

## DAY CENTER AND VAN UPDATES

Over the last 6 months we have learned that setting up and caring for a building is a lot of work, organization, planning and putting things together. While there are so many people always around and willing to help, we want to give an especially **BIG THANK YOU** to David Morris. David joined our board and immediately began working. Since our building purchase, he has fixed flooring,

hung pictures, packed boxes, and performed countless other tasks. Thanks, David, for always being available and supportive of what we do.

Thank you Sarah Bailey Dolan for sprucing up the front of our building by donating the beautiful planter and hanging basket. It's a wonderful addition to our entryway.

We also want to thank everyone who helps keep our two vans on the road- Soapy Lingle, David Morris and a special thanks to Randy Coleman for giving the big white van a much-needed bath and detail.



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## THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR BBQ DINNER & ONLINE AUCTION!

Family Promise thanks the Juneau community for supporting our barbecue and auction that raised \$17,522.52 to help us provide services for homeless families and children! We served more than 400 takeaway dinners of scrumptious pulled pork barbecue, a bun, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and a brownie.



Thank you to Chapel by the Lake for hosting the function; Josey Carlson for smoking the meat; Josey, Randy Coleman and Randy Sutak for making three phenomenal barbecue sauces; Thrivent Financial for purchasing the pork; Breeze-In for donating the coleslaw and buns; 4th and 5th graders at Gastineau Community School for baking the brownies; the Rotary Club of 58 Innovators for making the potato salad; and the Thunder Mountain High School (TMHS) National Honor Society (NHS) students for preparing the beans. With the enthusiastic



help of the FPJ Board and the TMHS NHS students, we showed off a well-oiled operation that enabled us to serve folks hot meals as they drove through the Chapel by the Lake parking lot. We thank everyone who bought tickets and enjoyed the meal.

We totaled **104 DONATION MEALS** for those in need!! Thank you to all families that donated meals: Janet Baxter, Sue Beckerman, Karen Boddy, Tom Brice, Mary Capobianco, Sara Chambers, Becky Corson, Kaye Folsom, Cynthia Gaguine, Vickie



Gartley, Maria Gladziszewski, Jennifer Hayes-Tyson, Sorcha Hazelton, Jennifer Heidersdorf, Kate Hudson, Kathleen Iler-Galau, Amanda Kohan, Erin Kusek, Hazel Lecount, Sante Lesh, Lisa Lindeman, Debbie Manowski, Linda McCargar, Louise Miller, Mary Miller, Ben Muse, Juie Neyhart, Susan Nix, Angela Noon, Julie North, Lucy Potter, Virginia Reed, George Reifenstein, Erica Roguska, Misty Savage, Demian Schane, Tim Shockley, Gregory Smith, Paula Smith, Annie Sparks, Pat Spence, Tari Stage-Harvey, Marie Stevens, Gail Thibodeau, Norma Watt, Brady Wilson, Amy Witt, Frederick Yates, and Teresa Young.

We also want to send huge thanks to our **Sponsors and Donors** for the fundraiser and auction, including Amalga Distillery, Barb Bonner, Christine Bryson, Josey and Katti Carlson, Shane Carson, COEUR Alaska, Coppa, Mila Cosgrove, First Bank-Ketchikan, Vicky Gartley, Soapy Lingle, Pat McLearn, Christine Moleski, David Morris, Beth Rivest, Rotary Club of Juneau 58 Innovators, Shrine of St. Therese, Sportsman's Warehouse, Michelle Strickler, and The Bear's Lair.



Thank you to the many sponsors, families and volunteers who have journeyed with us over the last 4 years.

Since Day 1 on April 30, 2017:

Households Served: 55 Households  
Families in Transition: 35 Families  
Prevention Services: 20 Households

Utilizing Shelter Services, 80% of Families in Transition graduated to long-term permanent housing.

With \$64,000.00 distributed and case-management provided, 100% of households in Prevention Services remained housed.

