

Celebrating our First year! August, 2009



The Promise

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FPLCV Network Update

In February, under direction from the national office of Family Promise, we decided to form a Personnel Committee to assist with the coordination of various aspects of the Network. Shirlene Jutte, Jim Downey and I are on this committee. We each oversee or help with different aspects of the Network. Shirlene has graciously agreed to continue working with and supporting our coordinators. Jim and Ron have taken on the monumental task of reviewing all of our guest case files.

Ron and I meet weekly to discuss the day to day operation of the Day Center and we are excited to announce the hiring of a new case manager to help our families. Sharon Waterhouse has joined us as a part-time case manager as of July 27th. We interviewed a number of highly qualified applicants for the position and we are excited that Sharon has joined the Family Promise team.

Ron, Jim and I will be interviewing applicants for our AmeriCorps position in late July/early August. We are working with Lewis-Clark Service Corps to find a member that will serve Family Promise for one year, starting around the first of September. If you know of anyone going to college that might be inter-

Our Mission:

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ested in our AmeriCorps position, please have them contact Ron for more information.

The past few months have brought many changes to Family Promise and I am excited about the

growth. As many of you know, we survived ten days on our own while Ron and Larry were both on vacation in May. Thank you to everyone who helped make that week run so smoothly and a special thank you to Jean Roberts who coordinated all of the volunteers for the Day Center. Just as things were settling down, two of our families moved out to new homes and little Abby-Jill Ramos was born less than one month later (on my birthday!), what a beautiful little girl.

God has truly blessed our organization in many ways during the last year. We could not help families without the support and generosity of our volunteers and churches. In the last year, we have helped so many families and children and they are so proud of being part of Family Promise. Thank you again for all that you do for Family Promise.

Heather Ohrtman-Rogers
Vice-President, Board of Trustees

Host and Team Churches:

- Community of Christ Church
- Congregational Presbyterian Church
- Episcopal Church of the Nativity
- First Baptist Church, Lewiston
- First Christian Church of Clarkston
- First Church of God
- First Church of the Nazarene
- First Presbyterian Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Good News Fellowship SDA
- Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Lewis-Clark Catholic Community
- New Bridges Community Church
- River City Church
- Shekinah Christian Community
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Valley Christian Center
- Warner Alliance Church
- Wesleyan Church

From Our Director

During these past few months, life certainly has changed for me and my family. My wife and I welcomed our second daughter, Abby-Jill Hope, into our home on June 19. It has been an adventure so far and certainly an honor to be a parent.

One week in June was dedicated to completing projects around the day center. Much was accomplished through the dedicated hands of our volunteers. Thank you all who helped out in everything from sterilizing our children's toys to shampooing our carpets. We were blessed to have a group of ATK employees come and do extensive yard work as part of the Day of Caring organized by the United Way.

I am encouraged as I look at the events we are planning for the upcoming Fall season. This month we have an open house on August 29 in celebration of our one year anniversary. We are also in preparation for our annual Card-board Box City event coming up September 18-19.

In all these things that take place as a new season approaches, we can't help but remember that as we partner together, we can and will continue to strengthen our community and change lives.

Ron Ramos, Director
Family Promise® of Lewis Clark Valley

Fundraising 2009

Cardboard Box City 2009 will soon be upon us. The date this year will be Friday, September 18, at Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot. Start planning your "dream home" now. Information is on our website, or you can stop by the day center and pick up a registration form.



We have some improvements over last year's event that will make this event even better. This year we will be offering dinner compliments of Steve Thomas and the First Church of the Nazarene. There will be lots of entertainment so bring the whole family.

Iron Man Golf Event

The Iron Man Golf Event was held May 19 at the Bryden Canyon Golf Course. The event was organized by New Bridges Community Church to benefit local non-profit organizations.

Our volunteer golfers, Jim Cach and Rob Dammarell collected pledges before the event based on golfing 100 holes in one day. Jim and Rob, along with the other participants began their day at 7:00 am, continuing until they played 100 holes. It was a long day, but Jim said they had fun and would even consider doing it again next year. Thank you to Jim, Rob for participating, netting over \$2000 for FPLCV. Thank you to New Bridges Community Church for all the work involved in sponsoring this event.



