

Family Promise

of Barry County

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February Fundraiser

We have decorated our playground fence with heart outlines! Help "Fill our Hearts" as you donate to FPBC! For every \$10 donated in February, we will fill in the interior of our hearts.

With 4 options, donating is SO easy!

1. Donate on our Facebook page
2. Donate on our website (bcfamilypromise.org)
3. Mail a check or cash to PO Box 312, Hastings
4. Call our office to drop off donation (269-953-6189)





Fill Our Hearts



How it works:

- We've filled our playground fence with heart outlines
- Donate any amount to FPBC (web, Facebook, check)
- For every \$10 donated in February, we will fill in part of our hearts
- Surround our families in shelter with your love



Ways to donate:



facebook.com/fpbarrycounty



bcfamilypromise.org/donate



PO Box 312, Hastings 49058

Drive by our Day Center to check our progress!
2920 S. M37 Hwy

Trivia Challenge:



What percentage of Americans buy a Valentine's Day gift for their pet?



Find the answer inside!

Ending homelessness, one family at a time



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2021

By the numbers

7

families served

6

individuals sheltered

23

churches involved

1

amazing community



A Proud
Barry County
United Way
Partner
Agency





Simulator Tournament: March 6
Traditional Tournament: June 26

2021 GOLF OUTINGS

Simulator
Sponsors



Andrew R Cove, AAMS®
Financial Advisor
421 W Woodlawn Ave
Hastings, MI 49058
269-945-3553

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
edwardjones.com

*Who Can Ride
Barry County Transit?
YOU CAN!*

269-948-8098

www.barrycountytansit.com

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Interested in
becoming a sponsor?
Call us!

SIGN UP TODAY!



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BARRY COUNTY'S FIRST

SIMULATOR GOLF OUTING

CHARITY TOURNAMENT

ALL PROCEEDS WILL WORK TO "END HOMELESSNESS, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME" IN BARRY COUNTY

Round check-in times:

7:30 am, 10:30 am, 1:15 pm

**TEAM REGISTRATION
INCLUDES**

- AWARDS AND PRIZES
- LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
- GOLF PRO ADVICE
- \$50 OFF REGISTRATION FOR OUR JUNE GOLF OUTING
- FIRST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS FOR "THE GREAT GOLF BALL DROP"

\$200 per team

**SIMULATOR SPONSORSHIP
INCLUDES**

- TABLE DISPLAY
- LOGO ON SCORECARD
- LOGO ON BANNERS
- MENTION IN PROMOTIONS

LEARN MORE BY CALLING
269-953-6189

\$500

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021*
THE LEGACY AT HASTINGS



Register your team of 4 at:
<https://bit.ly/FPBCgolfsimulator>

QUESTIONS? CALL 269-953-6189

*DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Sign up your team of 4 TODAY! <https://bit.ly/FPBCgolfsimulator>



A WORD FROM OUR STAFF



Recent Celebrations:

-All of our adult guests are now employed!

-Orangeville Baptist recently had their first host week!

-Hastings Nazarene will soon begin a partnership of hosting with Lifegate Church!

Dear Friends of FPBC,

Can you believe we are already a month into the new year? Time sure does fly by! It feels like yesterday when we were talking about Thanksgiving!

Our Host Churches continue to send their volunteers to our Day Center to provide evening, overnight, and Saturday hospitality for our families. I have enjoyed meeting the volunteers as they come and connecting with that vital element of our program model.

Here at the Day Center we are set up in a way that we can assure social distancing and strict sanitation protocols. We continue to make sure our families, volunteers, and staff are as safe as possible.

Our volunteers have a living room space where they can hang out and their own sleeping room with beds (see pictures below). It's quite a comfortable set up for our volunteers, even though they are in unfamiliar surroundings.

To the volunteers who have made this space a home, thank you! To those who prepare meals and pray for our volunteers, thank you! You are all part of this important team to "end homelessness, one family at a time."

In His Service,
Martha Ports,
FPBC Executive Director



If you are able to donate any of these items, please call us at 269-953-6189

FPBC Wish List

- paper plates and bowls
- plastic silverware
- disposable coffee and drinking cups
- K cups (to keep our volunteers fueled!)
- Gas cards (for the FPBC bus and for families)

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER TRAINING



Volunteer Training: Providing Trauma Informed Care for our Families



When?

Feb 9, 2021 2-4 pm

Where?

<http://zoom.us>

Meeting ID: 862 6468 7288

Passcode: 503823



Training provided by Deb Timmerman

All FPBC volunteers are invited to attend this important training

"Adverse Childhood Experiences are the single greatest unaddressed public health threat facing our nation today"

-Dr. Robert Block, former President of American Academy of Pediatrics



"ACE" stands for "Adverse Childhood Experiences." These experiences can include things like physical and emotional abuse, neglect, caregiver mental illness, and household violence.

