

WELCOME TO JENNIFER SKINNER

Jennifer Skinner joins Family Promise of Juneau with five years' experience in the non-profit sector in various capacities, including case-management and human resources. Jennifer has a bachelor's degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Social Work. She moved to Juneau five years ago from Central California where she was a Licensed Psychiatric Technician for the Department of State Hospitals. Jennifer relocated to Juneau with two school-aged children in tow, and her oldest daughter stayed in California to pursue work and college.



Jennifer brings much to the table in the way of empathy and understanding for others and is excited to join such a wonderful agency. Jennifer loves fishing, camping and creating. During down time you can catch her doing any of these things! Jennifer looks forward to growing with Family Promise and offering the community support through our amazing programs!



LASAGNA DINNER AND DESSERT AUCTION

We successfully raised **\$13,300!!!** We prepared over 300 plates for the drive through pick-up meal. The lasagna dinners and dessert auction was a huge success. Special thanks go to all of our many volunteers that without their dedication and hard work none of this would be possible! We would like to especially thank:

- ⇒ **Thunder Mountain National Honors Society & Culinary Class** for event support by providing meals and working the event.
- ⇒ **Breeze In** for the generous donation of bread for all of our meals.
- ⇒ **Thrivent Financial** for a \$250 gift card, money well spent at Costco for supplies.
- ⇒ **Dessert Bakers** all the wonderful people who provided delicious sweet treats for the dessert auction.
- ⇒ **Main Dish Cooks** all the folks who donated amazing lasagna dishes for the main dish of the fundraiser.
- ⇒ **Volunteers** all those who assisted behind the scenes to ensure a successful fundraiser.

THANK YOU all from the bottom of our hearts, we at Family Promise could not continue to support the many households we provide assistance to, if it weren't for the generosity and caring that all the people who came together displayed! Here's to the next event!



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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: 84 Households

Families in Transition: 37 Families

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

Prevention Services: 48 Households

With \$69,000.00 distributed and case-management provided, 95% of households in Prevention Services remained housed.

Adults Served: 89

Children Served: 110

Hospitality Nights Provide: 8,889

Meals Served: 26,667

Average Length of Stay: 68 Days

Active Volunteers: 483

Active hosting supports: 16

BOARD AND STAFF

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

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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR, KATTI CARLSON, LMSW:

Family Promise of Juneau (FPJ) has been weathering the storm of COVID for what feels like a lifetime. I do, however, believe we have done a great job of continuing to serve homeless families in Juneau. Our Family Shelter is ready to host families. Our Homeless Prevention Services have been very busy and successful in keeping people in housing. Fewer families require our shelter services at this time. This could be due to the successes in our prevention services programs, and that's an amazing place to be at as an agency. We would like to share the following success story with you, as it reflects many of the trials and tribulations experienced by individual households we assist.

Jeff was a referral from our local Continuum of Care (COC). At the time of intake, Jeff had been experiencing homelessness since 2014. Jeff was a caring, respectful and thoughtful musician, supportive community member, dog owner, believer and tither, owns his own vehicle, was employed, and a homeowner at one point. Unfortunately, he could no longer afford to stay in his home after an expensive lot-rent increase. Homeowner to Homeless overnight.

Jeff felt hopeless and was reluctant to look for housing because he had been turned down so many times, and then he experienced job loss due to COVID-19, adding to his situation. At this time, Jeff had already experienced multiple disappointments by the system that was created to help him. Jeff had two Section 8 Housing Vouchers, which pay a portion of the rent depending on the receiver's income and household size. While the Voucher can be helpful, it does not guarantee housing or additional support, and Jeff's experience with them was terrible.

