



## Family Promise Week 2020

October 18-25

Over the past eight years, Affiliates across the country have set aside a week in October to celebrate the work we all do every day - preventing families from becoming homeless, sheltering those in crisis, and stabilizing families so they are no longer at risk. This national event increases awareness of the issue of family homelessness and is an opportunity to engage and thank volunteers, donors, supporters, and community leaders.

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram this week as we celebrate our families, volunteers and donors. We are partnering with our National office and Give Gab to raise funds and awareness to support our programs. Peer to Peer fundraising opportunities are available. To donate online, please go to: <https://www.fpgives.org/organizations/family-promise-of-southwest-new-jersey>

### Dinner's On Me

We ran an online giving campaign back in March at the start of COVID-19 to help feed families already experiencing food insecurity. We raised over \$4,000 and provided over 100 families with gift cards to purchase groceries. Thank you to all who contributed to this campaign.

### Adopt a Family for the Holidays

Are you or your business looking for a way to help out a family in need this holiday season? Each year we ask our families, both past and present what they would like or need for the holidays. If you would like to be a part of this special giving season please email Victoria Osborn: [vosborn@familypromiseswnj.org](mailto:vosborn@familypromiseswnj.org)



### Support our Restaurants

Please continue to support all of our *A Taste of South Jersey* Restaurants. Although we cannot host the event this year, we hope you will show them some love for helping Family Promise over the years.

**Adelphia Restaurant**

**Carolina Blue**

**Plaza Azteca**

**Kitchen 519**

**Cacia's Bakery**

**Applebees**

**Wedgewood Country Club**

**Classic Cakes**

**Big Daddy's Seafood**

We hope to see you all again next

November 2021!



Tom Power with granddaughter Olivia at our 2019 A Taste of South

### Why I Give

Acknowledging an inspirational Board Member for his dedication and years of service

Tom Power first heard of Family Promise when he attended an interfaith service in January, 2004 hosted by Pastor Carol Davies from Bethel United Methodist Church. The invited speaker was a representative from the Family Promise network in Burlington County. Several members of his parish at St. Charles Borromeo started talking that day about becoming involved in the organization. Since then, Tom has served on the board for two terms (2005-2009; 2014-2020). He was board president for two years during each term (2008-2009; 2017-2018). Tom has also served as the committee chair for our annual *A Taste of South Jersey* fundraising event since its inception in 2007.

We asked Tom a few questions about what serving the mission of Family Promise has meant to him over the years. "I believe so strongly in the mission of Family Promise to be with and stand for neighbors in our community who live on the margins, and to do so in unity with people of faith from diverse religious traditions. Family Promise has afforded me some of the most compelling faith experiences I have ever had. From the beginning, I have wanted to do whatever I can to build and strengthen this organization. Being on the board has given me countless opportunities to learn from and be inspired by fellow board members, staff, and our extraordinary volunteers."

**What are you most proud of?** "I am so proud we have sustained this organization for 15 years and are well positioned for the future. I recall many periods of doubt, wondering whether we would be able to survive. Over the years I learned to have faith in our mission and our volunteers. Our work is so important and we have so many volunteers willing to make great sacrifices to keep this organization moving forward."

**Is there a particular moment or event that resonates with you?** "I will always remember our first week of hosting, which was the first week our network opened (December, 2005). The week ended on Christmas Day. What a special Christmas morning it was taking my children to the Day Center to share gifts with the first family in our network, including an active 3 year old, Isaiah."

**Tell us about your family and work.** "My 41 year marriage to Barbara has been an extraordinary blessing. We have three children, two of whom are married (Josh to Michele, Thomas to Aliya) with the other being newly engaged (Leah to Conor). We have been blessed with three grandchildren (Olivia, Nathan, and Scarlet). I love the work I do as a psychologist who has been at CHOP for 36 years. My responsibilities include directing the Center for Management of ADHD. I especially enjoy conducting research in schools and primary care practices, with a focus on children from low-income backgrounds."

The board would like to thank Tom for his outstanding dedication and 15 years service to Family Promise. Tom is kindhearted, generous and a faithful servant to the poor and needy. We are eternally grateful for all of his hard work and contributions to making Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey the organization it is today.



# IMPACT100 SOUTH JERSEY

Feeling blessed to have been the recipient of a \$43,000 award from this amazing group of women. Impact100 South Jersey is a women's collective giving group. Their goal is to bring together over 100 diverse and philanthropic-minded members who will combine their contributions to give high-impact grants to local organizations. Thank you all so much for the great work you are doing here in South Jersey!



Want to learn more about this amazing group of philanthropic women? Our CEO Rosemarie Parker will be hosting an information session via Zoom on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 PM. Please visit our website events page to RSVP: [www.familypromiseswnj.org](http://www.familypromiseswnj.org)

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Thank you for your support!

*Rosemarie Parker, CEO*

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all of our congregations, coordinators, volunteers and donors for your continued support. Without you, we could not continue to provide the much needed services to the homeless families of our community.

This has been a difficult year full of uncertainty about the health and welfare of our guests, volunteers and our organization as a whole. We are proud that we have been able to continue to provide critical services to homeless families during the COVID-19 crisis and successfully graduate families into permanent housing.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. To stay up to date with all of our news and events, please like us on Facebook.

### Family Success Story

A whole new meaning to sisterly love and nowhere to go...In July we received a call from a pregnant single mom with a 3 year old son. She was scared, alone and had nowhere to go. Upon entry into our network, she informed us that her sister and four month old nephew were also in need of shelter. We worked together as a "family" and each had their own individual goals set, but one main goal was to live in the same town near each other, to continue to support each other and raise their children together. Working with Catholic Charities of Gloucester County and 2 new Private landlords, both sisters graduated into their own apartments in the same town within walking distance of each other! Thanks to our amazing organization and volunteers, we were able to assist them with gift cards, furniture, and supplies for their new home.

*"Thank you so much for everything.... not just finding me a place but you helped me regain my independence and confidence. Because of the situation I was in, I felt like I was in such a dark place for a long time. I finally feel like myself again." With the help of Agencies and volunteers we were able to assist her with gift cards, furniture, and supplies for her new home.*

