

FPLB's NEWSLETTER



Director's Note

It's been a very long time since FPLB sent out a regular newsletter. I would like that to change! I'm hoping that sending out a monthly newsletter will cut down on the number of individual emails we send regularly with updates and calls to action. It's been challenging trying to engage our volunteers since the COVID pandemic started. I'm hoping that more regulated communication will change that!



- Maryanne Cahill

AUGUST | 2023

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2023 YTD (IN A NUTSHELL)

- Moved into Parkland Community Church's Manse (919 Avenue B, Langhorne) to use as our Static Site on January 2nd.
- Held Valentine's Day Match Campaign to get set up in the Manse. We raised \$4,648.27.
- Advertised throughout the county that we were ready to shelter families at the end of February. Our first 2 families moved in at the beginning of April.
- We participated in Family Promise Giving Day, April 20, 2023, and raised \$400.
- Found venue for Community Day 2023 in July! Trying to recruit planning committee to help.
- Initiated our Virtual 50/50 Fundraiser on July 15th. Drawing will be LIVE on our Facebook page on August 16th.

FPLB Website

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

[Volunteer Application](#)

[Confidentiality Agreement](#)

[FPLB Volunteer Manual](#)

Volunteer Signups

- [Host Calendar](#)
- [Dinners](#)
- [Vendor Events](#)

FPLB Social Media

• [Facebook](#)

• [Twitter](#)

• [Instagram](#)

Clearances

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

BOARD COMMITTEES

You may or may not know that there are over 200 Family Promise affiliates across 43 states, and each affiliate operates a little differently. From the programs they operate, to the number of staff members they have. Family Promise of Lower Bucks only has one staff member - the Executive Director. This is why it is so important to have volunteer support!

Our Board of Trustees is made up entirely of volunteers. While these individuals are dedicated to seeing our affiliate be successful, they, too, need help! And that's why we have Board Committees. However, with the turbulence of our operations over the past few years, our committees have suffered as much as our programs.

That being said, we'd like to reach out to our community to find new committee members. There's no limit to the number of committees an affiliate can have, but we'd like to start with a few of the really important ones to get the momentum going. If you have any interest in joining any of the following committees, please send an email to info@fplb.org.

Committees

- Fundraising
- Grant Writing
- Leadership
- Communications

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Do you own a company and want to help those less fortunate? Do you work for a company that is conscientious about giving back?

Family Promise of Lower Bucks (FPLB) is a decade-old organization focused on providing unhoused families with temporary housing while working together to navigate the system and the path to permanent residency. While most shelters separate family members by gender, we at FPLB pride ourselves on our ability to keep children with their parents, allowing them to learn and grow together.

According to Point-In-Time, homelessness increased by over 48% in Bucks County in 2022 from the previous year. With the ever-rising cost of housing and the burdensome challenge of caring for children while working low-paying jobs, FPLB helps to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of families by providing counseling and training to help them obtain and retain their housed status.

Our guest families stay with us on average a maximum of three months, which affords the opportunity for more families to enter the program. At our current site, we help up to eight families a year, with an approximate cost of \$15k per family. While the costs may seem high, the reality is that the Family Promise of Lower Bucks programming provides education and management to families in one place - something they are not able to receive elsewhere. Our program is a primary driver in reducing the impact of homelessness in the overall county with our ultimate goal, reducing the number of unhoused families to zero, making Family Promise of Lower Bucks unnecessary!

Your financial support will help us to continue to make a difference in the lives of unhoused children and families, and to ultimately eradicate homelessness in Bucks County.

Upcoming Events

8/16 | Virtual 50/50 Drawing

8/26 | Table at Boscov's

9/16 | Table at Boscov's

10/01 | "Tuck One In" month begins

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
| Night Without a Bed

Membership Model - Local

DEVELOPED FOR SMALL, LOCAL COMPANIES



Silver

- ✔ Branding - Social Media
- ✔ Certificate
- ✔ Sponsorship Day
- ✔ Plaque
- ✔ Branding - Letterhead

\$500



Gold

- ✔ Branding - Social Media
- ✔ Certificate
- ✔ Sponsorship Day
- ✔ Plaque
- ✔ Branding - Letterhead

\$1,000



Platinum

- ✔ Branding - Social Media
- ✔ Certificate
- ✔ Sponsorship Day
- ✔ Plaque
- ✔ Branding - Letterhead

\$2,500

Membership Model - Large

DEVELOPED FOR LARGER AND MULTI-LOCATION COMPANIES



Silver

- ✔ Branding - Social Media & Website
- ✔ Board Member Luncheon
- ✔ Community Day Booth
- ✔ Branding - Letterhead
- ✔ Branding - Dedicated Webpage

