

## When we open doors . . .

My heart was changed when we opened our doors at Shepherd of the Valley to our neighborhood. God's spirit has been at work in amazing ways to open our hearts.

### Families of 500

We have 20 **Families of 500** who have pledged \$500 each year for three years. Our goal is for 45 more families before we open.

### 501 (c) 3

We received our non-profit tax exempt status and opened our own bank account. Our current balance is \$13,000. We need \$90,000 before we can open. Fundraising information is inside.

### Congregations

We are excited to include the following hosting and supporting congregations:

Chapel by the Lake  
Northern Light United Church  
Shepherd of the Valley  
Holy Trinity  
Church of the Nazarene  
\*St. Paul's  
\*Cathedral of the Nativity  
Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Sukkat Shalom  
Auke Bay Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints  
\*Waiting final approval



In 2010, our food pantry at Shepherd of the Valley experienced increased traffic in the summer with families trying to feed extra mouths out of school so we started our summer lunch program. We celebrated this year our fifth year of serving lunches, but in the midst of this time with youth, our eyes were opened to how many families face homelessness with few resources for support. That's what started my passion for Family Promise. It not only supports families who are facing homelessness, but gathers people around tables for meals and fellowship. That changes everyone's lives and hearts.

If anyone had said at the beginning of summer lunch that we would need 72 different volunteers to see us through a summer, we would have balked. We only have an average worship size of 75. This past year 72 volunteers donated at least 2000 hours. When we engage in something meaningful, then folks get excited and want to have a part.

Good things are happening to move Family Promise of Juneau forward and we are asking everyone to think about the part they can play.

Peace-Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey



## Board formation

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A huge thanks to the organizing team for Family Promise:

Tari Stage-Harvey  
Chuck VanKirk  
Jennifer Carson  
Michelle Strickler  
Willie Anderson  
Linda Landvik  
Sherry Lanz  
Pat McLear  
Randy Coleman  
Soapy & Jill Lingle  
Linda McCargar  
Melody Millard  
Daniel Hall  
Jean Ann Alter  
Bridget Weiss

We are beginning the process of organizing the board. This is a working board consisting of 7-9 members who bring a variety of resources and perspectives. If you are interested in receiving a board packet, please email Michelle Strickler at [stricklermichelle@gmail.com](mailto:stricklermichelle@gmail.com)

## *Halibut Caddy Ganty and Silent Auction*

There is a Family Promise Fundraiser on **Sunday, September 25 from 5-7 pm** at Northern Light United Church. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$20 and there will be a silent auction. The menu is Halibut Caddy Ganty with baked beans, coleslaw, and rolls.

The Benito and Frances C. Gaguine Foundation will match up to \$10,000 raised.

## *Grant requests*

We are currently working on requests to several Lutheran funding sources. If your faith community has any endowments or such, please contact Jennifer Carson at [jennifer.carson@ccsjuneau.com](mailto:jennifer.carson@ccsjuneau.com).

Thank you for your partnership in this desperately needed ministry where we accompany families through the strain of homelessness.





We still hope to open in the beginning of 2017.

To do list:

Secure three more hosting congregations and four more supporting congregations

Finalize day center site

Acquire a van

Formalize board

Hire an executive director

Figure out congregational coordinators and do training

Purchase cots and other necessary items

Raise \$75,000

Fall Fundraiser	\$20,000
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Families of 500	\$25,000
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Lutheran Resources	\$10,000
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Other denominations	\$15,000
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Community Resources	\$5,000
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It is daunting, but doable. If everyone offers what they can, we can make this happen.

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 regain their self-sufficiency.

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.



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