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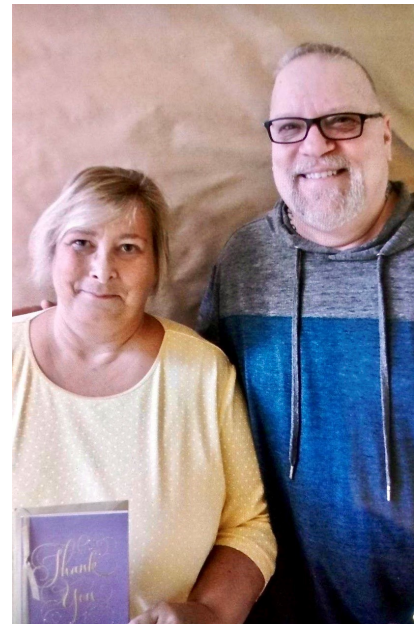
What does Thanksgiving Day mean to you?

For many, Thanksgiving is a time to gather with family and friends—it is a time to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy throughout the year. It's not any different for the many families we help at Family Promise of Hunterdon County. When talking with both the families we've helped and the volunteers who give their time to make a home for these families, there is one common refrain, "I'm blessed!"

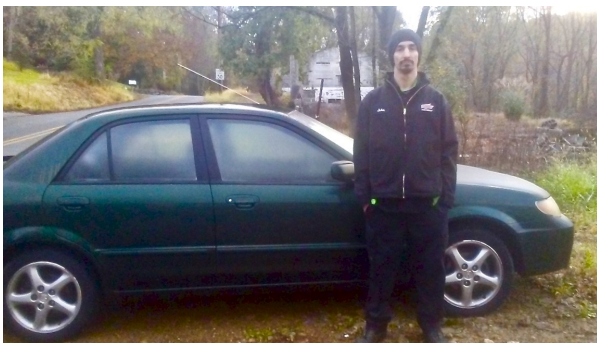
As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving season, we are grateful not only to the many volunteers but to the generosity of our donors and supporters that allows us to shelter those in need.

Family Promise changes lives.

We bring communities together to help homeless families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. Steve expressed his feelings about the help he and his family received in five words, "Family Promise saved our lives." Following an automobile accident that required surgery and rehabilitation, Steve lost his business and his house. He and his family were homeless and hopeless, but then a gentleman from his church directed him to Family Promise. We were able to assist Steve in securing housing for himself, his wife and two children. Steve could not say enough about how our staff went above and beyond to help his family. He is so grateful that he returned to Family Promise last month to pay it forward with a substantial donation.



***Pam Briant, Office Manager,
accepting Steve's donation.***



John with his new car—He is thankful to have a dependable way to get to work.

Family Promise provides more than just shelter.

To thrive in Hunterdon County, our clients need day-to-day necessities that many of us take for granted, specifically housing, transportation, employment, and child care. John and his 17-year-old son received shelter for two months and have now been living in their own apartment for six months. During a follow-up call with John, we identified an additional need: a dependable car to get to and from work to help maintain his financial stability. As you may know, we have a Car Donation Program in which clients receive donated cars. Thanks to a dedicated donor, John received a car.

Family Promise gives volunteers a meaningful outreach right in their own communities.

Rick Hyman is the lead coordinator for Clinton Presbyterian Church, which became a Family Promise host congregation about a year ago. Recently, Kelly and her children (Malachi and Latosha) were sheltered at the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Their stay included the Labor Day weekend, a weekend that provided lasting memories for Kelly and her children, and Rick and his wife. Rick noted that it is important to “respect and love our guests and just make them as comfortable as possible.” On Labor Day weekend, Rick and his wife did just that! They invited Kelly and her children to go out for Chinese food and to swim at their pool. Kelly said, “my son will never forget him,” and noted that, “all Family Promise volunteers are so sweet and kind. They make you feel like everything is going to be all right.” Rick summed up the experience of the weekend by saying, “there is a lot of love in that family. They were happy, but it brought great joy to my heart and my wife’s heart.”

Family Promise—Neighbors helping Neighbors

With your help and the dedication of volunteers like Rick and his family, we can keep our promise to connect more families and individuals in need with emergency shelter and tools that can help them rebuild their lives. Please consider making a gift to help families like Kelly’s, Steve’s and John’s find their way to stability and independence.



Every \$1 you donate is matched three times over by community and in-kind resources

Please know that your gift can transform lives. Whether it is a donation of **\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250** or more, your support makes it possible for families in need to return to stability and self-sufficiency as contributing members of our Hunterdon County community.

Thank you so much, and may God bless you during this Thanksgiving season.

Angela M. Fields

Executive Director

Transforming the lives of homeless families, because every child deserves a home!