Jana Peer

Day Center Update

Good things have been happening at the Day Center. Stop by and see our new playground equipment. Thank you to Wal-Mart, Tri-State Outfitters, The Monastery of St. Gertrude's and Congo-Pres for funding this project. Thank you also to First Presbyterian Church of Clarkston, Ben Barkley, Mike Hogan, Bob Roberts, Kevin Poole, Congo-Pres volunteers, Cannon's Building Supply and the Catholic Men's Group for your labor; and thanks to any other anonymous laborers we haven't named.

We now have the office finished in the basement and will be working on the "fireplace" room so it won't be so cold this winter. We are hoping to come up with some funds so that we can put in another bathroom. This is a definite need. *Have you ever had twelve people trying to use one bathroom in the morning????!!!*



Toni Kraut

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Our Wish List...



- More donors willing to pledge to consistently donate. This would help us with planning the daily operation of our network. *To our pledged donors...thank you for showing your faith in our network through your pledges.*
- A sprinkler system at the day center so the 'sprinkler-genie-volunteers' wouldn't have to come move sprinklers *every evening*. (Thank you sprinkler genies!) We now depend on faucet timers that don't work consistently, to water overnight where the sprinklers have been set.
- More people to spend a few hours a month at the day center. Do you have the gift of hospitality? We need you!
- More people who are passionate about Family Promise to be on our Board of Trustees. We meet one evening a month and we need your ideas!

Join the Family Promise volunteers.

In your congregation—talk with your church coordinator.

- Provide meals
- Be an evening host
- Stay overnight
- Help with set-up

At the Day Center—call the office at 798-3349

- Stay at the Day Center for a couple of hours when staff isn't there.
- Drive the van when staff isn't available (about one hour).

Help with updating and maintenance at the Day Center—call the office, 798-3349 or Ben Barkley at 509-243-4662.

- Painting
- Other tasks as needed

Our volunteers are a blessing to Family Promise. Thank you all for your time, effort, and for your prayer.

Coming Events—mark your calendar!



- Saturday, August 29, 2009 5:00-7:00 PM, **Open House at day center**, 921 9th Avenue, Lewiston.
- Friday, September 18, **Cardboard Box City**, Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot, 12th Avenue & 21st Street, Lewiston.

I Want to Help

I want to help provide an opportunity for a family to get back on their feet.

I'm sending my contribution today.

I wish to give a one time contribution of \$ _____

Check enclosed, payable to Family Promise® of Lewis Clark Valley

I pledge to contribute... \$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

(monthly) (bi-monthly) (quarterly) (yearly) totaling \$ _____ per year.

Beginning date _____

Ending date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Keep this donor receipt as a reminder of your gift.



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of Lewis Clark Valley

Date _____

Gift Amount \$ _____

Thank You!

You know the feeling you get when you move into a new home with the smell of new paint on the walls and new carpet that has been laid on the floor?

That's the feeling two of our families had during these past three months as they moved into their new homes. After months of weekly moves from church to church and the persistence and dedication to their case plans to get back on their feet, they finally had that wonderful feeling of settling down into a home they can call their own.

I'm writing to you today because you can give that same wonderful feeling to other families in crisis by supporting Family Promise of Lewis Clark Valley.

You see, that's what Family Promise of Lewis Clark Valley does. With the generous donations we receive from caring friends like you, we provide positive solutions for families in crisis in our valley and empower them to become self-sufficient and independent.

Your support is needed more than ever because we continue to receive calls from families that are currently in or about to experience a transition point in their lives and need help to regain their independence as a family.

Since our grand opening one year ago in August 2008, we have served 11 families, including 25 children. Eight out of these 11 families have successfully moved into their own place; that's a 73% success rate which is consistent with the Family Promise® national average. Through our strong partnership with 19 local churches in our valley, 2,628 bed-nights of lodging were provided and 7,870 meals have been served.

We've never had to turn away a family due to the lack of funds. Please help us continue to empower families in crisis. It will make a world of difference to a family.

Please take a moment right now to write a check and *provide an opportunity for a family to get back on their feet.*

Thank you,



Ron Ramos
Executive Director

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letter, please return your address label in
the enclosed envelope, or email us at:
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Open House

Come celebrate with us!

FPLCV will celebrate our one year anniversary

Saturday August 29, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

at our day center

located at 921 9th Avenue, Lewiston.

Please join us for refresh-
ments and see how we've
grown in just a year.