\$5,000



Gold

- ✔ Branding - Social Media & Website
- ✔ Board Member Luncheon
- ✔ Community Day Booth
- ✔ Branding - Letterhead
- ✔ Branding - Dedicated Webpage

\$10,000



Platinum

- ✔ Branding - Social Media & Website
- ✔ Board Member Luncheon
- ✔ Community Day Booth
- ✔ Branding - Letterhead
- ✔ Branding - Dedicated Webpage

\$25,000

SCOUTS TO THE RESCUE

New Fence

Eagle Scout, Heath Martin, contacted us to see what he could do for us to earn his Service Project Award. After discussing a couple options, he decided that he wanted to fix our fence for us to make it safer for our small guests to play in the backyard. He took photos & measurements, checked with the neighbors on placement, called 8-1-1 to make sure it was safe to dig, and got the permit needed for installation. With materials and guidance donated by his uncle, Heath and a couple of his fellow scouts removed the trees and plants that were in the way and installed the new fence in no time!

EAGLE SCOUT
SERVICE PROJECT



Vegetable Garden

Cadet Girl Scout, Paige Gould, a congregant of Newtown Presbyterian Church, and her Troop Leader Mom, Jennifer, contacted us after an FPLB presentation was made during a service in February to see how their troop could help our families. The plan we came up with was to install a vegetable garden. Paige took measurements and checked sun patterns to find the best placement and got to work getting plants and seeds donated. With help from her father, they constructed the beds with an enclosure to keep unwanted critters out. Paige is creating a manual for FPLB families for upkeep and is also making them a recipe book. Yum!



GIRLS SCOUTS
SILVER AWARD PROJECT



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: August 26th, 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.

COMMUNITY DAY PLANNING

Many hands make light work . . . it's true!

Planning for Community Day has begun now that we have a venue, but there are still many tasks that need to be accomplished: vendor recruiting, food truck acquiring, and several more. Most of which can be done in the comfort of your own home.

You might think to yourself, "I don't know anything about planning a fundraiser." But that's where Maryanne comes in - if you have the will, she has the way. Give her a call at 215-943-0402 or send an email to director@fplb.org to see how you can help.

COMMUNITY DAY VOLUNTEERS

Not cut out for planning? Well, how about execution?

Community Day is a big event, with many activities to oversee. From Friday night setup to Saturday afternoon clean up, we have over 100 volunteer slots to fill! Please consider helping to make this year's event an even bigger success than last year's. You can pick the task that best suits you and the length of time you're willing to help. Just click [here](#) to view our signup page.

Family Promise
of Lower Bucks

ARE YOU A DIRECT SALES CONSULTANT?
HAVE A SPECIAL SKILL OR HOBBY?
WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR ORGANIZATION?
DO YOU OPERATE A FOOD TRUCK?

FAMILY PROMISE COMMUNITY DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST | 11AM - 4PM
5918 BRISTOL-EMILIE RD, LEVITTOWN 19057

We are looking for vendors and food trucks interested in joining this exciting event!
For questions or to register as a vendor or food truck, send an email to info@fplb.org

We're currently looking for Sponsors, Vendors and Food Trucks, too!

2023 HOST CALENDAR

NEW HOSPITALITY PROGRAM

Since acquiring the Manse at Parkland Community Church to use as our Static Site, we have been able to resume our Hospitality Program, and we began sheltering families again in early April.

What is a Static Site?

A Static Site is one building that acts as the overnight "Host" facility and the "Day Center" in one location. Hosting completely in one location makes being in our program less traumatic on the families. Especially the younger children who can't understand why they have to move from one place to another everyday and every week, and why they have to wake up in the early morning to go out into the cold to be transported to the Day Center before falling back to sleep, etc. It is a more home-like setting for families to make the transition from being unhoused to becoming stable again and acquiring their own home.

Here's how our Hospitality Program has changed:

Rotational Model

- Families are transported back and forth between the Host Site and the Day Center, daily.
- All families have to follow one schedule to accommodate school/work times.
- Volunteers are asked to sign up for a specific week, 3-4 times a year.
- Cots and Pack n' plays are transported to a new congregation each week.

Static Site Model

- Families remain in one facility for the duration of their stay in the program.
- Families can follow their own schedules independent of the others'.
- Volunteers can sign up any day of the year to support our families.
- Since the families stay in one location during their stay, there is no need to transfer cots.

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Signups can be found at the following links:

[HOST CALENDAR SIGNUP](#)

[HOSPITALITY SIGNUP](#)

HOW YOU CAN HELP RIGHT NOW

Purchase a Needed Item on the FPLB Static Site Wish List

Check out what the Manse needs at



Host a Virtual Fundraiser



Find ideas here!



Donate



Become a Contactless Volunteer



Sign up to drop off dinners on our Hospitality Volunteer signup.

Contact Maryanne Cahill, Director, at 215-943-0402 or Director@fplb.org