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The Family Promise of Gallatin Valley Board regularly meets the fourth Friday of each month at American Bank from 4:30 – 6 p.m. The annual meeting was held January 21st. Officers hold 1 year terms and board members serve 3 year terms. Initial board terms were 1 year, 2 years and 3 years; all are now 3 year terms. Officers may serve up to 2 consecutive 3 year terms.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley, Inc.

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Mission

To provide shelter for homeless families with children in the Gallatin Valley, while assisting them to find and implement lasting solutions to their unique situations.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley Host Churches

Bozeman United Methodist Church

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Church of Christ

First Baptist Church of Bozeman

First Lutheran Church

First Presbyterian Church

Hope Lutheran Church

Journey Church

Mt. Ellis Seventh Day Adventist Church (at Mt. Ellis and at 1st Presbyterian)

Pilgrim Congregational Church

St. James Episcopal Church

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley Partner Churches

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Belgrade Ward)

Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Bozeman Ward)

Congregation Beth Shalom

Grand Avenue Christian Church

Holy Rosary Catholic Church

Mt. Ellis Seventh Day Adventist Church

Peace Lutheran Church (Belgrade)

Saint Anthony Orthodox Church

Society of Friends

Unitarian Universalists Fellowship

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley Staff

Executive Director: Gloria Edwards

Family Case Manager: Kacie Grue

VISTA Volunteer Development Coordinator: Bridget Pitman

Sunday Coordinator: Larry King

Saturday Campus Corps Volunteer: Kelsey Jackson

2010 Goals and Accomplishments

- ❖ Provided shelter and opportunities to 16 families, our largest number to date. This totaled 53 people, 27 children and 26 adults. 14 of the 33 children were ages five and under.
- ❖ 11 Host Congregations and 10 Partner Congregations are active participants. In 2010 we gained Journey Church as a new host congregation. All congregations have at least 1 skilled volunteer coordinator and have actively recruited and organized volunteers to help provide 24 hour services.
- ❖ A total of 1,158 volunteers have completed the 2 hour Family Promise training necessary before providing direct guest services! Trained volunteers range in age from 18 to 90, and entire families can volunteer together to help families.
- ❖ These volunteers contributed 10,672 hours of direct service! 358 days of home-cooked dinners, healthy breakfasts and sack lunches were provided to our guests.
- ❖ Both the Executive Director and Family Case Manager are experienced professional social workers. Together they assisted families in regaining their independence. 10 of the 16 families were from Gallatin County. Only 2 families were employed upon entering the program and 11 were employed upon exit.
- ❖ We have our own facility! Due to a generous donation, The Tim and Mary Barnard Family Day Center at 429 East Story Street was purchased in July 2009 and we moved in on August 13th, 2009. It is full of warm, comfortable furnishings, and is a safe haven for families during the day and on the weekends. It is professionally staffed 5 days a week from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., open from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:30 until 5:30 on Sundays. It is a great asset, and thanks to many generous contributors, is now fully paid for!
- ❖ Family Promise has worked actively to raise awareness of our services and the funding needed to continue to operate. Attendance at the Fourth Annual Cardboard Box City event was the highest to date and raised \$15,000. Over 50% of our funding is from local Individual contributors.
- ❖ The Greater Gallatin Homeless Action Coalition is working together monthly to address homelessness in the Gallatin Valley. Family Promise of Gallatin Valley has taken a leading role in this team effort, with our Executive Director serving as the chair for 2009 and 2010. Approximately 30 people from 16 separate agencies are actively collaborating to provide needed services to homeless individuals and families, to prevent homelessness, and to work toward ending homelessness in the Gallatin Valley.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley, Inc. Program Results

The tough economic times were evident in the families served by Family Promise of Gallatin Valley in 2010. We served more families than ever before. For a majority of the year our program was at full capacity. 2010 was the first year since we opened our doors that there was at least one family in the program every single day of the year.

All of our guests entering the program were homeless and 10 of the 16 families served were from Gallatin County. Four of the families had been evicted from their homes, but most families were homeless due to unemployment and/or family break-up. 26 adults and 27 children, including 19 children age five and under, were served. Nine of the 16 families were two-parent families, six were female-headed single parent families and one was a male-headed single parent family. 48 of our guests were Caucasian, four were Latino and one was African-American.

During this stay, all of the guests were required to secure employment and save an average of 80% of their earnings. The difficulty in securing employment was a major obstacle for most families. Of the 15 families who left the program, only five families actually completed the program and secured stable employment and permanent housing at exit. This is not acceptable. We have taken steps to remedy this situation and improve the effectiveness of our services. A strong life skill curriculum is being developed, staff changes have been implemented, and a closer relationship with Bozeman Job Service is being developed. Although we recognize that it is unlikely that every family will be successful, our goal remains to assist each family in implementing lasting solutions to their unique situation.

