



# Family Promise of Genesee County

## How You Can Help Family Promise of Genesee County

Dear Friend of Family Promise,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your generous support of our organization this year. We have undergone a tremendous amount of change over the last 12 months, transitioning from a hard-working group of volunteers with a vision to an operating entity providing food and shelter to families in need. This was all made possible due to contributions of precious treasure from people like you. Whether you made a general contribution, attended and/or sponsored one of our two major fundraisers or assisted us with a generous grant we appreciate your support. While we are currently on a solid financial footing and continue to minimize our expenses through the use of our dedicated volunteer network we reach out to you at this time to request that you prayerfully consider remembering Family Promise of Genesee County as the end of the year approaches.

Your generous support has allowed our organization to provide:

- 221 nights of safe lodging to families in their time of greatest need, and more importantly, these nights were spent together as a family.
- 663 meals to families which allowed them to save their earnings to get back on their feet and in their own home.
- Support to three families transition to their own permanent housing with continued aftercare where needed.

We hope to continue to provide a caring environment for families to get back on their feet through the use of our dedicated network of host and support churches and need your continued support to do so.

The easiest and most convenient way that you can make a donation is through our website at <http://www.familypromiseofgc.org/donate/>. This safe, secure page will allow you to make a one-time or recurring donation through the use of a credit card. Additionally, if you prefer we can debit your checking account provided you complete a simple form authorizing us to do so. That form is also available on our website. If you prefer, we will also gladly accept cash or checks using the enclosed envelope. Finally, as you are doing your holiday shopping, please note that any purchases from Amazon can provide 0.5% of the purchase price to us at no additional cost to you provided that you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/> and select "Family Promise of Genesee County" as your desired charity.

Thank you again for your support over the past year. It has been invaluable in providing families in the Genesee County community in need with a head start on a new beginning. We hope that God continues to bless you and your family and that you will prayerfully consider continuing to be a member of our Family Promise family.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors  
Family Promise of Genesee County

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## Director's Report

Our Day Center is motivated! We're motivated to transform, to build, to grow. Our families face each day with their goals in mind and they are working toward true transformation for themselves and for their children. On October 23rd, three board members and I attended the National Family Promise Conference, an event held every 18 months. Its theme was Transforming Lives and it was invigorating to be reminded what happens with Family Promise is true transformation and restoration of a family's home life. Right now, we have three families whose lives have been transformed and are part of our aftercare program. We have three families whose lives are undergoing transformation and

restoration and they are really working hard toward their goals. With the help of dedicated Day Center volunteer and board member Susan Pollard, we wrote down some scripture verses and motivational quotes for the families to draw upon, when they need some encouragement. It was about two weeks ago, when I was closing a family's closet door, that I saw one of those verses taped on the inside of the door. They also motivate each other to remember the hope each day offers. I am motivated to maintain focus on our mission: The mission of Family Promise of Genesee County is to engage community and faith-based organizations in ENDING HOMELESSNESS...one family at a time. I am motivated to grow our

community connections and awareness so the number of resources we offer our families is vast and varied. The national conference gave us ideas and strategies and I am excited to see our affiliate transform and grow, with our mighty army of amazing volunteers! Thank you to all who volunteer time and talents. You are appreciated and, through you, our families are reminded that there is a caring community of people cheering them on to their transformation and restoration. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Lindsay Moore, Director  
Family Promise of Genesee County

## Friends of our Family

The Host and Support churches are an integral component of the success of our Family Promise Network. The coordinators from the following churches shared some of their reflections about the invaluable hosting experience.

**Court Street United Methodist Church**, and its faithful Support congregations: Christ the King Catholic Church of Flint and Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Flint, have had the opportunity to share, learn, and respond to homeless families with adult and youth volunteers from their congregations. The experience for all three churches has been a "unique and rewarding" opportunity for their adult and youth volunteers to respond to their Christian call to serve.

*Court St. UMC located at 225 W. Court St., Flint. Christ the King Catholic Church of Flint located at 1811 Seymour Ave., Flint. Unitarian Universalist Congregation located at 2472 S. Ballenger Hwy, Flint.*

**Davison United Methodist Church** along with their Support church Otisville United Methodist, feels privileged to have the opportunity several times throughout the year, to help make the lives of homeless families easier and more comfortable. Serving families in this way, through the Family Promise network, genuinely demonstrates God's love to the Genesee County community. *Davison UMC located at 207 E. Third St., Davison. Otisville UMC located at 200 W. Main St., Otisville.*

**Fenton United Methodist Church** is one of our newest Host churches, although they haven't hosted yet, they are excited to be a part of this Christ filled network. They have found a perfect fit to satisfy their church's desire to "share their time, talents and treasure" with the larger community, while offering their congregation very intentional acts of kindness. Active recruitment is underway for a Support church for FUMC's same sense of mission.

