



Family Promise[®] of Southern Chester County

Creating a self-sustaining livelihood for children and families experiencing homelessness
in Southern Chester County, Pennsylvania

President's Report

I recently read a book with my 9 year old daughter, Kayte. The book is "Crenshaw," by Katherine Applegate. It is a first-person story about a young boy whose family is experiencing homelessness. The juxtaposition of reading that story to my beloved child as we were both full from a big, hot meal and cozy as we snuggled in her bed underneath warm covers, was breathtaking. I realized in that moment the sad necessity of what we do at Family Promise. Giving parents and children a place to be warm, fed, and loved is a wonderful thing to do, but sad that there are families in our own school districts facing the stress of homelessness.

As a Christian pastor, I know that God's greatest commandments are to "love God, and to love our neighbors as ourselves" (Mark 12:30-31). I see that being lived out every week in our community as local churches host families. Each congregation is living into the life that God has called them to live as they care for one another. It is wonderful to see congregations working together in hope.

I am proud to be a founding member of the Board and its current President. I am proud to be the pastor of Unionville Presbyterian Church – a host congregation. FPSCC is a great organization staffed with the best (ED Susan Minarchi and Case Manager Rosa Quintana) and led by wonderful folks on the Board who give selflessly of their time, talents, and treasure. Our Board focus in this next quarter is to round out the Board membership. We hope to grow from a Board of 6 to at least 11 members! Please keep this process in your prayers.

~Reverend Annalie Korengel, Board President

Local Rotarians and J&G Automotive Help Mother of Three



The generosity of two Rotarians, and a local auto business is bringing one of our families one step closer to housing. A 2000 Nissan Altima and 2000 Honda Civic were each donated by area Rotarians and Giuseppe DeAngelis, owner of J&G Automotive, donated the parts and labor to get them in shape, which would have exceeded \$1,500.

The mother previously had to rely on others to get her to appointments and work. Unable to afford even basic transportation, this was one more hurdle preventing her from achieving sustainable housing. Susan Minarchi, FPSCC Executive Director stated, "...this Altima has been a Godsend for her. It's given her freedom and she is very happy."

Executive Director Update

It's been a very exciting time at Family Promise of Southern Chester County! We opened on November 1, 2015 and welcomed our first family that very day.

Since then, we have served 8 families with a total of 27 people. We have successfully placed 4 families into permanent housing and they are doing wonderfully! We currently have 3 families in the program (one was discharged for non-compliance) and they are working hard toward stable employment and sustainable housing. What a joy it is to see each family move into their new home!

All this would not be possible without the generosity of our community! Whether you are a member of a host or support congregation, donated supplies or household goods, clothing or furniture, or one of the two cars we gratefully received last month, you have played a part in changing the life of a child and their family who was experiencing homelessness.



My thanks to all for what you do! It will take a team effort to alleviate homelessness in southern Chester County and our team is off to a great start!

~Susan Minarchi, Executive Director

Community Rallies to Give a Special Christmas to our Families



Santa and his charming Elf paid a special visit to our Resource Center on Christmas Eve and, with the help of many generous individuals in the community, gave our families a Christmas they will never forget. Everyone enjoyed a breakfast of eggs, sausage, breads and fruit. The Elf taught the children a special song before she and Santa left to deliver their presents.