Adults Served: 79  
Children Served: 99  
Hospitality Nights Provide: 8,096  
Meals Served: 24,288  
Average Length of Stay: 69 Days  
Active Volunteers: 477

**MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
KATTI CARLSON, MSW:**



Many of us have received our first and second COVID-19 vaccines, and just today the Centers for Disease Control released guidelines on even fewer COVID restrictions, stating that if you are vaccinated you can go back to “normal life.” But, what is normal? To me...normal is a setting on a dryer. There is no real normal; we are a sea of people with a multitude of differences, trials, tribulations, successes, strengths and hopes. If anything, this COVID-19 pandemic has pushed many of us to our limits, with long hours, crabby and confused littles, and a lack of human interactions. COVID has left our agencies empty and struggling to manage the continuous changes endured every month for the past year. As we muddled through the muck, we developed innovative new ways to do things and keep our doors open, not only for us but for our neighbors near and far. Where are we going now? The days that many of us have been dreaming of for 14+ months are coming, but what’s next?

Family Promise of Juneau (FPJ) has made several adjustments to our program in the last year, and we have thrived and grown serving families with our “new” way of doing things. While we experienced a significant decrease in families seeking assistance during the pandemic, we grew to offer more services to the Juneau community and to those who are seeking homelessness services. Our Homeless Prevention Program provides funds and case-management support to families and individuals to prevent or shorten the length of time they are homeless. Through this program, we successfully prevented 34 families from even experiencing homelessness. Prevention services alone served 41 households since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 34 of them being families with children. We continue to serve families within our shelter program and have served 8 since the pandemic began. We also recently started a referral support program. If we come into contact with a family or single that is seeking services, and FPJ and St. Vincent DePaul cannot help them within our programs, we work diligently to get them into contact with an agency that can help them.



While all these changes have worked and we have continued to provide support for children and families experiencing homelessness, we miss our volunteers, congregations, and supporters that make up our larger FPJ Family. We miss the fellowship and support as well as the opportunities for volunteers to interact with our guest families, to sit and talk over dinners, and to help kids with homework. Our guests also miss our fellowship. I know it’s hard to say they miss something they have not experienced, due to our pandemic restrictions, but we see the effects on them. You do make a difference in our families’ lives.

I come with great news, though. We are looking forward to what lies ahead for us as people in our community become vaccinated and restrictions continue to loosen. FPJ is excited to get back to a pre-COVID existence within our community. We are eagerly anticipating birthday celebrations, fellowship with our volunteers and families, and sharing what we do with our volunteers. Our goal is to be serving families within an active rotation by October 2021! We are proud to look at...

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...the past 14 months and be able to say that we did it, we managed and we grew. I would say that we are even more excited to look at the future. We are grateful to look in the review at what we have learned and be able to continue growing, however excited to be looking forward to all things that are possible.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR  
SPONSORS & CIRCLE OF 500/1000!**

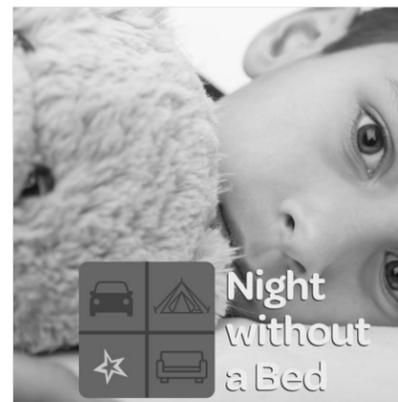
We know it’s been a weird couple of years so we’re thankful for those who have given recently and in the past. Please consider stepping in if you are able:

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**2021 NIGHT WITHOUT A BED**

Why should you participate in Night Without a Bed? #NightWithoutABed is a social media challenge that raises awareness for families experiencing homelessness. We ask participants to sleep anywhere without a bed: cars, a tent, a tree house, living room floor, a couch and use the hashtag #NightWithoutABed to post a video, blog, or photo with a short blog entry to describe their experiences. In the run-up to the event, participants will challenge another friend to complete the #NightWithoutABed or make a donation to Family Promise.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 26-Sunday, June 27. We have rented all the backpacking sites at Mendenhall Campground for youth and adults to participate together. If your youth, scouting, or friend group would like to participate please keep a lookout on our Facebook page/website for the reservation contact information. You can also participate in your own way, in your own location, the key here is to raise awareness.



This event and location for others to participate is very near and dear to us. Pastor Tari first learned about family homelessness in our community because there was a family who routinely came to church to dry out their items from long term camping. They were trying to navigate a gap in housing and were living at the Mendenhall Campground.

You can be a part of making sure everyone has a safe place to sleep by going to <https://www.nightwithoutabed.org/organizations/family-promise-of-juneau> and commit to fundraise by going a night without a bed or by donating to the cause.

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