

## Host Congregations:

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
East Stroudsburg Presbyterian Church  
East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
Faith United Methodist Church  
First Presbyterian Church of Stroudsburg  
Innovation Church (Cresco)  
Mt. Pocono United Methodist Church  
The Reformed Church of Bushkill  
Stroudsburg United Methodist Church  
Stroudsburg Wesleyan Church  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Zion United Church of Christ  
Zion United Lutheran Church

## Support Congregations

Bushkill Community Church  
Cherry Lane United Methodist Church  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Christ United Methodist Church of Poplar Valley  
Christian Life Assembly  
Christian Missionary Alliance  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church  
Mountainhome United Methodist Church  
Pocono Grace Seventh Day Adventist  
Pocono Lake United Methodist Church  
Pocono Lake Wesleyan Church  
St. Bernadette's Catholic Church  
St. Luke's Catholic Church  
St. Matthew's Catholic Church  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church of East Stroudsburg  
St. Paul's United Church Of Christ  
Salem-St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Kresgeville  
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
Wooddale United Methodist Church

## *Comments from the Families*

"The best thing about Family Promise is that they're compassionate. The staff & volunteers at Family Promise really care about the community. They really enjoy helping families."

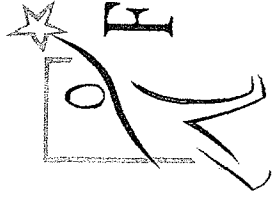


"Family Promise was a life saver for me and my family. It gave me the support I needed to get through this stressful time in my life."



"...it was peaceful to come to a church and feel protected. Although our home moved weekly, we felt loved ... we would not be abandoned until I was able to secure a permanent job and affordable housing."

"They provided us with food, transportation and games for the children. Every day, members of the church would come to spend the night so you and your children will have someone to talk to."



# Family Promise<sup>®</sup>

of Monroe County

Everyone Needs a Home!



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1283 N. Ninth Street  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



United Way  
of Monroe County

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## Who is Family Promise

Family Promise of Monroe County is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3), non-denominational organization for homeless families in transition and part of a national organization founded in 1986. Family Promise brings shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes through a network of local congregations.

## What does Family Promise Do?

We are committed to helping low-income families to achieve lasting independence by helping communities mobilize to provide safe shelter, meals, and support services for homeless families and through programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness.

We work to accomplish our mission through four program areas:

- Interfaith Hospitality Networks (IHNs) provide shelter, meals, and comprehensive support services to homeless families.
- Family Mentoring helps prevent homelessness by training volunteers to be advisors and advocates to low-income families.
- Just Neighbors, an interactive educational program, raises awareness of the root causes of poverty and homelessness as the first step in establishing community-based responses.
- Community Initiatives: foster local IHN outgrowth programs, such as transitional housing, job training, childcare, and literacy.

## Why is Family Promise of Monroe County Needed?

- The average age of a homeless person in the United States is 9 years old.
- The United States had 744,000 homeless people in 2005 - 41% were families.
- Locally a lack of affordable housing was the leading cause of homelessness.
- In the last 12 to 18 months the homeless population in PA has exploded.
- There are limited shelters for homeless families in Monroe County.

### Our Mission

Family Promise is committed to helping low-income families to achieve lasting independence. We do this by helping communities mobilize to provide safe shelter, meals, and support services for homeless families and through programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness. Family Promise seeks to engage the community and individuals as well as businesses to end homelessness in Monroe County one family at a time.

## How You can Help.....

Family Promise of Monroe County relies on donations to assist homeless families in our community. Please make monetary donations payable to

**Family Promise of Monroe County**  
**901 N. 5th Street, Suite A**  
**Stroudsburg, PA 18360**  
[www.FamilyPromisePA.com](http://www.FamilyPromisePA.com)

All donations are tax deductible

## How does the program work?

1. **Congregations:** The hosting of families rotates weekly among 13 host congregations in the Network. In turn, each host congregation provides lodging, dinner, and caring hospitality 4-5 times a year. Support Congregations assist the program by providing regular volunteers and funds.
2. **Day Center:** Guests use our Day Center from 7 AM to 5 PM, where a professional social worker provides case management services. The guests pursue employment, permanent housing, care for pre-school children, shower and do laundry and build employment skills.
3. **Transportation:** The Family Promise van transports guests to and from the Day Center.
4. **Volunteers:** Volunteers are essential to our success and provide a wide range of services like cooking and serving meals, playing with children or helping them with homework, interacting with guests with respect and compassion, and providing overnight security as well as helping in the office.
5. **Fundraising:** The organization is financed through donations, grants and fundraising events.