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www.FamilyPromiseSCC.org

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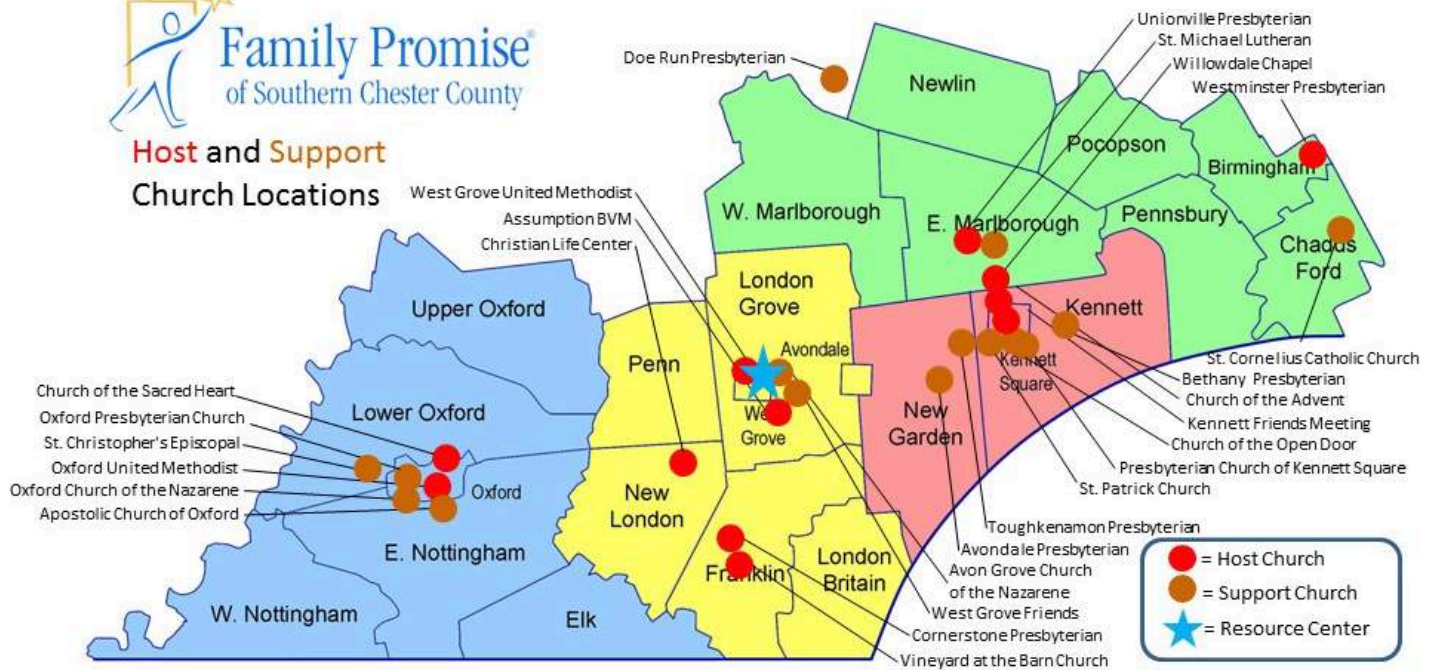


Volunteer at our Resource Center: 105 West Evergreen Street, West Grove, PA 19390.
610-345-1100

Tax-deductible donations are gratefully accepted online at www.FamilyPromiseSCC.org/donate or checks can be mailed to: Family Promise of Southern Chester County, PO Box 326, West Grove, PA 19390.



**Host and Support
Church Locations**



**Twelve "Host" and Fifteen "Support" Congregations
in the Family Promise Family**

Host Churches

1. Unionville Presbyterian Church
2. Westminster Presbyterian Church
3. Willowdale Chapel
4. Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
5. Christian Life Center
6. Episcopal Church of the Advent
7. Assumption Blessed Virgin Mary Church
8. Oxford United Methodist Church
9. Kennett Friends Meeting
10. West Grove United Methodist Church
11. Vineyard at the Barn Church
12. Sacred Heart Parish

Support Churches

1. Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene
2. West Grove Friends Meeting
3. Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square
4. Church of the Open Door
5. Oxford Church of the Nazarene
6. Toughkenamon Presbyterian Church
7. St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
8. Apostolic Church of Oxford
9. Avondale Presbyterian Church
10. St. Michael Lutheran Church
11. Bethany Presbyterian Church
12. Doe Run Presbyterian Church
13. St. Patrick Church
14. Oxford Presbyterian Church
15. St. Cornelius Catholic Church