

FAMILY PROMISE OF  
YELLOWSTONE VALLEY



# + FILLING THE GAPS FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES



## 8th Annual "Drive Out Homelessness" Golf Tournament

It was a hot one on July 8th during our golf tournament but that didn't stop so many of the FPYV supporters from coming out for a day on the green. Our hearts are full from the continued support from so many in our community! Each congregation, business and volunteer helped us raise over \$15,000 dollars to help our community break the cycle of poverty in families.



## Upcoming Events

Comedy beCAUSE  
November 5th 2022  
Alberta Bair Theater



Beach Blizzard  
February 2023  
Billings Hotel and Convention Center

Contact Felicia @ 406-294-7432 for  
ticket or sponsorship information

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# BACK TO SCHOOL SUCCESS



## READY TO LEARN

Family Promise knows how important education is for our young guests. Each year the community comes together to make sure that each child is 100% ready to learn on the first day of school. Every child from pre-school to high school receives new clothing and school supplies to be able to focus on learning and make the first day a magical day.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT II

*Family Promise has a wonderful partnership with School District II providing the best service to the families in our network. This includes transportation, tutoring, and resources to ensure each child is set up for success.*



## THANK YOU!

*Over 23 children in the Family Promise Network were completely sponsored to be ready for school. Along with this over 120 backpacks with supplies were able to be distributed to families in the community. We want to thank each and every one of the sponsors who helped make this possible.*

# HOUSING IS HOPE!

Billings is facing an affordable housing crisis, leaving record number of working families homeless. We have an urgent need to raise half a million dollars before the snow flies so that we can get eight families into warm homes before the end of winter and help lift more than **400 Billings kids out of homelessness in five years**. But we need your help right away!

Family homelessness is growing at an alarming rate in Billings, and in many cases there is simply nowhere for working, low-income families to go. The problem is even more perilous for families with two or more children. Yet, Family Promise is the only organization in town that will help these families **without requiring them to separate to receive services**. As a result, we have more than **254 requests from homeless families this year**.

Family Promise is the only program of its kind in Billings, we operate four Transitional Housing apartments, providing one-year leases for families in need. The program has proven and amazing success: together with Emergency Shelter Program and intensive casework, it has led to an astonishing **90% success rate for our families**.

We can do it! Family Promise has **proven** success in purchasing, renovating, and maintaining the current Transitional Housing Units. We've also paid off two prior capital campaigns with zero debt. **But we need your help!!** Generous donors have contributed more than \$700,000 of the \$1.2 million budget. Your contribution today will make an immediate difference in getting families housed this winter!



**Transitional Housing Expansion will allow us to serve THREE times the number of families.**



**Over the next five years FPYV will be able to house over 400 children.**



**The HUD homeless assessment states that 4 in 10 homeless are families with children.**



**Between 2007-2020 Montana homeless is up 34% according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.**



Dear Friends of Family Promise

Over the past 18 years, Family Promise has continued to assess and meet the needs of homeless families in our community, but with the current crisis in affordable housing, family homelessness is growing at an alarming rate. All of the hard work, by both the families and volunteers are being threatened when there is no housing that our graduating families can afford. This is why, we are moving forward with an expansion of our Transitional Housing program allowing us to serve three times the number of families we currently serve. That means a stable roof for more than 400 littles in the next five years

Though grants and generous donors we've silently raised more than \$700,000 of the \$1.2 million dollar goal! Now we need your help! I once heard that generosity doesn't start with money, it starts with action. We need you to come and walk beside us in this mission to provide a future, where all children have a place to call home! There are so many ways for you to help... donate, spread the word, join the team or volunteer!

It's because of action that progress is made possible! Your action means hope! So what's your next Action???

We are so grateful to be serving alongside of you in this important endeavor!

*Warm Regards,  
Lisa Donnett*

## Letter from the Director



## Big News at our Static Site

Our new static site is up and running at the First Methodist Church in downtown Billings. Previously our families rotated through 22 different churches in the community on a weekly basis and the volunteers worked with them at their respective churches. After a two year pause on the church shelters due to Covid, our new static site is up and running as of August 1st, 2022. At this site, all four families are housed at one site consistently and the volunteers from 23 churches volunteer with the families for a week at a time providing them with meals, and an overnight host to supervise for safety.

If you are interested in providing a meal for the families or are able to volunteer as an overnight host for any one of the churches, please contact Michelle at Family Promise. 406-294-7432





# Family Promise Current Needs

It's a community Response!



## COMMUNITY DIAPER BANK

The Family Promise Community Diaper Bank is open every Tuesday from 3:30pm-5:30pm and we are in need of volunteers to come and help us hand out diapers. Each volunteer will help these families struggling with diaper need in our community. To sign up go to the volunteer sign up link at: [volunteersignup.org/EW3PE](https://volunteersignup.org/EW3PE)  
Help us help our youngest neighbors.

## NEEDED SUPPLIES!

- ✓ Appliance Dollie! Our old one broke.
- ✓ Twin Bed and bedding
- ✓ Gas and Grocery Gift Card
- ✓ Diapers and Wipes
- ✓ Winter Coats all sizes



## BECOME A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY

Your monthly donation allows us to take a planned, long-term approach at Family Promise. As a FRIEND OF THE FAMILY, you work side by side with us, making long lasting impact to the families struggling with homelessness in our community. Visit our website at [familypromiseyv.org](https://familypromiseyv.org) and click donate to join us and become a monthly donor.

## BEACH BLIZZARD VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to join us in planning this years Beach Blizzard Gala in February 2023. We are looking for volunteers to help us plan our largest fundraiser of the year. Committees include sponsorships, decorations, games and entertainment, food and registration. Contact Felicia at [marketing@familypromiseyv.org](mailto:marketing@familypromiseyv.org) if you are interested.