2010 was the first year that the Volunteer Development Coordinator position was a permanent full-time position. The coordinator worked actively to recruit, train and retain dedicated volunteers. Journey Church became our first new host congregation in 3 years. A very successful Clergy Luncheon was held to recognize pastors and rabbis for their continued commitment to Family Promise of Gallatin Valley. Regular monthly volunteer training sessions were held, resulting in a total of 1,158 trained volunteers.

Numerous articles on homelessness appeared in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and on local news and radio stations. Front page articles on Family Promise appeared on June 28 and September 25. A guest editorial written by the Executive Director was published on August 9 and numerous smaller articles highlighted Family Promise's program. This media attention raised awareness of homelessness in our community.

As a non-profit organization, Family Promise of Gallatin Valley has taken a leading role in the Greater Gallatin Homeless Action Coalition (GGHAC). This team includes service providers and interested citizens and meets monthly to address homelessness in the Gallatin Valley. A warming shelter is now open every evening for any homeless person so that no one freezes to death in Bozeman from lack of shelter.

Looking Toward the Future

Although we have been highly successful in our first five years of operations, the future holds many challenges. Bozeman continues to have the highest cost of living in the state of Montana; finding any job, much less a job with a livable wage is increasingly difficult; transitional housing is almost nonexistent (there are 2 units); and social services are seeing demand for services at an all time high. The need for continued and expanding services for homeless families – our most vulnerable population - is vital.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley is dedicated to our mission of providing shelter to homeless families with children and assisting them to develop and implement lasting solutions to their unique situations. We are constantly seeking to improve our services. A full-time Family Case Manager not only helps the family attain their goals of employment and permanent housing, but is also available for follow-up services once the family leaves the program. A Volunteer Development Coordinator is constantly working to recruit, train and retain volunteers to ensure 24/7 coverage. Our Executive Director has been with the program since we opened our doors and is always looking for ways to improve effectiveness. This level of commitment from staff and volunteers is an excellent model for our guests: one of our past guests is now actively serving on our board of directors! This desire to “give back” is testament to the services received.

In 2010 we applied for and were awarded a Big Sky Assessment Award from the Montana Nonprofit Connections of the Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits. Two consultants, including one from the national Family Promise office, have assisted our organization with board training. A strategic planning session is scheduled for February 2011. Our goal is to be the most effective organization possible in order to assist homeless families with children to achieve lasting solutions.

Other future goals include expanding our host’s congregations from eleven to twelve, and expanding our partner congregations from ten to twelve or more.

Furthermore, we are committed to full participation in the Greater Gallatin Homeless Action Coalition and working with other service providers and concerned citizens to coordinate service delivery for all our community’s homeless individuals and families.

Our goals and challenges at Family Promise of Gallatin Valley are far-reaching: so is our commitment to assisting homeless families with children. Through the dedication of volunteers, staff, congregations and others, the mission of Family Promise of Gallatin Valley will be realized, and we will be able to end homelessness one family at a time.

Your help – your donation - is crucial to keep Family Promise helping our homeless families.

Statement of Financial Condition (unaudited)

	Dec. 31, 2010	Dec. 31, 2009	\$ Change	%Change
Current Assets	\$375,904.	\$232,383.	\$143,521.	61.76%
Total Fixed Assets	\$337,082.	\$335,300.	\$1,782.	.53%
TOTAL ASSETS	\$712,986.	\$567,683.	\$145,303.	25.60%
Total Liabilities	\$2,998.	\$111,930.	-\$108,932.	-97.32%
Total Equity	\$709,988.	\$455,753.	\$254,235.	55.78%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$712,986.	\$567,683.	\$145,303.	25.60%

Family Promise has been very blessed during our first five years of operation. Our phenomenal financial growth has occurred primarily due to two large donations.

In 2009 Tim and Mary Barnard contributed \$215,000 toward the purchase of property at 429 East Story Street. This house became our Family Promise facility, with both office space for staff and daily living space for homeless families. The Tim and Mary Barnard Family Day Center serves as a home address for our guests so that they have a residence from which to apply for jobs and apartments. It is where adults meet with our professional case manager, use the computer for employment searches, care for their children, do their laundry, and go about the business called living. It is “home” while families are in our program.

In 2010 we received a one-time donation of \$250,000 from an anonymous source. This enabled Family Promise to pay off the Tim and Mary Barnard Family Day Center and to be free of any debt. The Family Promise board has decided to leave the remainder of funds in reserve and to utilize careful planning before any further funds are expended.