ACE's are common and costly.

Preventing ACEs could reduce a large number of health AND social conditions.

Join us as we learn about trauma, its impact on the brain, ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences), and how this information should alter the way we care for our families. The goal of this training is to provide this vital background information and discuss how it impacts our families. Providing them with trauma-informed care will have a lasting impact on their lives.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER



ROSES ARE RED,
VIOLETS ARE BLUE
BUY GIFTS FOR YOUR VALENTINE
AND SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES TOO!

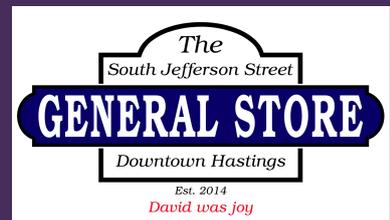
MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 11!

VALENTINE'S DAY SHOPPING FUNDRAISER AT
THE GENERAL STORE!



118 S. Jefferson St, Hastings
Open 10-6 on Feb. 11

At the register, tell the clerk you'd like the donation to go to Family Promise. The General Store will donate 10% of your sale to FPBC!



Join us for a
Valentine's Day
Shopping Fundraiser
at the General Store!

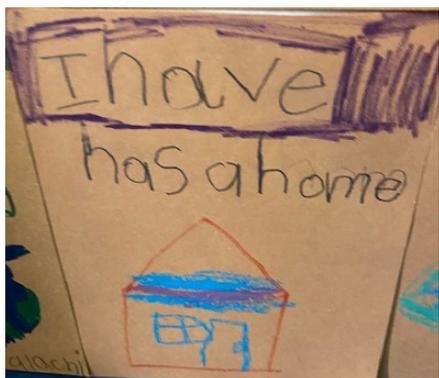
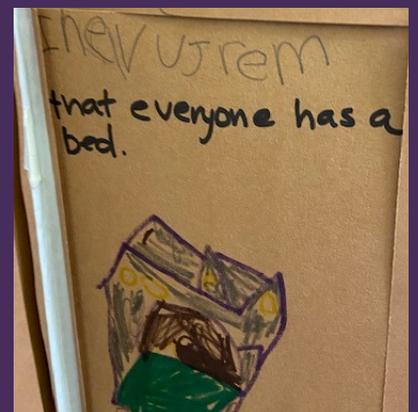
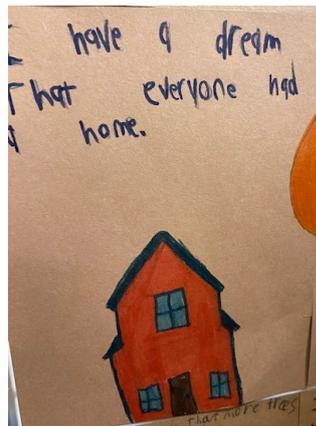
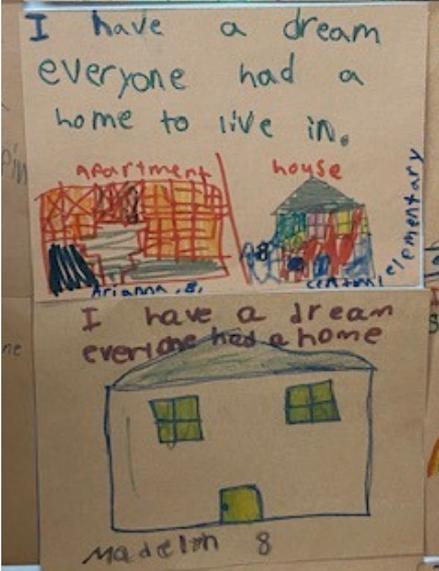
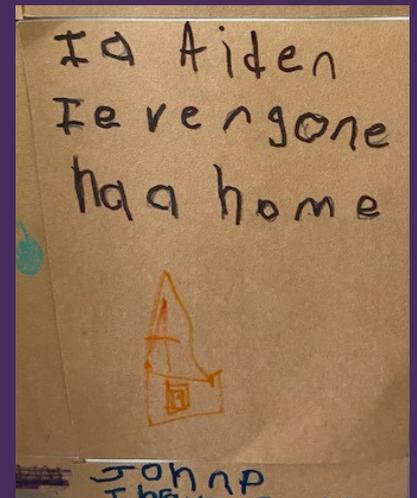
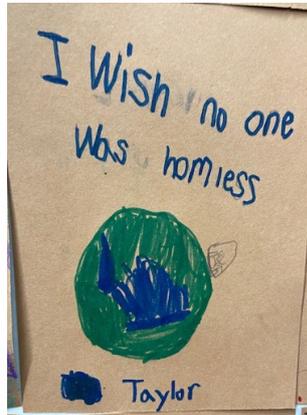
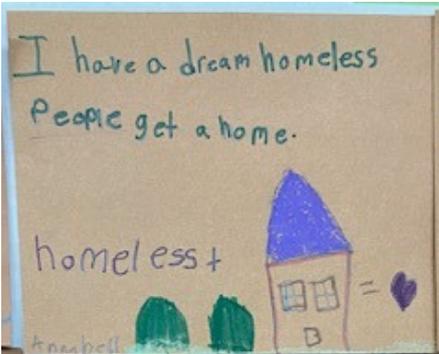
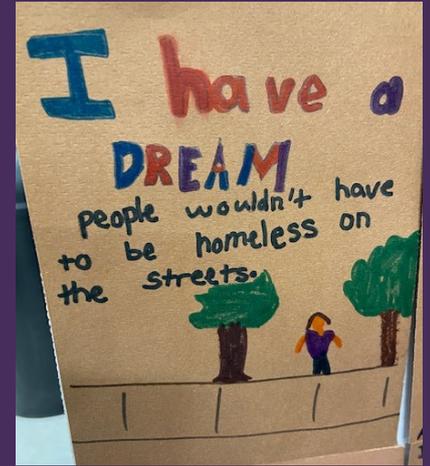
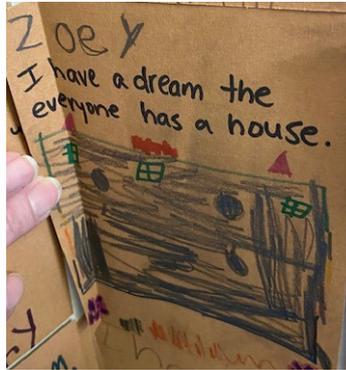
February 11, 10a to 6p

