

# Family Promise 2019 Funtastic Fundraisers

## COMEDY NIGHT

This past March we held our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Night at the Church of the Incarnation in Mantua. The night was filled with a buffet, refreshments, a basket auction, and lots of laughter from our four hilarious comedy performances. Thank you Tony Parlante, Al Smith, Helene Angley, and Ross Bennett. You had us in stitches! Thank you Kristy Kazelskis and Tina Felizzi for preparing and serving up all the delicious food. Thank you Carlie Sobolewski for creating the beautiful auction baskets. We hope to see you all again next year! Mark your calendars now...

We will be hosting our next Comedy Show on March 28, 2020 at the Church of the Incarnation. Tickets will be on sale the end of January.

Family Promise Giving Day

This October 25<sup>th</sup>, we participated with our National Office and affiliates from across the country in our first ever Giving Day to help raise funding and awareness of family homelessness. Nationwide we raised over \$500,000. Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey raised over \$1000 and received a \$500 prize from one of our National Sponsors. Thank you to all who donated!



## Giving Tree

Thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree during our Taste of South Jersey Event. We offered three giving levels: Star Donor, Tiny House Donor and Angel Donor. Everyone who donated received a wooden ornament hand painted by a child to take home. One ornament with the donor's name on it was also placed on our giving tree which is on display at our center.



## Would you like to donate to our Giving Tree?

Go to our events page on our website:

[www.familypromiseswnj.org/events/](http://www.familypromiseswnj.org/events/)

Star Donor: \$25-\$100

Tiny House Donor: \$101-\$499

Angel Donor: Over \$500

Everyone who donates will be mailed a hand painted wooden ornament plus one will be placed on our tree at the center for all to see.

Check our website for all events  
[www.familypromiseswnj.org](http://www.familypromiseswnj.org)

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Taste of South Jersey"

Our 12<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of South Jersey celebration was held at Adelphia's Restaurant in Deptford on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and once again it was a major success.

Thank you to Karen Rogers of 6abc News for your touching words and support for our mission. Your dedication to serving children in need in our area is admirable and greatly appreciated.

The success of the event was due in large part to the very generous contributions of our many sponsors. Of course, what drives the event and makes it special are our chefs. This year, we were served by some of the region's finest: Adelphia Restaurant, Bonnie's Irish Crème, Carolina Blue, Plaza Azteca, Cacia's Bakery, Kitchen 519, Red Lobster, Classic Cakes, Applebees, Wedgwood Country Club, and Big Daddy's Seafood.

We made our two major announcements during the event. One that our name officially changed to Family Promise of Southwest New Jersey and two, we are beginning a Capital Campaign to relocate our operations and expand programming. Please check out our website for more information.



We hope that you will join us next year for our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual "A Taste of South Jersey" in November, 2020.

**Thank you to all our Host  
& Support Congregations!**

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Church of the Incarnation  
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First Presbyterian of Woodbury  
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Richwood United Methodist Church  
First Baptist Church of Pitman  
St Peter's Episcopal Church also host to  
St Peter's Haven Transitional House

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Donors & Community  
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First Call for Help  
West Deptford Women's Club  
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People for People Foundation  
Southwest Council



**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 sponsors 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 an amazing year full of fundraisers, growing partnerships and most importantly successful graduations of our 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. *Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a safe, happy and healthy New Year!*

**Network News**

*Victoria Peters, Executive Director of Programs and Services*

Family Promise of Gloucester County has had yet another successful year! We have built new partnerships with congregations and agencies in the community while working alongside our current supportive and dedicated volunteers. Thanks to our large network, 17 families (32 parents and 28 children) will have graduated from our program by the end of the year. Three of our families were successful thanks to the generosity of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Clarksboro and their gift of St. Peter's Haven Transitional House. Our families are very appreciative and would like to say "thank you" to all who showed them love and kindness when they were at their lowest point. Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah! We look forward to helping even more families on 2020.

**Family Success Story**

A family of six from Salem County reached out to Family Promise when they had no one else to turn because they wanted to stay together as a family. They stated that the other shelters/programs would only take mom and children and she would have to leave behind her husband. That all changed when they called Family Promise. Our program keeps families together until they can get back on their feet. The family had lost their apartment when dad was laid off from his job. They were all living in single motel room paying \$65 per night. The family successfully graduated our program within 3 months! They had saved enough money to buy a car and furnish their own three bedroom home back in Salem County. We have adopted them for Thanksgiving and also got the entire family adopted for Christmas. We wish them continued success in their new home and will forever carry them in our hearts.

**Student Transportation Program**

We are excited to announce that we began our new student transportation program this September. Thanks to a grant from the Columbia Bank Foundation, we were able to purchase a 2015 minivan which we have registered as a school vehicle. We also hired a former graduate, who happened to be a school bus driver. We are now able to provide transportation for our kids to their sending school districts. We are hoping to expand the program by adding 4 more vehicles in 2020. The program will not only serve a need for our organization and the community, it will generate much needed revenue to help more families.