



## Thanks for checking out our new newsletter format!

In May's Issue:

- Update on COVID 19 response
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It's not too late to support this fundraiser and recognize a ROCK STAR woman!!

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**MOTHER'S DAY IS JUST DAYS AWAY!**

## NO GIFT? DON'T STRESS! FAMILY PROMISE CAN HELP!

This Mother's Day, you can honor the ROCK STAR women in your life while also empowering moms experiencing homelessness!

Steps:

1. Send us the info about the ROCK STAR women in your life at: <http://shorturl.at/cxy18> or call 269-953-6189
2. Make a donation of any size to FPBC on our website ([bcfamilypromise.org](http://bcfamilypromise.org)) or by mail (PO Box 312, Hastings, MI 49058)
3. We will send your ROCK STAR woman a certificate in the mail acknowledging the donation

Questions? Visit <http://shorturl.at/cxy18> or email [mgibbons@familypromisebarrycounty.org](mailto:mgibbons@familypromisebarrycounty.org) or call 269-953-6189

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Ending homelessness, one family at a time



2020  
By the numbers

16

individuals served

6

families served

8

adults served

8

children served

Sample certificate



# Partner Highlight

**Platinum Partner:**  
Tom's Meat Market



Thank you to the staff at Tom's Market for your monthly support of the work of FPBC!

Interested in becoming a partner of FPBC or financially supporting this work? See the contact info below!

## Questions?

Feel free to contact us!

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# APRIL SHOWERS DO BRING MAY FLOWERS

## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

There's no doubt about it; April was one tough & long month! As we move into May, the sunny skies, warmer temps, & buds on the trees do fill us with hope. In the month of May, our church rotation is still on pause to limit our guests' travel and better protect everyone. We join other Family Promise Affiliates who continue to provide support to the most vulnerable, despite the hardships of this "new normal."

Imagine what it would be like to "Stay Home; Stay Safe" without a home. That's the reality of our current guests, and our staff and volunteers are here to provide the same level of hospitality as they always have. The comfort they give our families is invaluable at this time. During this tough time, we are so filled with gratitude.

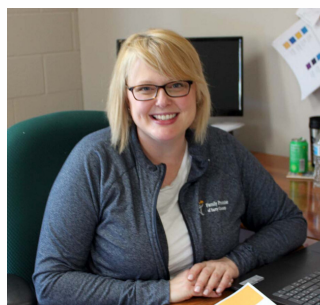
- We are so grateful to the congregation at Hope United Methodist Church for allowing us to shelter in place in their building. The size and layout of the building allows us to provide our families, volunteers, and staff enough space to be properly distanced.
- We are also so thankful for the Host & Support Church volunteers who have come into this new building to fulfill their duties for their host week here. Their faithful, selfless service is truly inspiring.

We hope to restart our rotation at the churches in June. Our families miss the hospitality of our amazing Host Churches. We will only do so under careful advisement of medical professionals, government officials, the health department, and other shelter agencies.

As we move forward, our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers continue to stand by the conviction that every child deserves a safe, clean bed to sleep in at night. We cannot accomplish this without your continued financial support, service, and prayers.

Thank you for joining us in the vital work to "end homelessness, one family at a time."

Your fellow servant,  
Martha Ports



## Celebrations Corner



We're so happy to celebrate that a family graduated our program on May 1st! This mom and two kids are now in their very own home. Her name is on her lease for the first time in her life!

# Upcoming Events

## FPBC's 1st Annual Golf Outing

Gather your fellow golfers and mark your calendars!

**-What:** FPBC Golf Outing Fundraiser

**-When:** Saturday, August 1, 2020

**-Where:** The Legacy at Hastings

**-Who:** teams of 4 or individual golfers may sign up

**-Why:** Have fun, get some exercise, win some prizes, & support this great cause!

**\*\*Watch for more information to come!\*\***

If your church or company is interested in sponsoring a hole at this event, call us at 269.953.6189.

## "The Great Golf Ball Drop Raffle"



\$10 COULD WIN YOU \$2,500 from FPBC

### THE DETAILS:

- Buy a \$10 numbered ticket (or many numbered tickets)! Details on where to purchase are to come.
- During the Golf Outing, a helicopter will fly over a golf hole and will drop 1,000 numbered golf balls. The first numbered ball in the hole wins the ticket holder \$2,500!
- You have a 1-1,000 chance of winning the big prize at the outing, and you do not have to be present to win. You must be 18 years old to purchase a raffle ticket.

## FPBC Host Churches

\* Delton Community Church

\* Emmanuel Episcopal Church

\* First Presbyterian Church

\* Green Street UMC Church

\* Hastings Baptist Church

\* Hastings Free Methodist Church

\* Kilpatrick Church

\* Lakewood UMC Church

\* Lifegate Community Church

\* McCallum UMC Church

\* Michigan Avenue Church of Christ

\* Thornapple Valley Church

Host Churches host our families in their buildings four times a year for 1 week at a time. They provide all meals and up to 110 hours of volunteer time each host week!

## FPBC Support Churches

Support Churches support FPBC and guests in material ways, financially, or help Host Churches fulfill their hosting duties.

- \* Freeport UMC Church
- \* Grace Lutheran Church
- \* Gun Lake Community Church
- \* Hastings Church of the Nazarene
- \* Hastings Seventh Day Adventist
- \* Hope UMC Church
- \* Peace UMC Church
- \* St. Rose
- \* Welcome Corners UMC

Thank you!

