbine Baptist, Woodbine

SUPPORT GENEROSITY HOSPITALITY

In an effort to *build* a stronger foundation, in March, we launched a brand-new partnership named

"The Promise Society".

The society has helped us create "SUSTAINABILITY" providing a stable future for Family Promise of Cape May County. This society, through **pledges of multi-year giving** has set down the ground work for the reality of transitional housing.

We are deeply grateful for their support!

\$10,000 Sponsors - Changing Lives

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 \$180.00 a year!

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Laurie Johnson, Director of Family Promise, receives \$20,000 in 2011 from Cynthia Sosnowski, President, of The Mustard Seed of Cape May County.

Sea Isle City's Women's Civic Club Donates \$2,000 to Family Promise of Cape May County.



Family Promise Gala \$26,585 raised!



Yep! You read it correctly folks. This year, Family Promise of Cape May County raised an astonishing record of \$26,585 at our 1st annual Wine Tasting Gala,

“Building on the Promise”

All proceeds will go to the purchase a new Day center with transitional housing.

The evening of wine tasting, music, dancing, a silent auction and a live auction, was enjoyed by a sold out gathering of 200, including.....

Guest attendee, former

**Philadelphia Eagles and NY Giants, NFL Punter,
Sean Landeta**

Proud supporter of Family Promise of Cape May County



**Suzanne Smigo, Board President,
tries on not 1, but 2 of Sean Landeta's
Super Bowl Rings!**



**Sean Landeta, along with our workers
(and boy, did they work it!)
Scott Papperman, Mike Clark & Brian Issadore**



2012 PROMISES to be a year of top notch events as we continue to raise money for our NEW DAY CENTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING which will include a

Charity Golf Tournament in the summer of 2012

Can you share your time, talent, knowledge or experience?

Then PLEASE join our committee. Call 609-846-7862. First meeting is Dec 1st.

There has never been a better time for Cape May County golfers to join together and share the sport they love to help out those in need.



Caseworker's Corner

News Briefs

FOOD DONATIONS:

Talk about generous food donations, our local Weight Watcher's Group in Rio Grande provided us with 633 pounds of food in October!! One of our new volunteers, Sharon, donated two days of her time sorting and setting up canned goods, turning our day center into a shopping area. This food went to help feed 21 adults and 18 children. Great Job, Weight Watchers, and many thanks to you, Sharon!



SCHOOL NEWS:

We've been hearing good reports lately from past families that our Family Promise Kids are doing very well in school this year. One high school junior has been nominated for the Honor Society! We can't wait to hear about those report cards grades! Keep up the good work.

COOKBOOK:

FPCMC is hoping someone will come forward to head up a Family Promise CMC Cook Book. Families have told us about some delicious dinners the volunteers have made for them and families also share with us about meals they miss eating and preparing. Please contact us if you are interested in taking on this project. I recently found this century old recipe in my mom's cookbook. It's not about food, but I liked it and thought it pertinent. I've revised it somewhat.

Recipe for Preserving Children

1 field of grass, surrounded by trees

½ dozen children (or more)

One large play area

One flower garden

Two gardens to grow vegetables and herbs

One New FPCMC DAY CENTER and

Three (or more) Transitional Apartments!

This is our continued hope, goal and dream for 2012.

Blessings and Best Wishes in the New Year!

Kathleen O'Neill, Family Advocate

Family Promise of Cape May County

invites you to, our 3rd annual,

"An Evening of Giving Thanks"

Sunday, Nov. 27th

5:30-8:30pm

The Mad Batter
19 Jackson Street Cape May



*Live Music Auction Food Fun

*This will be an open Mic Night for our locals to share with us their talents....that they are THANKFUL for..... to benefit the homeless children and their families in our community.

\$25.00 per person

Call 609-846-7862 for tickets
&

Information on signing up to provide a song or two during our event.

Call today. Space is limited.

To check out some PICS, from some of our most recent events "Gala" & "Full Moon Cruise" Be sure to visit us on



What we are
Thankful for....

Program Report

May 2009 – October 2011

Services

- 22 Families served
(18 - Cape May County)
- 77 Individuals served
- 49 Children
- 78 Individuals (not included above)
- 17 Former Guests returned for Additional Services
- 72 Days is average length of stay
- 6,384 Shelter Nights
- 19,152 Meals Served
- 16 Host Congregations
- 19 Support Congregations

Results

- 70% Success Rate of Guest Families obtaining housing
- 3 Guests qualified as 1st time homeowners
- 9 unemployed guests found employment during stay
- 6 cars were donated

A reason to give thanks.....

CHANGE

I use to live in the dark. Mind so tattered and torn. Life had no meaning. I was trapped in a cell of my own body, never expecting to see the light of day again. It was there, but just out of reach. Until one day I woke from a horrible dream that was my life. I had a second chance to be free, to fly with my new wings. The freedom of the chains feels great. It's a new beginning. I am strong.

By Present Guest Mom

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH All year long!

By the time you read this newsletter we will have already connected our families (past & present) with individuals, families and organizations that wanted to "Adopt a Family" this year for Christmas. It not only fills us with **Joy** to be able to fill this need this time of year, but when this happens, it gives us the opportunity to share with you **our wish**, that will GIVE ALL YEAR!

Have you ever seen the **Joy** on a child's face when they receive a NEW bed pillow, a NEW set of PJ's, a NEW set of undergarments? Have you ever seen the **Joy** on a parent's face when they see the **Joy** on their children's face? We do....all year, because these are the gifts we give a NEW family when they come into the Family Promise program.

A gift of an ornament below, from you, will insure the **JOY** of this season ALL YEAR!

Just send us a check for the amount shown on any ornament and that is where your gift will go!



	\$10.00 Bed Pillow
	\$20.00 Undergarments
	\$30.00 Pajamas
	\$40.00 Sneakers & Socks
	\$50.00 New clothes
	Say a prayer to end homelessness? PRICELESS