



Family Promise Metrowest

a community response to families who are homeless

December 2015

More Than Thankful

This is the season for being thankful. We think of our families, friends and those who have entered our lives and make it brighter by simply being there.

At Family Promise Metrowest, it is more than just being thankful. For us, it is the simple fact that we wouldn't exist without our community of support.

Our shelter is possible due to the incredible commitment of our congregations and community volunteers providing support to our families year after year. For our congregations and community volunteers, we are thankful.

Our day center is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year. With a small professional staff, we would be unable to function without volunteers. For our day center volunteers, we are thankful.

As a small nonprofit receiving no government funding, we rely on private donations, congregations, businesses, grants, foundations and community groups for financial support. For the generosity shown by our network both in terms of financial donations and in-kind support, we are truly thankful.

During this season and throughout the year, we are humbled by the generosity of time, spirit and financial support shown to our families.

To all of you who are part of our community of support please know, we are more than thankful.

Happy Holidays,

Sue

Annual Holiday Appeal

Our annual holiday appeal letter was sent on December 1. For those of you who would like to donate online, please use the link below.

Thank You!

Donate



For weekly updates on what's happening at Family Promise Metrowest, check out our facebook page and be sure to "like" us while you are there.



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Family Updates

Jen and Julius are doing great! Jen started a new job at a local food industry and loves it. She is also working on studying to take her learners permit exam. Julius started at a new school in Natick and has adjusted very well.

Tacha is continuing her work as a shift manager at a local food shop. Jeremiah has started daycare at a local center in Framingham. Adeyah is doing great in school and has started taking piano lessons with one of the network's volunteers.

William and Yari are doing well and working on getting their license. Yari recently got her learners permit! The girls are both doing very well in school and headstart.



Thanks to all of you who have donated their time and talents to our families here at Family Promise Metrowest. A special thanks to Lisa Press, who made the dolls for our children.

Daisy and Carlos are busy with their new son, Maximus and big sister Amber. Carlos continues to thrive at work while Daisy is working part time and adjusting to her schedule with their new baby.



Hanging out

Tiffany and her two girls, Madison and Bailey, started with our program at the beginning of November. They have a very busy schedule but are settling in very well. The girls both attend Hudson Public Schools and Tiffany is employed as an office manager.

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Successful Fall Fundraiser



On Saturday, November 7, we had over 300 supporters at Temple Shir Tikva in Wayland at our *Keep the Promise Fall Fundraiser*. Over \$67,000 was raised!

We would like to thank our Sponsors, Restaurants, and Auction donors that participated this year. Your generous contributions are truly appreciated. *Click photo below to view our Thank You video*



Goulston & Storrs Welcomes FPM as Pro Bono Client

We are pleased to announce that [Goulston & Storrs](#), a prominent Boston law firm, has recently invited Family Promise Metrowest to be a pro bono client. As we build collaborations in the Metrowest community to increase the availability of affordable housing, Goulston and Storrs will provide the necessary expertise for making decisions that will impact our organization and the families we serve.

Established in 1900, the Boston office of Goulston & Storrs is located on the historic waterfront. From the beginning, a commitment to pro bono has been an important part of their history and identity, reflecting the firm's core values. We are grateful for this opportunity to have such reputable expertise available to Family Promise Metrowest and look forward to working with Jared Tardy, Esq., Kyle Crossley, Esq. and their colleagues in the year ahead.

Sweetsounds for Kids is a Hit



Cheerleaders

Avis Budget Charitable Foundation
David Allen's Ameriprise Balance
Mathworks
Metrowest Medical Center
Perpetuart
Wellesley Hills Jr Women's Club

Friends

Bose Corporation
Boston Interiors
Brookline Savings Bank
CA Inc. Matching Gifts Program
Comcast

To wrap up Family Promise Week, local Natick musician, David Polansky, shared his musical talent with families during *Sweet Sounds for Kids*.

The event was hosted by Energy Fitness and Gymnastics, one of our generous Community Partners. Children, parents and grandparents were on their feet dancing and singing the afternoon away. Fun was had by all.



Eileen Fisher Hosts Pictures of Hope Celebration



On Thursday, November 19, Eileen Fisher in Wellesley hosted a reception for Family Promise Metrowest to introduce inspirational greeting cards made by children from Family Promise. The cards were created this summer when award winning photojournalist, Linda Solomon brought her nationally acclaimed program, *Pictures of Hope* to the day center. We extend our appreciation to Eileen Fisher for sharing refreshments in their beautiful store and to Nancy Marino, Wellesley Store Leader and Barbara Ward, Store Leader of Chestnut Hill who organized the event. To purchase these original cards go to [LINK HERE](#)

Need a Parent's Night Out?

On Saturday, December 5, Energy Fitness and Gymnastics is hosting a Parent's Night Out with all proceeds

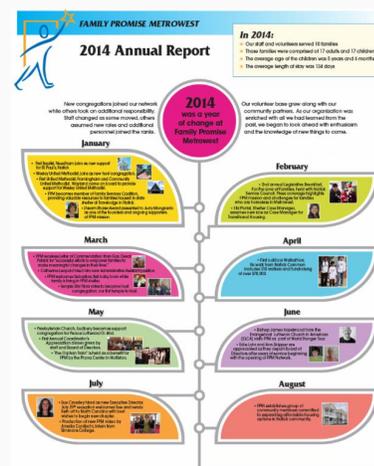


benefitting Family Promise Metrowest and the Natick Service Council. The event will be held from 5:00pm -

- Store Center
- Dion's Fine Wines, Spirits and Craft Beers
- DCU for Kids
- Digital Federal Credit Union
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Energy Fitness and Gymnastics
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
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8:00pm, beginning with open-gym followed by pizza and kid-friendly movie shorts. Cost is \$20 per child, \$5 discount for 3rd child and \$10 discount for the 4th child. Energy Fitness and Gymnastics is located at 1 H F Brown Way, Natick. Space is limited. Please register in advance by calling Energy Fitness and Gymnastics at 617-795-7177.



Lutherans' charitable outreach funds go and FPM is eligible!

In 2013, the organization donated over \$100 million to thousands of non-profits throughout the country.

Program details can be found [here](#).

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