

FPSL HAPPENINGS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FAMILY PROMISE SALT LAKE

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

by Rev. Brian Diggs

Big news! After over a two-year sabbatical, the Family Promise Salt Lake Emergency Shelter Program is scheduled to begin operations in November 2022. Thanks to the hard work of FPSL Program Coordinators Becky Buxton and Bill Woods, working alongside a dozen or so long-time volunteers, a new shelter model is now in place.

In last month's newsletter, I wrote about the importance of Trauma Informed Care (TIC) as it relates to sheltering families. In short, moving children and their parents on a weekly basis to a new shelter can create a traumatic impact on families during an already incredibly stressful and emotional time in their lives. In response to that issue, and in compliance with TIC, our new shelter model will feature two church buildings (Christ United Methodist Church and Hilltop United Methodist Church) that have agreed to host families for three-month intervals. More succinctly, Hilltop UMC will be hosting families November through January and will get three months off while Christ UMC hosts the next three months – February through April. This means that each site/location will have families for a total of six months out of each year. This will ensure no family in our shelter program will have to move more than once if at all! While in shelter, the same hosting and supporting congregations that have been so faithful over the past 27 years will still provide all the volunteer support they normally give.

I cannot begin to express my gratitude to all the folks who have worked so hard over the past few months to create this new model. It has taken an incredible amount of dedication and hard work. In the end though, we believe this new beginning will allow for more success placing families into new and permanent housing which is key to healthy families. Please see the attached official announcement and feel free to reach out to me with any questions at brian@familypromisesaltlake.org.



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In July FPSL hired another full-time staff person. Lisa Fladmo is the new Director of Family Services and is responsible to work with each of the families in all our programs on a weekly basis. Lisa's primary duties include helping guests find employment, proper schooling/childcare, and of course, permanent housing.

A native of the state of Montana, Lisa comes to FPSL with a wealth of experience! She has worked in the mental health field for 15 plus years in Montana and Utah and is also Journeyman Carpenter! Said Mrs. Fladmo, "As a parent myself, I know how important it is to have a place to call home. Children who don't, too often struggle in school and fall into a cycle of homelessness when they become adults. Being able to make an impact on the lives of kids and their parents is such a life-giving experience for me."

Lisa and her wife live in the valley and are raising their elementary school-aged daughter. They enjoy camping and hiking whenever they can get out into the mountains. FPSL enthusiastically welcome Lisa and her family to our family!



This month, FPSL is proud to spotlight Deven Moreno. Mr. Moreno joined the board of directors having served on non-profit boards in the past. He is the founder of Blue-H2O Business and Brand Consulting. Over the past three decades, Deven has co-created and helped expand three multi-million-dollar restaurant brands. Perhaps more importantly though, he has a passion for healthy communities and believes in the mission of Family Promise.

"Meals are often invaluable times in which families sit down and really talk to each other. They share their daily lives and grow together becoming a stronger unit. Without housing, this is almost impossible. Working with Family Promise Salt Lake affords me the opportunity to help struggling families get back on their feet and hopefully share a meal together each night."

On two occasions, Deven has even provided clean and healthy meals during FPSL Board meetings from his newest restaurant start up. Welcome Deven Moreno.

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THIS IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT!

During the last part of July and the beginning of August, FPSL staff are proud to have helped place three families into homes of their own. Working with area property managers and using valuable funding from Family Promise National, FPSL is well on its way to becoming a leader in addressing family housing stability. In the coming months, the organization's goal is to place an additional four families into their own homes. Thanks to the support of folks like you, we are becoming stronger and stronger.



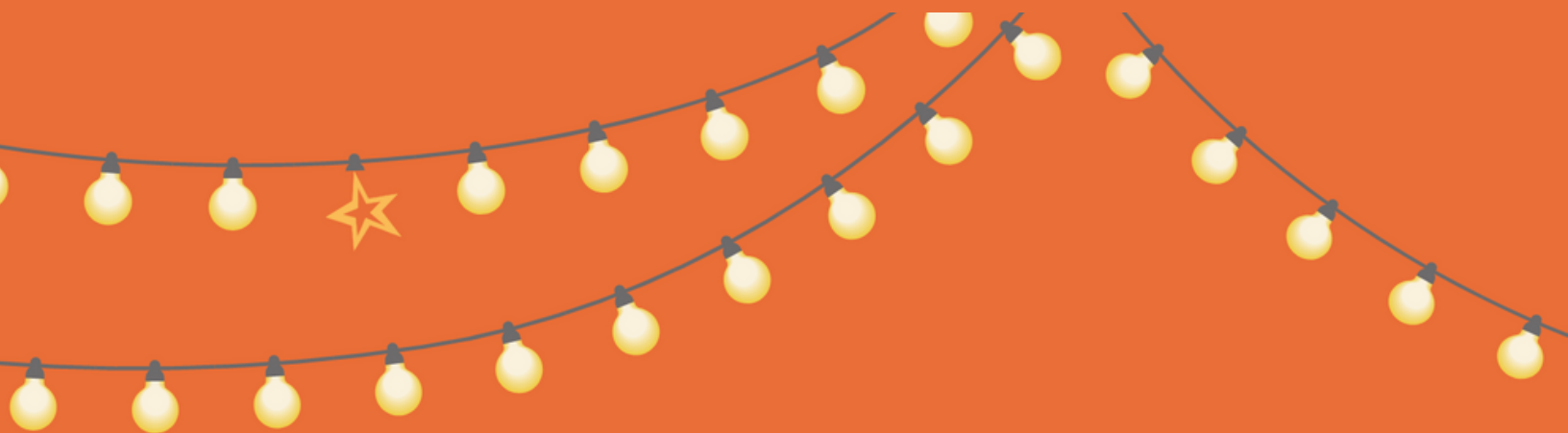
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FAMILY PROMISE SALT LAKE PARTICIPATES IN REGIONAL MEETING

On July 20th and 21st, FPSL Director Brian Diggs traveled to Spokane, Washington, for the Family Promise Western Regional gathering. The Spokane affiliate is one of the largest affiliates in the nation with 54 staff people and several shelter sites.

Representatives from Cheyenne to Los Angeles were able to tour the facilities, learn from Family Promise Spokane leaders, and brainstorm the many ways we can grow as a national organization. For more information on Family Promise National, please visit www.familypromise.org





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