

FPLB's NEWSLETTER

LAST MONTH (IN A NUTSHELL)

- After receiving feedback that our volunteer signup was cumbersome, we transitioned to using SignupGenius again. (Links are below.)
- We had to make the unfortunate decision to dismiss Holly from our shelter program. However, we have already moved a new family in: single mother, Jennae, her 16yo son, Trey, and her 6yo daughter Remi. Thank you to the volunteers who helped support them on their first few nights in the program!
- As you know, planning for this year's Community Day has begun. If you'd like to help, please email Maryanne at director@fplb.org or call 215-943-0402. The link to our signup to help during this awesome event will be in next month's newsletter.
- We made \$173 selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends 25% shopping passes and soft pretzels at the Neshaminy Boscov's on Sat., Aug. 26th.

HOSTING AT A STATIC SITE

There are many benefits to hosting out of a static site: everyone always knows where the families are being sheltered at all times, the families don't have to move around constantly, we don't have to pay for upkeep/gas for the van, etc. However, there are some challenges, too, like volunteers feeling a disconnect because they aren't engaging the families at their home congregations and feeling like a "guest" in the families' home, instead of the other way around. Well, I'd like to come up with more ways that volunteers can engage with our guest families!

While the congregations are still selecting designated slots for hosting - one month at a time, once per year - we still need volunteers to provide dinners. ALL volunteers can sign up to provide dinner ANY DAY of the year. Meal Prep volunteers are no longer restricted to sign up only when their church is hosting! Also, even though some volunteers feel like they are intruding on the families as Dinner Hosts, the families like the opportunity to show their appreciation to the volunteers helping them through this tough time.

Another way I'm hoping to engage volunteers is by initiating volunteer led events/activities. Once a month, we can have a "Fun Friday" or "Super Saturday" (or whatever moniker we choose) where a few individuals can "donate" something fun to do with the families. Volunteers might choose to take the families bowling, provide a picnic at a local park or playground, or organize a movie night. Feel free to share any input or ideas you have.



Director's Note

I'd like to thank everyone for their positive feedback on the August newsletter. It's very gratifying to know that something



you put effort into was appreciated! If anyone ever has any suggestions of an article or announcement they'd like me to add, please reach out to me at director@fplb.org.

Thank you, as always, for your support!

- Maryanne Cahill

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IMPORTANT LINKS

FPLB Website

[\\$10 on the 10th Giving](#)

[Volunteer Application](#)

[Confidentiality Agreement](#)

[FPLB Volunteer Manual](#)

[Volunteer Signups](#)

- [Host Calendar](#)
- [Dinners](#)
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FPLB Social Media

• [Facebook](#)

• [Twitter](#)

• [Instagram](#)

Clearances

- [PA Background Check](#)
- [Child Abuse Clearance](#)
- [FBI](#)

2023 HOST CALENDAR

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Upcoming Events

- 9/16 | Table at Boscov's*
- 9/30 | First Presbyterian of Levittown Car Show*
- 10/01 | "Tuck One In" month begins
| Buffalo Wild Wings night(?)
- 10/10 | Miller's Ale House night, 5pm-9pm (20%)
- 10/14 | Historic Fallsington Day*
| Table at Boscov's*
- 10/15-10/22 | Family Promise Week
- 10/18 | Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Event
- 10/21 | 2nd Annual Community Day
| Family Promise Night Without a Bed
- 10/25 | Panera Bread night, 4pm-8pm (20%)
- 11/11 | First Presbyterian of Levittown Christmas Bazaar*

*See signup link on P 01



For a \$5 donation, shoppers get an ALL DAY 25% off coupon for in-store purchases on Wednesday, October 18th. They also can register for a chance to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card.

We will have a table at Boscov's to sell shopping passes and soft pretzels from 10am - 2pm on the following Saturdays: September 16th, and October 14th. Click [here](#) if you'd like to take a shift.

If you would like to purchase a shopping pass, or if you know someone who would like one, please call 215-943-0402 or send an email to director@fplb.org.

TUCK ONE IN

As you know, October is our "Tuck One In" month where we hold events to engage and inform our community and raise the funding we need to run our programs. Email info@fplb.org to learn how you can be a sponsor. Here's what's happening this year . . .

Family Promise of Lower Bucks

COME JOIN US

COMMUNITY DAY
This year we will be holding our 2nd Annual Family Promise Community Day!
Join us on Saturday, October 21st | 11am - 4pm | 5918 Bristol-Emilie Rd, Levittown, PA 19057 for Food, Fun and Activities!
Rain or Shine. Admission is free, food and some activities require purchasing.

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS
Good food - great cause! Join us for one or for all.

- ★ Miller's Ale House, Langhorne - 20%
Tues., October 10th | 5pm-9pm
- ★ Panera Bread, Feasterville PA - 20%
Wed., October 25th | 4pm-8pm

FALL EVENTS
Want to learn more about us? Come find our table at the following events:

- ★ Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
We will be selling 25% off shopping passes or a \$5 donation at the Neshaminy Boscov's on the following days:
Sat. Sept. 16th, 10am-2pm | Sat. Oct. 14th, 10am-2pm
Misses Dept. | Shoes Dept.
- ★ 1st Pres. Church of Levittown Car Show
Sat. Sept. 30th, 12pm-4pm
- ★ Historic Fallsington Day
Sat. Oct. 14th, 10am-4:30pm

TUCK ONE IN 2023
Family Promise of Lower Bucks (FPLB) is a locally based, non-profit organization dedicated to helping homeless children and their families achieve sustainable housing and regain their independence. Every year in October, FPLB holds our annual "Tuck One In" campaign to spread awareness of our organization and raise needed funding.

MORE INFORMATION
215-943-0402
info@fplb.org
www.fplb.org

Some dates/activities may change

COMMUNITY DAY 2023

This year, we will hold our 2nd Annual Family Promise Community Day on Saturday, October 21st. First Presbyterian Church of Levittown has agreed to host our event! Email info@fplb.org if you'd like to be a vendor or food truck.

(Volunteer signups will be shared in next month's newsletter.)

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Food Trucks
Carnival Games
Vendors
Silent Auction
and More!

11AM - 4PM

MORE INFO
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