

# FAMILY PROMISE OF YELLOWSTONE VALLEY



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## 9TH Annual “ Drive Out Homelessness” Golf Tournament

A great day was held by  
all September 15th. We  
had 12 teams that golfed  
their way to an amazing  
BBQ and prizes from  
generous sponsors! We  
raised \$14,000

# FAMILY PROMISE

## U P D A T E S

### SUMMER RECAP

GOLF TOURNAMENT

SB195 PASSED

IHN SHELTER PROGRAM  
KICKS OFF




### NEW WEBSITE

SHAY HAS BEEN  
FEVERISHLY WORKING ON  
UPDATING OUR NEW  
WEBSITE. WE HOPE TO  
HAVE IT UP THIS MONTH!  
[www.familypromiseyv.org](http://www.familypromiseyv.org)

### BEACH BLIZZARD 13TH ANNUAL EVENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-  COMMITTEES
-  SPONSORS
-  AUCTION ITEMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

-  NATIONAL FAMILY  
PROMISE WEEK
-  GIVING TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 28TH
-  FAMILY SPONSORSHIP  
& STOCKINGS



# Letter from the Director

**Hi Friends!**

I don't know about you, but 2023 has been full of fun, changes, and excitement! When I was a child, I absolutely loved throwing rocks into still water, watching the rings as they spread to the bank. With each ring came the opportunity to reach places that the rock could not have reached originally. This is how I view the work we do with the FPYV families. We start a ripple – and hope that it has the effect of taking our families to places they never dreamed they could reach. In the 10 years that I have worked with Family Promise, I have had the pleasure to see this play out in real lives, over and over again. The most visible of all of our 2023 changes is of course... the completion of a \$1,200,000 Capital Campaign and the purchase of 8 more Transitional Housing Units. The expansion will allow us to serve three times the number of families. With the addition of eight units, we can provide a stable roof for more than 400 children, lifting them from generational poverty, ending homelessness for enough kids to entirely fill one of Billings' elementary schools in the next five years alone!

I want to personally thank each and every one of you! Your help allows us to provide compassion, healing, hope, and change for the children that need it the most.

As the leaves change and winter is almost upon us, I wish you a wonderful Fall and Holiday season.

With a Grateful Heart, Lisa

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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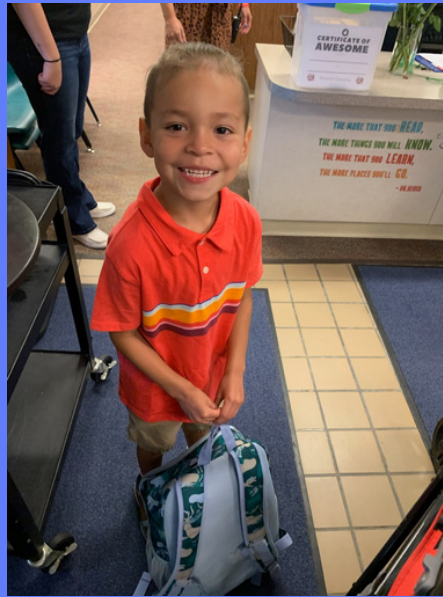
**Dennis McCave**

**Jake Betcher**



# GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL

WE GAVE  
AWAY 140  
BACKPACKS  
TO HELP  
KIDS START  
THEIR  
SCHOOL  
YEAR OFF  
RIGHT!





# COMMUNITY DIAPER BANK

972 Different Families

3084 Families total

NB 97 - from May – September

Size 1 - 136 from May - September

Size 2 – 241 from May – September

Size 3 – 315 from May – September

Size 4 – 652 from May – September

Size 5 – 1020 from May – September

Size 6 – 592 from May – September (we were out for two months)

Pull Ups – 463 from May – September (we were out for two months)

These numbers can be doubled to account for January through May

3516 Packages of diapers x 2 = 7032 packages for the year

196,896 for the year SO FAR!



## Send Your Support

You can give by **check**, **card** or **online**. Please make checks payable to Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley and send to 10 S. 26th Street Billings, MT 59101

Giving by credit card? Simply provide the following information

Please charge my:  AmEx  MasterCard

VISA  Discover

Monthly Donation  ONE TIME DONATION

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gift Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_



Becoming a monthly donor online is easier than ever! Go to [familypromiseyv.org/donate.html](http://familypromiseyv.org/donate.html) and click "Donate Here!"

Thank you for generously supporting Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley

# THE IHN SHELTER PROGRAM IS BACK:



## New Face at Family Promise

Meet Sherlynn Stewart the new Development Director.



Family Promise staff are so excited to see the families staying overnight in our partnering congregations in **October 2023**. Family homelessness is at an all-time high. Being able to host families overnight again in our churches means we will be able to help more families who are experiencing homelessness. Many families have lost hope while experiencing homelessness. Our church volunteers help bring the crisis to an end and help families become more stable and independent. The families that we serve need the churches hosting so they have a safe place to stay overnight, warm food and mentors that our amazing partners provide. When families meet our volunteers, they come to realize that their communities care about them and their success. When families know they are cared about they try harder to work on their barriers in the shelter program. When a whole community comes together for homeless families we are able to make a difference.



# MEET THE FAMILY



Timothy and his 3 children lived in a motel paying over \$1,200.00 per month for over a year when he moved into the Family Promise Shelter program. He was blown away with the meals provided to his family by all the volunteers. Not having to pay for a motel room meant he could start saving money and work on his credit.

Timothy was able to pay for a reliable vehicle, & pay off over \$5,000.00 in past debts. While in the shelter program FP helped him find an attorney and he got full custody of his kids. After 60 days in the shelter program, Timothy moved into Transitional housing. When he got a section 8 voucher we helped him locate a 3 bedroom apartment. He was at Transitional Housing for 8 months before securing permanent sustainable housing. Timothy has entered the aftercare program and still saves money in his savings account with FPYV. His goal is to one day own his own home.

Timothy says, “FPYV has given me access to volunteers and case workers who are caring and knowledgeable. They have gone out of their way to ensure that my family and I are safe, while also helping me take steps towards keeping my family secure in the future. “



# BEACH BLIZZARD AND DRIVING OUT HOMELESSNESS GOLF



## TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

