FPSL HAPPENINGS OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FAMILY PROMISE SALT LAKE

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Rev. Brian Diggs

Get to know us... again!

It is no secret that the secret of the success of Family Promise Salt Lake is our incredible donor and volunteer base. With people just like you, our ability to serve the unsheltered families in our programs would be harder, if not impossible, and we want to say, "thank you."

As you have read and seen, we have had extensive work done on the facility over the last 12 months. Last summer, our front yard was xeriscaped to save water and enhance our curbappeal. In the winter, the FPSL offices were painted, and the day center was re-carpeted. This spring, the FPSL playground was completely renovated allowing our families a safe and fun place to play. And, just last month, FPSL received a new roof adding new meaning to "a roof over our heads".

Recently, the board of directors and I realized that many of our loyal supporters may have never actually had an opportunity to visit our facilities. Therefore, on June 2nd from 5-7pm, the FPSL Board of Directors and I are inviting you to our springtime Family Promise Salt Lake Open House located at 814 West 800 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84104. Board members will have their grills fired up serving hamburgers and hot dogs. Our time together will be used to celebrate our recent successes and to enjoy each other's company. I plan to give those in attendance an update on where we are as an organization and to share some of the dreams we have for FPSL moving forward.

Due to limited space, this event is open to the first 50 people who RSVP by emailing Brian Diggs at brian@familypromisesaltlake.org by May 27th. FPSL will hold a similar event in the fall for those who are unable to attend in June.

Come and celebrate all you have done to help FPSL as we emerge from the pandemic stronger than ever!

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THANK YOU

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

On May 14th, FPSL staff, board members, and community volunteers worked to beautify the grounds at our offices in preparation for the spring Open House scheduled for June 2nd.



CHUCKIT JUNK REMOVAL



Special thanks to CHUCKIT Junk Removal for helping beautify the grounds at the Family Promise Salt Lake Day Center. They were able to remove downed tree limbs and unwanted furniture from the north parking lot.





BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Family Promise Salt Lake is excited to welcome the newest board member into our important work. Melanie Louviere is the Service Learning Director at Entheos Academy. With a master's degree in Professional Communication and over 13 years of experience working in the non-profit sector, Mrs. Louviere brings a wealth of marketing talent to FPSL.

Said Melanie, "I support FPSL because all children deserve to grow up in a safe place. Taking concerns

such as homelessness away, can help give them an opportunity to pursue positive skills and talents that will benefit their lives and those around them."

Already, Mrs. Louviere has had impact on the board. She is currently producing the 2021 FPSL Annual Report -- the first since 2019 -- which will be presented to potential funders and volunteers and has been an energetic and enthusiastic voice during meetings helping pivot the organization for future growth.

Thank you, Melanie!



CASE MANAGMENT AT FAMILY PROMISE SALT LAKE -BY THE NUMBERS-

More than just emergency shelter, FPSL Case Management works hard to help families move into sustainable housing.

Check out FPSL's April Numbers!

- 15 FAMILIES CURRENTLY ENROLLED & SHELTERED BY FPSL comprised of:
- 57 TOTAL CLIENTS of which are:
- 27 CHILDREN
- 5 PERMANENT HOUSING APPLICATIONS COMPLETED
- 4 FAMILIES APPROVED FOR PERMANENT HOUSING
- 2 FAMILIES MOVED INTO PERMANENT HOUSING



PROGRAM NEWS & UPDATES

Every spring Family Promise Salt Lake engages in a national program called Family Promise Giving Day. It is a social media fundraising event. This year, our goal was to raise \$10,000 to match a grant FPSL won earlier in the spring. Every dollar raised, up to \$10,000, is matched by Family Promise National in partnership with Clayton Homes, a national homebuilding company. FPSL is happy to announce that WE DID IT!

Thanks to the generosity of donors and supporters like you, we are now able to use that money to engage local property owners/managers, incentivizing them to welcome FPSL guest families into their properties. And so far, so good!

In April FPSL worked to locate a family using these new funds. That family is now in sustainable housing! As rent continues to rise in the Salt Lake Valley, this money is an invaluable resource as we work to have impact in our community.

So, thanks to all who participated!



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