Fall 2017 Newsletter

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Welcome . . .

We are excited to welcome our new executive director. We called Shannon Fisher from Kansas City to be our consulting director this summer after Michelle Strickler saw us through a time of transition. Shannon has

Families of 500

We have 40 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 almost there.

Board

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

Board Chair

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agreed to be our permanent director and we are thrilled.

A message from our director:

Hospitality, it is an ancient art, one at the center of many faith traditions. Art is unique and each person's practice brings the gifts they have nurtured. I have been in Juneau for three months serving as the

Consulting Executive Director for Family Promise and it is now official that I will humbly continue leading Family Promise as Executive Director.

Similar to many of us, I could not have predicted where my path has taken me, but I can say hospitality has been at the center of my journey. I began my post college living in community with refugees who had fled to London. I subsequently attended law school at the University of Kansas. During that time my church became a supporting congregation with Family Promise and I spent many nights as an overnight host. That experience led me to serving on staff at two Family Promise affiliates. The mission of Family Promise is a unique one. I am honored and humbled to join with you as we come together as a community to serve your community, our community.

Thank you for lending your time, talent, and gifts to those in Juneau experiencing homelessness. I hope you are blessed in the giving and receiving of the unique hospitality of those you encounter. I am so very blessed to walk alongside you in this ministry.



Congregations & Organizations

Hosting

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

Supporting

Juneau Unitarian
Universalist Fellowship
Congregation Sukkat 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

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Day Saints

Nugget Falls Ward of of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints

Alaska Native Sisterhood Camp 2

We also welcome Jennifer Lanz as Family Service and Operations Coordinator

Jenn comes with a vast amount of experience and passion for the mission of Family Promise.

And we thank Barbara Shore for her faithful work as office manager.

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.

Also feel free to call us at 500-3032 or email <u>info@familypromisejuneau.org</u> for other volunteer opportunities.

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.

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.



Highlights:

- •We are celebrating four months hosting and accompanying families
 - •We have graduated two families
 - •Over 3500 volunteer hours have been given to help with van driving, day center coverage and congregational activities.
 - •The halibut dinner was a success raising \$10,000 that was matched by the Benito and Frances C.

Gaguine Foundation

 Amazing volunteers and staff have been faithful in walking with the organization through these first months

Needs:

Two more board members to come on in January. We are looking specifically for folks who are able to help with finances, fundraising, or public relations.

One more hosting congregation and two more supporting organizations/congregations for 2018



Twenty more "Families of 500." These families create a steady supply of funding so we can focus on the work that needs to be done.

Dates to Remember:

October 7 5:30-7:00 pm Taste of Promise Cook Off October 13-16 Family Promise National Convention in DC



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Taste of Promise Cook Off

Family Promise of Juneau has served **2436** meals since we've opened thanks to our generous congregations and volunteers. Many of our guests have commented on the amazing food so we decided it's time to share those meals with all of Juneau and raise some funds too.

We're asking all supporting and hosting congregations as well as friends to enter your favorite entree, side and dessert (enough to serve 30 people) into the **First Annual Family Promise Cook Off on Saturday, October 7 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Chapel by the Lake.**

Entry sheets are available through your congregational coordinator and are due by September 20.

We will invite the community to vote for their favorite dish with dollars. Tickets for the event are \$20.