*Fenton UMC located at 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton.*

**Davison Free Methodist Church** feels honored to be participating in the Family Promise mission, with help from their Support Church, Journey Ministries of Davison. It has allowed a solid core of volunteers from both congregations to experience further community outreach, while also providing them with an opportunity to grow in their faith journey by stepping in to meet the needs of homeless families in their community. *Davison FMC located at 502 Church St., Davison. Journey Ministries located at 8379 Davison Rd., Ste. B, Davison.*

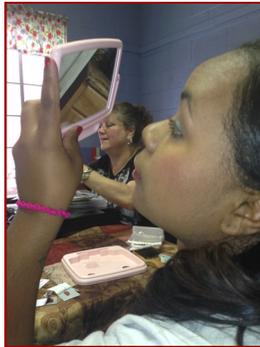
## 13th National Family Promise Conference

The 13th Annual National Family Promise Conference was held in Chicago the last weekend in October and was attended by three of our board members, Karen Vobach (President), Diana Snider (Vice President) and Michelle Traynor (Interim Secretary) as well as our Director Lindsay Moore.

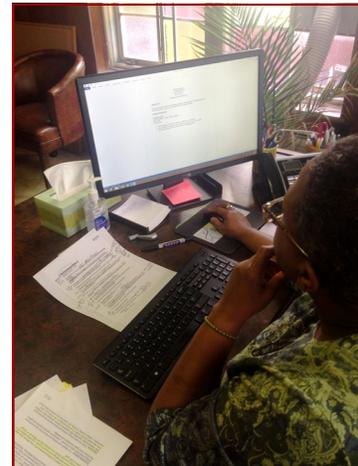
Transforming Lives. The theme of this year's conference was rather ironic, since it seems to be a constant theme (along with flexibility) within our affiliate since the beginning... transformation, change, metamorphosis. The program began with two individuals at a table trying to decide if they could "do this," to a registered non-profit affiliate that has already graduated families from the program, into their own homes.

The conference affirmed the beliefs of the four women attending that not only is this model an effective way to combat family homelessness, but it is also a gracious, compassionate, divinely guided process that will most certainly bear fruit in ways that are bigger than ourselves.

We are all humbled and eager to see what the next transformation will hold for Family Promise of Genesee County? It's all in God's timing, with the hands, hearts and talents of our volunteers, staff, Director and board....as to where our families can go from here. We can't wait!!



A volunteer assisted guests with their nails and makeup for job interview preparation.



A volunteer helps a guest with a resume.

## Interns & Volunteers Vital to Success of Family Promise GC

Family Promise of Genesee County is working to build up not only the families we serve but also the community we serve. We have relationships with both the University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College. Because of those relationships, we have two interns and one volunteer this semester. Both of the interns have proven to be an asset to our organization and our families. Jennifer, the intern from Mott Community College, is working toward a degree in social work but

she also has valuable computer skills which have helped us make our Day Center computers faster. She has been great at one-on-one interaction with the families and the children. Lenny, the intern from UofM-Flint, is studying relational communication. He has been diligently using his learned communication skills to help us network for our upcoming gala fundraiser. We are excited to have them both on board and we look forward to being able to welcome additional interns from our

partner colleges as we continue to grow. Debra, our volunteer, is working to complete the service hours necessary to fulfill her scholarship requirements with UofM-Flint. She brings a wealth of knowledge and relevant experience to Family Promise of Genesee County and has already made a big impact for our families with her time and talents.

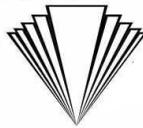


A young guest enjoys a book donated by a friend of FPGC

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Prepare your hearts for an evening of fun and excitement with friends as Family Promise of Genesee County presents its annual charity Winter Gala & Silent Auction at the Riverfront Banquet Center in Flint.

**All proceeds benefit area homeless families served through Family Promise.**

## Winter Gala & Silent Auction

**FEBRUARY 21, 2015 - 6:00pm**

For more information call (810) 275-4994 or visit [www.familypromiseofgc.org](http://www.familypromiseofgc.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

