



### A Day Of Promise

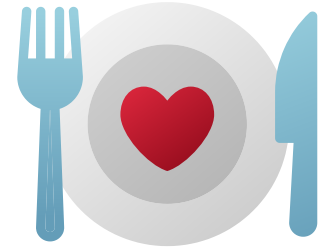
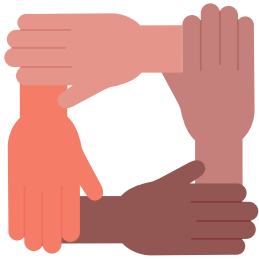
On September 11, 2023, we hosted an eventful "Day of Promise" which included a tournament filled with birdies and bogeys, ultimately culminating in a successful outcome. We extend our sincere gratitude to each person who contributed to making this accomplishment a reality. Without your support, the event would not have come to fruition. Thank you to everyone who was part of this memorable day, and we look forward to seeing you again next year on September 9th, 2024!



### Fall Promise Fest

Our first Fall Promise Fest proved to be a resounding success, and we attribute the credit to our board members, church volunteers, and staff for their tireless efforts. It was a delightful day of fostering community connections and embracing the joys of the fall season, particularly for the families we support. These events hold significant value for our guests, staff, board, and their families, serving as a reminder that homelessness is not a defining characteristic of individuals. Rather, it's an experience they are living through, and FPSCC remains committed to providing them with the necessary assistance.

## Social Supper



A heartfelt THANK YOU to Joan Deming-Murphy and Carol Buckley from Unionville Presbyterian Church for generously providing food for our Social Supper at the Family Promise Resource Center. Their kindness made it possible for families to come together, forge connections, and find support over a heartwarming meal. A special shout-out to Michael Bell and Doug Kaucic of Church of the Advent, and Jean O'Neil and Lucy D'Angelo from St. Patrick's Church for attending. It was wonderful to see our board president, Karen Eichman, among the attendees as well. Grateful for such a community that comes together for a beautiful cause! ❤️

## Guest Testimonial

Family Promise welcomed a family of five - mother, father, 17 year old, 12 year old, and 11 year old into one of our Promise Houses over the summer. Their goals for their stay were to improve their credit, increase their savings, and find a unit suitable for rent. Despite some bumps in the road, the family has been able to make major improvements with the assistance of our case manager.



“This program has allowed our family to break a cycle of unhealthy coping mechanisms and has allowed us to stop living paycheck to paycheck and save over \$1,000.”

## Expansion and Innovation



We are excited to announce that we have acquired our **fourth** and **fifth** Promise Houses! Obtaining and updating homes for our homeless families is a vital step towards providing stable, secure living conditions for those in need. By securing affordable housing options, we can offer homeless families a chance to rebuild their lives and escape the cycle of homelessness while living rent free in our homes. Upgrading these homes ensures that they meet essential safety and quality standards. These initiatives not only provide shelter but also contribute to the overall well-being and dignity of homeless individuals and families, offering them hope for a brighter future and a path towards self-sufficiency. We are hoping to move families into these multi-family units very soon!

Family Promise is dedicated to providing shelter and assistance to families experiencing homelessness in Chester County. We are proud to announce that we have moved 3 new families into our Promise Houses since our last newsletter. Our Promise Houses are overflowing with the joy and laughter of children. Although many of these families work multiple jobs, they struggle to make ends meet due to the high cost of living and lack of job opportunities. Even minor setbacks, such as a car breaking down or a family member falling ill, can lead to housing insecurity. Moreover, transportation is a significant concern in the area. Nonetheless, families in Chester County remain steadfast in their determination to balance their low wages with the high cost of living. At Family Promise, we are committed to helping these families navigate this challenging terrain.



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**Donations**



We extend our gratitude to the residents of Chadds Ford for their generous donation of school supplies to benefit our children.