Be sure to mention FPBC
at the register!

"I have a Dream..."

Hastings elementary schools' art teacher Natasha Offerman asked her students about their dreams to make the world a better place. Family Fare recently displayed these dreams in the lobby of their Hastings store. Here are our favorites in case you missed the display.

In just a quick perusal of the dozens of entries, these 11 students have a dream related to housing. It deeply touches our heart to know how many kids are affected by the housing crisis in our county.



2021 FPBC Board of Directors

- *Jason Watson,
President
- *Jerald Jones,
Vice President
- *Robin Walters,
Secretary
- *Jessica Troyer,
Treasurer
- *Sue Larghi
- *Kim Metzger
- *Vicki DeMaagd
- *Kara Hollars
- *Andrew Cove



A WORD FROM OUR BOARD

With the New Year comes a new FPBC Board! All of our officer positions have shifted, and we have welcomed Andy Cove to our board! We look forward to all this team will accomplish in 2021!



FPBC Committees Need You!

It's a "new year", dive into some great opportunities to share your passion for Family Promise of Barry County! Each committee has 1-5 hours per month commitment (and that is flexible). We are offering Zoom and in person meetings.

Public Relations Committee: This committee oversees newsletters, official communications, social media platforms, online presence and contact with the media. And we get to go to all the community events (concerts, parades, festivals and fundraiser) and have FUN!! Get those creative juices flowing.

Congregational Relations: This committee exists to support current host and support churches, recruit more into our network, and prepare volunteer trainings.

Event Committees: Various committees meet to plan and prepare for our events. This includes: golf fundraiser committee (planning our March Golf Simulator and June Live Outing), A Walk in Homeless Shoes (an awareness event in Sept), and our anniversary banquet (in April).

Why should you do this? Because you will make new friends, participate in our community, and be a good witness for God to those around you. You can participate in an open meeting and see what you think with no strings attached except to have fun and be involved in helping us "end homelessness, one family at a time". This is so rewarding and helpful, you don't want to miss out.

Contact Martha at 269-953-6189 or executive.director@familypromisebarrycounty.org

FPBC Community Partner Highlight



Orangeville Baptist Church volunteers began hosting our families this month! In addition to being an awesome partner to FPBC, they offer great support services to the community:

***Christlike, compassionate, and competent counseling to any and all who are hurting and looking for hope. Here is a link to the counseling website for more info - <https://orangevillebiblicalcounseling.com/>. Best of all, it is free!**

***Baby Pantry that is open the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, 11am-3pm. They offer free diapers, wipes, food, formula for families in need. No income limits.**

OBC is a Christ Centered Community – Whose Aim Is To: Believe In Christ, Belong To Christ, Become Like Christ, & Build Through Christ-Together

Want to learn more?

-call: (269) 664-4377

-visit their website: orangevillebaptist.org

-find them on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/OrangevilleBaptist

-or join them for Sunday morning services

9:30am at Sunday School, Worship at 10:30

6921 Marsh Rd. Plainwell, Mi 49080



FPBC Support Churches

- * Freeport UMC Church
- * Grace Lutheran Church
- * Gun Lake Community Church
- * Hastings Church of the Nazarene
- * Hastings Seventh Day Adventist
- * Hope UMC
- * Peace UMC Church
- * St. Rose
- * Welcome Corners UMC
- * Woodgrove Christian Parish

Support Churches support FPBC and guests in material ways, financially, or help Host Churches fulfill their hosting duties.

