



**A MESSAGE
FROM THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Dear Friends,

As I settle in to my new role here, I am struck by the depth and breadth of this community based response to homelessness. Countless hours have been spent by many community stakeholders over several months to establish this affiliate. Each year over 20 Congregations from different faiths will provide homeless children and their families with overnight shelter, meals and hospitality throughout Clark County.

Each year families experiencing homelessness will engage with over 750 compassionate and caring volunteers from this interfaith community throughout Clark County. I am humbled by what has been accomplished so far. Thank you for being part of Family Promise of Clark County. I look forward to walking this path with you.

Best Regards,

Linda Winnett, *Executive Director*

HIGHLIGHTING OUR IMPACT

Since we opened our doors in April 2019, Family Promise of Clark County has welcomed eight families into the program. Twenty six guests, twelve of which are children, have been hosted in a weekly rotation at various locations throughout Clark County. The inter-faith hospitality network, made up by thirteen host congregations and ten support congregations, has worked together to provide over 1800 nights of shelter and over 5400 nutritious meals. Five families have graduated into permanent housing after an average stay of twelve weeks.

One of the first families we welcomed into the program; a family of four, two parents and two children graduated from the program into their own apartment. During the time spent with Family Promise and working intensively with our case manager; the father participated in job training

“While we were a guest with Family Promise, the most helpful to us was meeting new people at each host location and the hospitality they provided.”

and secured employment, the children ages 2 and 4 were enrolled in Early Head Start, and the mom who was pregnant was connected with prenatal care and newborn support. The family accessed transportation and housing navigation services and was housed at market rate with no subsidies.

As a part of our aftercare services, our case manager connects with this family regularly. The father has found a new job closer to his new home and with better hours. The girls are attending Early Head Start and mom gave birth to a son in early October.



DAY CENTER & PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

The Day Center is located in Camas, WA in the Aquinas Center on the campus of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. The day center is open to the guests in the program 7 days a week from 7am to 5pm and serves as their home base.

While families in our program rotate to different host congregations for evening hours, the Day Center remains a consistent space for them during the day. Families can use the address and phone number as their home address and phone, access the computer and Internet, as well as shower and do their laundry. Families care for their preschool age children in the day center and school age children are picked up by the school bus from the day center during the week.

Our space is separated into different areas. A space with a TV and couches where families can relax, a dining table and refrigerator create a dining space, a kid's area for the children in our program to play and learn, and a study area with computer and student desks.

Thank you doesn't begin to express our appreciation to the following congregations, their coordinators and volunteers, that make up our interfaith evening and overnight host and hospitality network:

★ THANK YOU HOST CONGREGATIONS

- Battle Ground United Methodist Church
- Bethel Community Church
- Camas Church of the Nazarene
- East Woods Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church
- Gateway Church
- Grace Foursquare Church
- Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
- Meadow Glade Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Salmon Creek United Methodist Church
- St John Lutheran Church
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver
- Vancouver Adventist Community Church

★ THANK YOU SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS

- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
~ East Stake ~ West Stake
- Felida Bible Church
- Garden Grove Community of Christ Church
- Harvest Community Church
- Mill Plain United Methodist Church
- Radiant Church
- Unity Church
- Washougal United Methodist Church



▶▶ The Day Center was put together entirely by volunteers and donated items. The Day Center backs up to Lacomas Lake Park trail system in Camas.

* See website for needed items on our Wish List, and volunteer opportunities at the Day Center.



MEET THE STAFF



Linda Winnett, Gwen Papenfuse, Lindsay Newcomer, Viktoriya Kovalenko.
Staff offices are adjacent to the Day Center.

Executive Director, Linda Winnett, is our only full time staff person. Linda oversees all of the programs components, and supervises the rest of the staff.

Resource Manager, Gwen Papenfuse, works 20 hours per week and helps connect our guests with community resources, provides life skill classes and education for our families, and helps to drive our van to and from the Day Center.

Day Center Manager, Lindsay Newcomer, works 20 hours per week and oversees the Day Center operations, organizes the outreach, recruitment, and training of volunteers, and assists with program communications.

Case Manager, Viktoriya Kovalenko, works 20 hours per week and oversees the entry and exit of families, creates case plans with our guests, helps them to achieve employment and housing goals, and follows the families as they transition out of the program for one year.

OUR VAN was made possible through a grant from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust. Westlie Ford in Camas located the 2018 Ford van, with low miles, and helped us stretch our grant dollars in the purchase. The 15-passenger van carries our families between the Day Center and church congregations.

OUR TRAILER was provided by Cascades Presbyterian Church Benevolence Fund. On Sundays, the trailer moves our guest's belongings to the next weekly-rotating overnight congregation.



FAMILY PROMISE WESTERN REGIONAL MEETING

Family Promise of Clark County hosted a Family Promise Western Regional Meeting at Salmon Creek United Methodist Church.

Claas Ehlers, Family Promise CEO shared the national Family Promise vision, goals, and aspirations for the future. Stacy Pollard,

Western Regional Director led the group of affiliates represented by Board Members, Executive Directors and Case Managers in a round table discussion on multiple topics related to mission outcomes. Three states and eight affiliates shared ideas over lunch.



VOLUNTEER

Interested in or to learn more about:

- Volunteering at the Day Center
- Driving the van between the Day Center and host congregations

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Lindsay Newcomer (360) 210-5165

DONATE

See the Wish List on our website

HOST

Becoming a host or support congregation:

Linda Winnett (360) 210-5165

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Another Exciting Way to Serve with Family Promise of Clark County

Are you a professional with background or experience in:

- finance management
- sales & marketing
- public relations
- communications
- business management
- legal field
- real estate market
- human resource management
- social or government services
- and more?

If you answered “yes” to either of those questions, and you have been thinking you would like to put your talents to work supporting a great cause aimed at helping children experiencing homelessness, we have an opportunity for you.

Family Promise of Clark County is a public nonprofit



organization with a Board of Trustees. The Board is responsible for ensuring the success of the organization by establishing and monitoring its vision and scope of operations, working with the staff to provide resources needed to accomplish our mission, keeping an eye on the financial performance of the operation, and elevate the visibility of the program within the community we serve.

We currently have several unfilled positions on FPCC's Board. If you have the kind of experience and background mentioned, and are interested in exploring ways you can help us succeed in fulfilling our purpose, we would love to talk to you. Please let us know about your interest by contacting:

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