

Message from Our Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we closed out a remarkable year and are beginning anew, I find myself reflecting on the incredibly journey that Family Promise of Southern Chester County has taken, and I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering commitment of our dedicated team. Today, I write to express my heartfelt thanks to three extraordinary individuals who have played pivotal roles on our Board of Directors for over six years.

To our outgoing Board members – Karen Eichman, Burt Rothenberger, and Angela Emrich – your tireless dedication, insightful guidance, and passion for our mission has left an indelible mark on Family Promise. Your selfless service has been the cornerstone of our success, and we are profoundly grateful for the impact you’ve made on the lives of those we serve.

In addition to bidding farewell to valued Board members, I want to extend heartfelt appreciation to our church partners who have shown tremendous support during the Christmas season and throughout our Annual Appeal. Your generosity has not only brightened the holidays for those in need but has also contributed significantly to sustaining our mission. Your commitment to creating a positive impact in our community is truly commendable.

As we embark on this new chapter, I am excited to introduce our new Board President, Tom Sausen. Tom brings a wealth of experience and passion for our cause, and we are confident that under his leadership, Family Promise will continue to thrive and make a lasting difference in the lives of families facing homelessness.

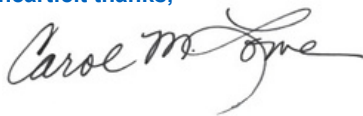
A special thank you is also in order for our remaining Board members who continue to play vital roles in steering our organization toward success. Your ongoing commitment and enthusiasm are the driving forces behind our achievements.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge our small but mighty staff – Lisa, Andra, Salma, Daniel, Sandy, and Jake. Your hard work, dedication, and collaborative spirit are the backbone of Family Promise. We are truly fortunate to have such a talented and committed team, and I want to express my deepest gratitude for everything you do. We would be nothing without your passion and expertise.

In this issue, we shine a spotlight on the incredible work of our Board and volunteers. Their stories, experiences, and contributions fill these pages with volumes of gratitude. I encourage you to take a moment to read about the impact they’ve had and join me in celebrating their achievements.

As we look forward to the future, I am filled with optimism about the continued growth and success of Family Promise of Southern Chester County. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of families in need, and I am honored to be part of this journey with each and every one of you.

With heartfelt thanks,



Karen Eichman

Burt Rothenberger

Angela Emrich

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Angels Among Us

Church partners and community members illuminated Christmas for the families we serve with boundless generosity. A heartfelt thank you to St. Pat's, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Kennett Presbyterian Church, Assumption BVM, Bancroft Elementary School, Kelly Walton, Christina Thompson, Sarah LaMack, Katie Kolb, and Alyssa Lepore.



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BOARD MEMBER

Spotlight



GEORGE LOCK

George Lock is a retired financial planner and partner at Principled Money Management. He has been a member of numerous Boards and brings a lot of experience to the table. In his free time, George enjoys photography and plays the banjo in a local bluegrass band.



BOARD MEMBER

Spotlight



KARI JARMUZ

Kari is a recently retired Financial Advisor. She has two adult children, Drew and Paige. They also have their first grandchild! Her name is Emma and she is 1 1/2 yrs old. In Kari's spare time she enjoys playing competitive tennis and paddle, reading, skiing, travel and spending time with family and friends.

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TOM SAUSEN

Tom and his wife Adele have called Kennett Square home for over 30 years. Their family includes four children, four grandchildren, and two lovable senior dogs! Tom has served in the Kennett Square non profit community since 2013 and is committed to helping make Family Promise services available to all families experiencing homelessness in Southern Chester County.



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CYNTHIA SCHOFIELD

Cindy has a passion for supporting families facing financial and housing insecurities both in her career with the Chester County Intermediate Unit as the Director of Head Start Education Services and as a Board Member of Family Promise of Southern Chester County. She lives in Kennett Square with her husband, Chris, and also has two grown children, Emily and Rob.



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MICHAEL SKAY

Michael Skay is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Realty. He's been in real estate and personal finance for over 25 years. Michael lives in Oxford with his wife, Jessica, his son Joseph, and dog Sam.

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KENNETT SQUARE
PRESBYTERIAN

The Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square has been privileged to partner with Family Promise since 2016 by hosting families 4 weeks a year, supporting families living in the Birch St Hotel with meals, making raffle baskets for Evenings of Promise, and providing financial support. Last year we purchased supplies for the kitchen of a Promise House, donated the bedding and supplies from our hosting years to Family Promise, and provided Christmas gifts for one of the families. We are committed to helping Family Promise assist the homeless families in our community.

Willowdale
CHAPEL

Willowdale Chapel has been a longtime partner of Family Promise. They've reinforced their dedication to community well-being through financial support and sponsoring events that further contribute to the collective efforts of supporting families in need.



Westminster
Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church demonstrates its commitment to community outreach by offering financial support to Family Promise, providing Christmas gifts to the families, and adopting a Promise House.



St. Patrick Parish
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Patrick Parish is so happy to support the mission of Family Promise. Our volunteers enjoy helping to make our guests feel loved, valued and cared for in their temporary Family Promise homes.



Unionville
Presbyterian
Church

Unionville Presbyterian Church was the first congregation to sign on for the rotational program and their very own pastor, Annalie Korengel, was a founding board member and two-time Board President. Sue Minarchi was the first employee and first Executive Director. They continue to support Family Promise through their adoption of a Promise House, providing donations, and baking delicious treats.

 **Christ Church**
at the Grove

Christ Church at the Grove is a local congregation desirous of seeing people planted in Christ, growing in Christlikeness, connected to Christ Body and spreading Christ Abroad. It is a privilege to partner with Family Promise in touching families in need that they may know Jesus Christ.

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Our Impact in 2023



EVENTS 2024

UPCOMING

FEB **DOUBLE THE LOVE**

MAY **EVENING OF PROMISE**

09 **6 PM**

SEPT **DAY OF PROMISE**

09 **12 PM**



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Network of Congregations

Family Promise was built on a unique model, utilizing the resources of congregational partners in our community to provide meals and overnight accommodations for families until they find permanent housing. Our volunteers are the heart of the organization. Here in Southern Chester County, we are proud to have over 900 dedicated volunteers and 26 caring congregations in our network.

THANK YOU!!!!!!

Apostolic Church of Oxford
Assumption of the BVM
Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene
Avondale United Methodist Church
Bethany Presbyterian Church Mendenhall
Christ Church at the Grove
Christian Life Center
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
Doe Run Presbyterian Church
Episcopal Church of the Advent
New London United Methodist Church
Kennett Friends Meeting
Oxford Presbyterian Church

Oxford United Methodist Church
Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church of Oxford
St. Cornelius Catholic Church
St. Michael Lutheran Church
St. Patrick Catholic Church
The Barn Vineyard Church
Toughkenamon Presbyterian Church
Unionville Presbyterian Church
United Methodist Church of the Open Door
West Grove United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Willowdale Chapel

Board of Directors

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As always, thank you so much for your unwavering support and dedication to Family Promise and the families that we are called to serve.