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Newsletter

Welcome ...

We are excited to welcome our new executive director. His name is Loren Bettridge and he has great enthusiasm for the mission of Family Promise of Juneau.

Families of 500

We have 30 Families of 500!

Thank you for your commitment to support Family Promise of Juneau with \$500 for the next three years. Our goal is 60 so we are halfway there.

Board

Please feel free to contact any of the board members below.

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When I was 16 years old my father moved us to Hoonah, AK where he had a job of City Manager. That island town was my first exposure to Alaska and it was very different from the desert of southern Utah where I came from. I graduated from high school and migrated to Juneau where I attended UAS. I also worked for Hope Community Resources as a support staff and a supervisor. I later created and ran a business, supporting those in the community who experience disabilities. I also worked for Alaska Airlines as a supervisor, at Juneau Pediatric Dentistry/Southeast Dental as an office manager and most recently at Bartlett Regional Hospital.

I love to connect with and help people help themselves; which is what attracted me to Family Promise. I am excited to join this diverse collection of volunteers who are working to provide shelter, food, direction and most importantly hope, to families in our community.

My wife and I have 6 children- the oldest 2 are 10, the next 2 are 8, a 6 year old and a 4 year old- with another slated to be born any day now.

We are thankful and excited to be a part of inception of Family Promise as we open our doors on April 30th. Thank you for your support and together we can make a difference in the lives of families in Juneau.



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Training with regional director Stacy Pollard

Congregations & Organizations

Hosting

Chapel by the Lake Northern Light United Church Shepherd of the Valley Holy Trinity Salvation Army Church of the Nazarene Church of Christ St. Paul's Cathedral of the Nativity Resurrection Lutheran

Supporting

Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Congregation Sukkot Shalom Eagle Wings Community Church Auke Bay Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Mt. Juneau Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Nugget Falls Ward of of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2

Opportunities to be involved:

If you belong to a local faith community that is hosting or supporting, talk with your leader to see how you can help in your congregation.

If not, feel free to call us at 500-3032 or go to <u>www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4DABA822A7FB6-</u> <u>volunteer</u> to find out how you can help.

Day Center Volunteers:

The Day Center is at Chapel by the Lake. The Day Center will be the place where families get ready for their day and some will spend their day at the center doing the things one would normally do at home. We need volunteers to be present and help with some of the following: Answering the phone and taking messages Filing Typing as assigned by the Director Sending of e-mails and faxes Organizing donations brought to the Day Center Making copies Assisting our guests as appropriate

Van Driver Volunteers:

Volunteers drive families from host congregation to Day Center at 7 am and then return at 5:30 pm

Families of 500:

Consider being a sustaining member of Family Promise of Juneau by giving \$500 each year for the next three years.

Committees:

We are forming the following committees: Board Development, Finance, Development, Personnel, Public Relations, and Congregational Relations. If you are interested in learning more, please talk to a board member.





Thank you to Soapy Lingle for securing a 15 passenger van to help transport families from the hosting sites to the Day Center!

Resources Still Needed for Day Center

Bean Bag Chairs (2-3) Floor Lamps (2) Desk Lamps (3) Small Fridge Small Microwave

Hygiene Supplies (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant) Baby Supplies (diapers, rash creme, wipes) Child Play Rug (5'x3' Ikea Style) - Matchbox Cars Area Rugs (2 large approx 8'x10' and one smaller appox 3'x5') Infant/toddler car seat (1-2)

Any donated items can be dropped off at the Day Center at Chapel by the Lake. Please leave your name on donated items if we aren't there so we can be sure to thank you!

Family Promise is a community response to families experiencing homelessness by providing hospitality in area churches. Guests receive hospitality and three meals a day from church members and volunteers. Family Promise case managers work with guest parents to ensure they can become self-sufficient.

The interfaith hospitality network program began in Union County, New Jersey, in 1986, in response to the growing number of homeless families seeking shelter and support services. Successful non-profit programs for families experiencing homelessness have been implemented by a number of communities based on this model for the past thirty years throughout the nation including Wasilla.



Open House at the Day Center at Chapel by the Lake Sunday, April 23 1-3 pm

It is our joy and delight to announce the final pieces are being put into place to open on April 30. We have a new executive director, a van, policies and procedures for family intake, a day center, and trained volunteers.

Family Promise is sustainable through the support and involvement of everyone. We welcome you to the Day Center Open House on Sunday, April 23 at Chapel by the Lake from 1-3 pm. You will get a chance to meet our new director, see the space, and learn about opportunities to volunteer and financially support the program.