FPBC Host Churches

- * Delton Community Church
- * Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- * First Presbyterian Church
- * Green Street UMC Church
- * Hastings Baptist Church
- * Hastings Free Methodist Church
- * Kilpatrick Church
- * Lakewood UMC Church
- * Lifegate Community Church
- * McCallum UB Church
- * Organgeville Baptist Church
- * Thornapple Valley Church

Host Churches host our families in their buildings four times a year for one week at a time. They provide all meals and up to 110 hours of volunteer time each host week!

Thank you!



FPBC is proud to be part of such a wonderful community!

Community Connections

YOU'RE INVITED TO:

BARRY CO COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

When: February 17, 2021; 8 to 9 am
Where: On Zoom! Meeting ID: 879 9397 8733
 Passcode: 562507
Topic: Delton ROCKS Suicide Prevention Program & Barry County Suicide Awareness Initiative
Presenters: Beth Smith from Delton ROCKS; Liz Lenz from Barry County Resource Network

Quarterly Community Breakfasts are organized by staff from: Barry County Court System, Barry Great Start Collaborative, CASA for Kids, Family Promise of Barry County, Family Support Center, and MDHHS.

Brr... it's cold outside!
 We can help keep you warm!

The Rack: Outdoor Winter Clothing Pantry

Adult, Children's & Infant Sizes

- coats
- snowpants
- boots
- scarves
- blankets
- socks
- gloves
- mittens
- hats

Open Hours by appointment only.

Must be a Barry County resident.

Register for your shopping appointment with Barry County Cares at 269-948-9555.

Pantry located at Hope Church (2920 S. M37 Hwy, Hastings)

We're also accepting donations of new/gently used outdoor clothing items. Call Barry Co. Cares to set up a donation time. Donations MUST NOT be left at the church without an appointment.

Hastings High School FFA Students donate \$640 to FPBC!



The members the HHS FFA spent countless hours of their summer returning pop cans for the families of FPBC!

From left to right: Matt Goebel (Interim Superintendent), Emma White (senior), Addison Horrmann (senior), Emily Roe (junior), Elaina James (senior), Micheal VanDorp (senior), Martha Ports (FPBC), Breanna Willard (junior), Kayla Willard (Senior), Jade Hunter (senior), Teresa Heide (HHS principal).



Use smile.amazon.com and donate 0.5% of your online purchases to FPBC!

Sign up for Amazon Smile and donate to FPBC while you shop!

1. If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, sign up on your web browser at smile.amazon.com. Simply select Family Promise of Barry County to start generating donations, at no cost to you.
2. Download or update to the latest version of the Amazon Shopping app on your phone. You can find it in the App Store for iOS or Google Play for Android.
3. Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Support FPBC as you shop online!



Celebrating our Wednesday Warriors

Wednesday Warrior

MEET LINDSAY



Lindsay Moore is the Midwest Regional Director for Family Promise.

- Lindsay started her journey with FP as Executive Director in Genesee County, now works with the national office.
- Her husband and two daughters volunteer at their local affiliate.
- Favorite Quote: "I cannot do all the good the world needs. But the world needs all the good I can do." Jana Stanfield
- Loves FP because it offers a holistic approach, one which engages the community in the solution and it focuses on the family as a unit with the goal of long-term stability and success.



Each Wednesday we highlight someone as an FPBC Warrior. These selfless volunteers give their time, talent, and resources to help FPBC guests or support our staff in meaningful ways! We can't thank you enough for giving your time, talent, and energy!



We are grateful to share that Katie has joined our staff to provide care to our families on Sundays!

MEET OUR STAFF

KATIE BOLTHOUSE



Katie works behind the scenes to end homelessness, one family at a time.

- Is the newest addition! She works as the day center attendant.
- Enjoys gardening
- Has 3 children, two boys and one girl
- Favorite Quote "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Its not going to get better, its not" The Lorax
- Loves FPBC because its a safe enviroment for families who need a hand up.

Answer to the trivia question on page 1

What percentage of Americans buy a Valentine's Day gift for their pet?



27% of Americans bought a gift for their pet in 2020! That added up to \$1.7 billion spent on pets!

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of Barry County

Thanks to our January Host Churches

- Hastings Baptist
- Emmanuel Episcopal
- Orangeville Baptist
- First Presbyterian

Thank You!

Share each other's burdens and in this way obey the law of Christ" -Gal. 6:2

Questions?

Feel free to contact us!

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For the latest FPBC news, follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/fpbarry county/

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