

Family Promise of Tualatin Valley **STAR**

A Monthly Update from Your Friends at FPTV
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The True Joy of Christmas | *Rose Money*



The True Joy of Christmas...A warm-hearted donor brought in a tall brown box containing an artificial Christmas tree. She responded to a request on our Facebook page that said one of our children was really wanting to decorate a Christmas tree this year. When the tree arrived the mom in the family was in my office and she thanked the donor profusely. Her four-year-old son was napping when it arrived but an hour later mom knocked on my door asking if she could show the box to her son. She carried him over and set him on the ground and asked him if he could guess what was in the box. He examined the box from top to bottom and finally saw the picture of the tree on the backside. He jumped up and down yelling, "It's a Christmas tree!" His excited voice immediately began planning on how he was going to decorate the tree with his brother and sister. The older brother was at school but he planned that as soon as school was out he was going to tell his brother to close his eyes and then walk him over to the box so he could see the tree and be as excited as he was. What a pleasure to see this simple act of kindness ripple through this little family. Giving to those who need our assistance. This is the true joy of Christmas.

A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD ...

Looking Back with Thanks

Dear Friends,

As the holidays approach, it is an ideal time to look back with thanks. Every day we are grateful for the volunteers and supporters who are critical to the success of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley. You provide your time, talent, financial support, and hearts to make a difference in the lives of the families in our program. Religious and civic groups blend their existing resources to provide shelter, meals, and fellowship to enhance the FPTV experience for our families. Local support agencies have partnered with us and helped in overcoming obstacles. The everyday actions of others show us how committed our communities are to supporting Family Promise's vision to end homelessness one family at a time.

At the end of 2018, we suggested that you close your eyes and imagine how our "firsts in 2019" would look and feel. Now we know... they looked and felt wonderful! The Day Center truly became a home, and churches truly became hosts. We experienced the challenges of guests overcoming barriers and the pure joy of celebrating their moves into new homes. There were "first" resumes and budgets for guests and hundreds of everyday moments like baking cookies, new jobs, first day of school, doctor checkups, getting drivers licenses, and kids playing with farm animals. We knew it would be great, but we could not have imagined how very rewarding it would be to be part of something so special.

It has been a truly outstanding year and we thank you for that. We look forward to 2020 with optimism and promise. However, efforts in ending homelessness one family at a time are far from finished, and you can help by becoming a Club 365 Member.

For just \$1 a day, your contributions will help us provide shelter, food and case management for our homeless families. Club 365 donations are accepted by setting up automatic monthly payments of \$30.50 per month (or more!) via your credit/debit card, Pay Pal or by mail. Go to the Family Promise website: <https://www.familypromiseoftc.org> and click on *Donate Here*, then *Club 365*.

As a 365 Club Member you will receive recognition on our website and in our monthly newsletter, complimentary tickets to our events, a tax deduction receipt, and satisfaction in knowing that you are helping truly deserving families and their children as they work towards sustainable housing.

Thank you for being part of Family Promise of Tualatin Valley. Our Leadership and Staff wish you a very Happy New Year!

JOIN CLUB 365



Our efforts in ending homelessness for children and their families is not yet finished, and your support is needed.

For just **\$1 a day**, or at least \$30 monthly, your contributions will allow us to provide shelter, food, and case management for our homeless families. Every day of every week throughout the year, mothers and fathers are striving to provide for their children. But on any given night in our area **hundreds of families will be homeless and wondering where their next meal will come from or where they will be able to sleep that evening.**

As a 365 Club member you will receive:

1. Recognition on our Website
2. Recognition in monthly Newsletter
3. Tax Deductible Receipt
4. Two complimentary tickets to our events

Club 365 members may make a designation of these funds in honor of or in memory of a beloved person.

Anyone can participate as an individual or a group. All donations from groups such as Sunday school classes, civic organizations, businesses, and congregations are welcome.

How to participate? Club 365 donations will be accepted by setting up an automatic monthly payment via PayPal or credit/debit card or by mail. [Click here for PayPal or cards.](#)

For more information contact Rose Money at 503-878-2492.

THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB 365 MEMBERS

Brian & Susan Fihn

Bob & Judy Nix

Mike & Charity McInnis

Peter & Karen Emerson

Jay & Caroline Jaffee

Rob & Jennifer Ayers

John Casebeer

Caroline Young

Susan Hayhurst

Lisa Fu

Susan Hammersly

Laura Spurrell

Tamra Kehoe

Bill Hall

Marc & Gina Olson

Jack & Dianne Lemmon

Derrilyn Bayha

Paul & Linda Fukasawa

Julie Nader

Derrick & Rebecca Olsen

Jennifer Bailey

LATEST EVENTS!

Eat, Drink and Be Giving Was a Huge Success!

Eat, Drink & Be Giving was a huge success! We shared a special evening of friends, great music and food all for the benefit of our families in need. Thank you to all who attended and also to who weren't able to attend but still supported our fundraising efforts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Projects with Kids, Drivers, Webmaster, Rides

Family Promise of Tualatin Valley is able to provide services to guests with the help of dedicated volunteers. Join us as we fulfill our mission to local homeless children and their families. Can you help? Please email rose@familypromiseoftv.org. Thank you!



- **Drivers** to transport our families to and from churches in the mornings and afternoons in our van. Must have at least five years of driving experience and a clean driving record. (Can you add the photo of our van?)
- **Day Center help** from 11-2 on Saturdays or Sundays to do projects with the kids
- **Webmaster**
- **Move-out coordinator:** Here's an opportunity to make a big impact in the lives of our families! Our families have often had to leave behind their household belongings and are moving into apartments with very little. We'd like to help them start over. Many people are willing to donate items and we need someone to help organize these donations and transportation to help the families start fresh with all they need.

Please contact Rose at Rose@familypromiseoftv.org for more details on all volunteer opportunities.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year From The Family Promise of Tualatin Valley Team!



OUR MISSION

Helping families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and independence through a community based response.