Our Prevention Program Manager, Kate, worked hard to encourage Jeff to apply for housing vouchers again, assuring him that she would work with him to get him into housing. Jeff was pessimistic, but worked with Kate and applied for a housing voucher with the VA. With the help of a VA Advocate and Kate, Jeff secured a VA housing voucher in October of 2021, but he remained apprehensive. Kate and Jeff continued to work together and built a solid rapport, and he was encouraged and hopeful because of staffs' care and case management - *I enjoyed that Family Promise of Juneau (FPJ) is responsive, supportive and precise in their work.*

As part of the voucher process, people are required to go through an orientation. Scheduling was tough because of COVID-19 limited capacity in many places, and Jeff's had to be rescheduled twice. Securing his orientation proved to be a large obstacle for Jeff, but it was surmountable with help. This is a typical hindrance that can be discouraging for someone navigating the system independently.



Over the next few months while working with apartment managers, there were two instances where Jeff was encouraged to apply, assured availability, and then told he would not receive the apartment. Although this situation was out of his control due to wait lists and housing priorities, Jeff felt like his age and homeless status largely contributed.

With Jeff's voucher expiration quickly approaching, Kate and the VA advocate helped Jeff complete the paperwork necessary for an extension, and the VA office granted it. Things began to look up when Kate was visiting with a friend in the community and she learned they had a housing opportunity for Jeff. Within days, the applications were completed and filed. Unfortunately, Jeff's greatest companion, his dog of 14 years, passed away in the midst of all of this. While the passing of Jeff's dog delayed things, the apartment complex was patient and supportive while Jeff endured his loss.

Jeff told us, "*Securing housing is layered, convoluted and bureaucratic. I would not be housed without the support of Kate and the VA Advocate.*" As of July 2021, Jeff moved into his apartment complex owned by Tlingit-Haida housing. Jeff was able to retain some items left behind from the previous tenants, and in August 2021. Soon after securing housing Jeff was also offered a job. Things have finally come full circle. He loves his new apartment, and this will be the first winter in seven years that Jeff has a place to call home - *I don't think I could have ever dreamed of having an apartment this nice.*

This is not our only success story, but it is one we are very proud of. FPJ and our supporters have a deep belief that everyone deserves a home. Through our Prevention Services program, we have served over 35 households with a 95% success rate, 75% of those were families with children.

There are many ways you can help us help people like Jeff. Volunteering your time and home cooked meals with FPJ is one way we'll always welcome your assistance, and you can read on for more ideas. Thank you for all you've done in the past and all you'll help us accomplish in the future. -Katti, LMSW, AK, ID

FAMILY OF 1000 - MATCHING GRANT

*****Through the end of 2021, the Richard L. and Diane M. Block Foundation will match every new FAMILY OF 1000 donation! Please consider donating now and helping us reach the goal of \$25,000 in Families of 1000.*****

You can become a Family of 1000 (or Family of 500) by pledging to donate \$1000 (or \$500) or more every year over a period of 3 years. Our goal for 2021 is 60 Families of 500 and 25 Families of 1000.

When you pledge to be a Family of 1000, you not only help guarantee Family Promise of Juneau a solid financial base, but more so, you will help provide families of Juneau with:

- ◇ A safe place to sleep, eat, bathe, store their belongings, receive mail, and do laundry.
- ◇ Support and love from a case manager and congregational volunteers.
- ◇ Transportation assistance.
- ◇ Budget, parenting and vocational training.
- ◇ Assistance in saving for a down payment on housing.
- ◇ A piece of mind while they focus on things to get back on their feet.



SHARING THE GIFT OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT

For an end of the year push this year, we thought we'd do a supply/needs drive to ensure we'll get through 2022 no matter what. If you have family and friends that want to get you something for the holidays, but you don't need any more stuff, direct them here:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/2021fpjendofyear>

If anyone wants to purchase supplies in someone's name, you can note that during checkout. There's lots of ways to help us out by contributing to our Office Supplies, Utilities/Building Costs, and Family Item needs throughout the year. You also have the option to simply contribute to FPJ with a one time general donation.

Thank you for considering us during the holiday season.