Family Promise is continuously accepting financial donations and physical item contributions. Kindly send an email to [info@familypromisesc.org](mailto:info@familypromisesc.org) if you're interested in donating. We request that all donated items be clean, in good condition, and appropriate for use. If there's any uncertainty concerning the suitability of an item, please send an email with images and contact information. You may also request a current list of the most needed items for our families. Furthermore, attending our fundraisers is an excellent way to promote our sustainability.

**Want To Get Involved?**

**Here's How You Can Help!**

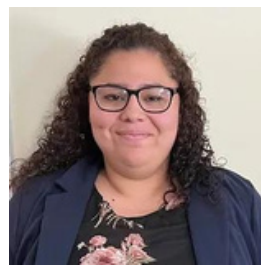
- ✔ Clean/prepare home for the next family
- ✔ Help move in family's belongings
- ✔ Purchase & restock fridge and pantry
- ✔ Purchase & restock cleaning supplies
- ✔ Purchase & restock linens/towels
- ✔ Purchase & restock small kitchenware
- ✔ Cook a Welcome Meal

**Additional Volunteer Opportunities**

- ✔ Purchase gift cards for food & gas
- ✔ Lawn maintenance/snow removal
- ✔ Babysitting at the Resource Center
- ✔ Quarterly meals with the Promise House families
- ✔ Connecting families with local resources
- ✔ Sprucing up playground area at the Resource Center

## STAFF

We're excited to announce the newest additions to our team! Please join us in welcoming Brooke Leshak, Development Manager, and Salma Perez, Administrative Assistant. Their expertise and enthusiasm will undoubtedly contribute to our continued success.



Every child deserves a home—a place of warmth, love, and stability. Yet, many families in our community face the harsh reality of homelessness.

This year, we're on a mission to change that. Join us in our Annual Appeal as we raise \$45,000 to provide families with temporary shelter, case management services, and most importantly, hope. Because every child deserves a home.

Your support can be the turning point in a family's life, helping them regain their footing and rebuild their future. Together, we can make a lasting impact.



Our Goal  
**\$ 45,000**



## ANNUAL APPEAL

**DONATE NOW**

Support Family Promise of Southern Chester County and make a positive impact on the lives of families in need right in your community.

[www.familypromisescct.org](http://www.familypromisescct.org)

### Message from Our Executive Director

Happy Fall Ya'll! I hope this message finds you well as we transition into the cozy and colorful days of autumn. It's the season of change, and speaking of change, I wanted to share some exciting updates from your Family Promise team.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication to our mission. Together, we've been able to make a real difference in the lives of countless families facing homelessness, and for that, I can't thank you enough.

So, what's new at Family Promise? Well, we've been hard at work expanding our programs to better serve our families. We've recently introduced a new job training initiative that's been making waves in our community. It's incredible to witness the positive impact on parents striving to provide for their children and regain their independence. Your support has made this possible, and we couldn't be more excited about the future of this program.

We held our first annual Fall Promise Fest which was a fantastic time for the entire Family Promise community. It was a great opportunity to come together and have fun. We also welcomed two new fantastic members to our team..... pictured and briefly profiled in this edition: Brooke and Salma. Please stay tuned for our winter edition when we will highlight in detail all of current staff and Board members.

Lastly, we are kicking off our Annual Appeal. It cannot be stated enough how much your ongoing support means to the work of Family Promise and to each and every family that we serve. Thank you.

As we move into the fall season, we're reminded of the importance of family, community, and gratitude. Your involvement in Family Promise embodies these values and keeps the spirit of our mission alive. Your kindness and generosity are the driving force behind our work, and we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for being a part of the Family Promise family, and for all that you do to support our families in need. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact and provide hope and stability for those who need it most.

Wishing you a wonderful fall season filled with warmth and joy. Stay tuned for more updates, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or want to get involved further. Please stop by the Resource Center, the door always open, and the coffee pot is on.

Wishing you Peace , Love , and a place to call home. 



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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 850 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

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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.