### Board of Trustees:

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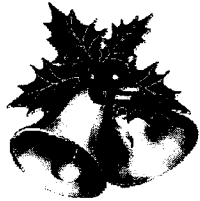


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December 2011



**From Our House to Yours . . .  
Merry Christmas and Joyful Wishes for the New Year!  
from the Board, Staff, and Families at FPMC**

**2011: A Year of Gratitude**

President's Message

No doubt, it was a challenging year for us all at FPMC, but if you ask me what we are most grateful for, I would simply say, "A fresh start in our new home!" With the tremendous support of our Board of Trustees, our host and support churches, pastors and coordinators, a new Case Manager, the kindness of volunteers, the many individual and financial supporters around the community, and the generosity of local businessman John M. Frailey, Family Promise is in a new day center that we call home. Since the summer, three families have graduated the program and three more are working toward their goal of self-sufficiency.

On behalf of the Board, our heartfelt thanks to you all!

Laurie C. Kozar, President

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Because of the Readdressing Project, our address will change in January 2012. Our **new address** will be:

Family Promise of Monroe County  
1274 North Ninth Street  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



*change of address*

Thanks to the businesses and organizations in our community! We deeply value your support

May  
You Be  
Blessed \*  
\* VFW \*  
AETNA  
AMVETS  
\* BEST BUY \*  
FIVE BELOW  
NED'S ON 9th \*  
THE HARTFORD  
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\* MOUNT POCONO ROTARY CLUB \*  
ROTARY CLUB OF STROUDSBURG  
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PAUL DAVIS EMERGENCY SERVICES  
POCONO MOUNTAIN WOMEN'S CLUB  
PHF AND ROTARY CLUB OF THE SMITHFIELDS  
NCC  
ESU  
UWAY



Being a graduate of Family Promise has made me appreciate life so much more! My family and I worked hard and we feel blessed that we were able to move forward with the help from Family Promise. I am also so grateful to be employed by FP and can continue to share my experiences and help other families.

*Clarissa*



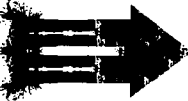
Being in Family Promise has been much more than I expected. To get myself back on track, they offer lots of resources to help me with my goals. Family Promise is very respectful in keeping my private affairs private. *Mother of 3*



I'm an Intern from ESU and I am happy to be a part of Family Promise. It is a great non-profit organization. I enjoy volunteering my time because the staff is welcoming, the families involved in the program are amazing, and I am gaining great work experience.

*Candice*

Looking Ahead



## Upcoming Events



**Drive-Thru Bethlehem**—Join us on December 10, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at **Faith United Methodist Church** (located at 1160 Hill Street, Stroudsburg, off Chipperfield Drive). Come experience the Christmas Story with your family as you drive through the town of Bethlehem ... full of joy and surprises. The journey begins with the tax collector, who will receive your "taxes" (non-perishable food donations for the Oasis of Love food pantry or monetary gifts for Family Promise); it ends with hot chocolate and cookies.



**Santa's Breakfast**—Come one; come all, and bring the kids to a delicious breakfast on December 17<sup>th</sup> at **East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church** (located at 88. S. Courtland St. East Stroudsburg) from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Along with other vendors, Family Promise will be selling Christmas gifts for last-minute shoppers.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mini Golf Tournament**—Practice your putting on February 10 & 11, 2012 at **East Stroudsburg United Methodist Church** (located at 88. S. Courtland St. East Stroudsburg). With 18 holes of miniature golf inside the church, this will be great fun for the entire family!



**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Footsteps for Families 3K Walk-a-thon**—Let your feet do the talking on March 3, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. inside the Stroud Mall in Stroudsburg. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.; the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Get together with some friends and walk to raise money for Family Promise. The participant with the most pledges raised will win a beautifully crafted birdhouse. In addition to refreshments, there will be a tricky tray and music to inspire us along the walk. Applications will be mailed to previous participants. Contact FP if you need one.

**Walk-a-thon**



**Spring Clothing Drive**—Since the three clothing drives of 2011 raised more than \$3100 for Family Promise, we are planning another for April 2012. Stay tuned for more information about the date and location.

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**Special thanks to: Natural Concepts Hair Design** for raising \$1000 for FPMC.

- **Clearview Elementary PTA** in Stroudsburg for holding a coat drive to benefit Family Promise. They collected 86 coats and lots of hats, scarves and gloves!
- **PHF and the Rotary Club of the Smithfields** for awarding Family Promise a \$1,000 grant at the **PMC Annual Tree Lighting** on November 29<sup>th</sup>! This grant will provide dental care for the children in our program.

***May the New Year Be Filled with Many Blessings!***