In July 2015, with more than half of the $600,000 needed for renovations raised, Family Promise launched its public capital campaign. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we are proud to say that renovations have begun and Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley will be getting a new home for the new year!

The journey to this point has been a lot of hard work, perseverance, and sacrifice. While all of the Family Promise board and staff have been putting every moment they can spare into this project, two committees in particular have carried the brunt of the workload. These are the Capital Campaign Committee and the Day Center Committee. These two groups of people have spent hours in planning meetings, going over the numbers and talking with potential donors.

Capital Campaign Chairperson, Carol Roberts said “We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of individuals and churches in supporting our efforts to build a new day center for our homeless families. Whether it is a $10 bill from an MSUB student or a $5000 check from a longtime donor, it is exciting to come together as a community to make a safe and inviting place for our families to grow and realize their goals.”

The goal of Family Promise is to make sure that every family that comes through our doors feels safe and invited. This new day center means that our families will have even more opportunities to work and grow.

**Who are we?**
Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley is a 365 days a year program of 26 Billings congregations and over 1400 volunteers that put their faith into action to provide meals, shelter and a safe non-judgmental environment for families experiencing homelessness.

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www.familypromiseyv.org

**What can your donation mean for a family in need?**
- Room to play
- Room to learn
- Room to interact
- Room to grow
- Room to achieve
- Room to breathe!
This past year has been an incredible journey for Family Promise and our families. From adding a new grant assessment and screening tool to a Capital Campaign, raising about $500,000, having a Golf Tournament, a Summer Fun Program for the kids, and so many family success stories, Family Promise has much to be proud of.

None of this would have been possible without each and every one of our supporters—our Coordinators, Volunteers, Board of Directors, Corporations, Teachers, Mentors, Diapers, Advisors, Partners and Staff.

After such a successful year, we are excited as we looked ahead to 2016. The money that was raised this year will be going to remold the new Family Promise Day Center. The space will give homeless families the space needed to learn and grow.

Planning for the 2016 Beach Blizzard, Party for the Promise is well underway. Our Committee and sub chairs have been working hard this fall. We are excited to take the energy from 2015 and extend it into the beginning of this year. Last year we raised over $100,000 to help the homeless families that we serve. We were able to provide transportation, finance classes, nutrition classes, life skills groups, scholarship for summer camps and music lessons.

If you would like to learn more about Family Promise or how you can get involved, please do not hesitate to contact us! I would love for you to be involved in any way possible. We appreciate your support in any way you can.

Getting just a taste of what it feels like to be the person that is caring for all of these families.

Family Promise is more than a charity. It is a community. We are able to provide transportation, finance classes, nutrition classes, life skills groups, scholarship for summer camps and music lessons.

Whatever God’s people get together to collectively sacrifice their time and treasure to love their neighbors, I get pretty excited, and I want to be involved in that effort.

Family Promise’s new Day Center is going to make a huge difference to the most vulnerable among us. During the Capital Campaign, I have enjoyed offering friends and colleagues the chance to be a part of making this vision a reality. I am blown away by their generosity. Thank you to all who have donated!

-Jacoby Troyer

Deandre’s Success Story

In the fall of 2014 Family Promise of Yellowstone Valley received a call from a single father. He had been referred to the program for help with diapers. As usual, the case worker asked a few questions and soon found out that the father was in need of a lot more than just diapers.

Deandre was living at the Big Five Hotel with his small family, he was unemployed and looking for work, but he was close to exhausting his resources.

“I never wanted them to know our situation.” Deandre said, but with three little girls to care for and no one to help the reality of where he was headed was bleak. Family Promise went out and interviewed him. It was decided that he would benefit from the program. To say that Deandre and his family has flourished since then would be an understatement!

His early days at Family Promise where busy with appointments, he worked in fast food, and was constantly on the move with his girls in tow. One year later and Deandre is employed as a client advisor at Alternatives, he is all set to start school this January 2016 at MSUB, he and his girls have moved into their own housing, and they are thriving!

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