

FamilyPromise

of Barry County

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Trivia Challenge:

On average, how many turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving?

Find the answer inside!



Shop local AND help area families!




MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 5!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FUNDRAISER AT THE GENERAL STORE!

At the register, tell the clerk you'd like the donation to go to Family Promise. The General Store will donate 10% of your sale to FPBC!

118 S. Jefferson St, Hastings * Open 10-5 on Dec. 5

Join us December 5 at the General Store!
Finish your Christmas shopping and help FPBC at the same time!

Ending homelessness, one family at a time



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2020

By the numbers

44

families served

15

individuals sheltered

23

churches involved

1

amazing community



A Proud Barry County United Way Partner Agency



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A WORD FROM OUR BOARD



2020 FPBC Board of Directors at our Sept. 26 Board Retreat

HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM FAMILY PROMISE of Barry County!

We are especially humbled and grateful for the hundreds of volunteers at our partner congregations. They enthusiastically deliver safe havens, meals, activities, and small kindnesses to our guests, showing their care and God's love. We are thankful for the smiles we see on the faces of every family member when they move into their own place. It is heartwarming to see how happy the parents are to be able to provide a safe place for their children again. We are thankful for the ability to keep families together while they are experiencing temporary homelessness, and for our dedicated staff - their skills and wisdom to do the job, their commitment to our mission, their positive attitudes, and their sense of humor!

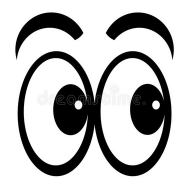
On behalf of the staff and Board of Family Promise of Barry County, we want to thank our wonderful community for your willingness to join us in our mission of "ending homelessness, one family at a time!"

We all hope you have a "Charlie Brown" kind of Thanksgiving. Be thankful for the friends and family around you, the roof over your head, and the food being prepared. There are many families out there that will not have that this Thanksgiving, please keep them in your prayers.

All of Family Promise's volunteers are helping those families who do come into our program have a beautiful Thanksgiving this year...and most of all they will not go hungry. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and churches, we love you all!

In His Service,
FPBC Board of Directors





Watch for the registration coming soon!

Partner Highlight

Silver Partner:
Gun Lake Community Church and B2 Outlet Store



Thank you, Gun Lake Community Church and B2 Outlet Store, for your monthly support of FPBC!

Shopping at B2 Outlet is a great way to support the work of FPBC!



Know of a company that would be interested in becoming a partner of FPBC or financially supporting this work? See the contact info on the last page!



Simulator Tournament: Jan 30
Traditional Tournament: June 26
2021 GOLF OUTINGS

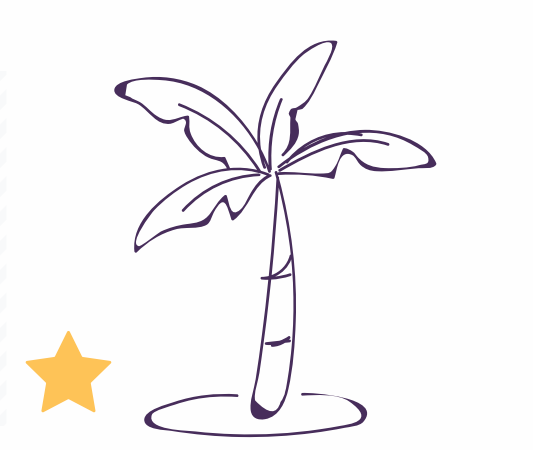
Our Golf Committee Team is working hard on all the final details so you can register for our 1st Golf Simulator Fundraiser at the Legacy soon!

On Saturday, January 30, 2021, Family Promise is hosting its first (and Barry County's too) Golf Simulator Fundraiser at The Legacy Golf Course in Hastings. Teams of 4 will be able to golf a famous course in Hawaii while remaining on the ground in Barry County! Grab your golf clubs and best Hawaiian shirt and join us for this fun event!

We will be sending out all the details in December so that you don't miss out on this fun event! Don't put your clubs away for the winter because you will love this PAR-TEE!!



Left and below: pictures of The Legacy's simulators in 2019



FPBC Community Partner Highlight

LIVE UNITED



Barry County United Way
& Volunteer Center

Not only does Barry County United Way help our families with housing resources, food and utilities, they also help FPBC financially through grants.

Barry County United Way is still collecting funds for their annual campaign. The money raised will assist local non-profit agencies. You can even earmark your gift for Family Promise!

Give today at <https://www.bcunitedway.org/donate/>
You can also ask your employer about employee contributions!

Support FPBC while you shop!



Use smile.amazon.com and donate 0.5% of your online purchases to FPBC!

Sign up for Amazon Smile and donate to FPBC while you shop!

1. If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up on your web browser at smile.amazon.com. Simply select Family Promise of Barry County to start generating donations, at no cost to you.
2. Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.
3. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

FPBC Host Churches

- * Delton Community Church
- * Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- * First Presbyterian Church
- * Green Street UM Church
- * Hastings Baptist Church
- * Hastings Free Methodist Church
- * Kilpatrick Church
- * Lakewood UM Church
- * Lifegate Community Church
- * McCallum UB Church
- * Michigan Avenue Church of Christ
- * Organgeville Baptist Church
- * Thornapple Valley Church

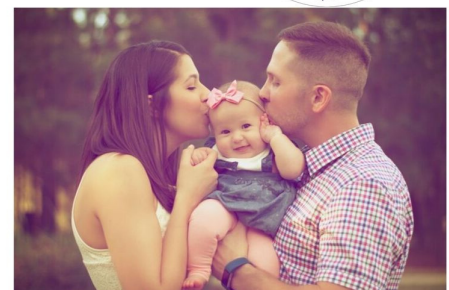
Host Churches host our families in their buildings four times a year for one week at a time. They provide all meals and up to 110 hours of volunteer time each host week!

FPBC Support Churches

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

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

Thank you!



Our Wednesday Warriors



MEET JESSICA

- Has been a board member since Summer 2020
- Works at part time Pennock as a discharge planner and also part time at Bright Start Pediatrics
- Married to Keith, has two children Weston and Kylie. Has a dog named Ruby.
- Loves baking specialty cupcakes
- Favorite Verse: Isaiah 41:10
- Loves FPBC because there are so many children in this rural area that need housing that is more secure. Family Promise is filling the void for shelter needs of our Barry County families.

Jessica Troyer works behind the scenes to end homelessness, one family at a time.

Each Wednesday we highlight someone as an FPBC Warrior. These selfless volunteers give their time, talent, and resources to help FPBC guests or support our staff in meaningful ways!

We can't thank you enough for giving your time, talent, and energy!

Watch our Facebook page every Wednesday for the next FPBC Warriors!



Questions?

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MEET CHRISTA

- Attends Hastings Baptist Church
- Works as the Executive Director of Alpha Family Center of Lowell and Lake Odessa
- Has a dog named Brody
- Loves crafting and playing the piano
- Favorite Verse: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart." - Prov. 3:5
- Loves FPBC because they assist the church to be able to care or those in need in our community, as God has called us to.

Christa Wetzel works behind the scenes to end homelessness, one family at a time.

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MEET KATHY

- Works as a volunteer at The Shack in Delton
- Married to Greg for 29 years, has two children, Ginny and Alex
- Attends Thornapple Valley Church
- Loves playing games and making people laugh
- Favorite Verse: Matthew 6:26, 28
- Loves FPBC because it adresses a very important need by utilizing resources that already exist in the community. I am proud to play a big part in this wonderful ministry

Kathy Forsyth works behind the scenes to end homelessness, one family at a time.

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