



Friends,

The last 16 months have presented many challenges with the onset of COVID 19. For families who need our services, we have been able to provide them with shelter, food, and comfort at a local Lebanon motel. While this is not ideal, together we have successfully provided housing and hospitality for those families who need us the most.

For almost 2 years, the Family Promise of Warren County Board of Directors has been working on a strategic plan to increase the number of families that we can serve each year. One way that other Family Promise affiliates have accomplished this goal is to add a static site shelter. **With that, the IHN rotational network will continue to be primary, and we look forward to being back in our church homes once we can do so safely.**

COVID has provided us with both a challenge and an opportunity. With the end of the moratorium on evictions as well as pandemic unemployment insurance, a huge increase in the cost of rental units and the lack of affordable housing in general, families who have always been at risk are finding it harder and harder to be and stay housed. Over the last 6 months, we have seen a 47% increase to our referrals. Not to mention, while we have been blessed to have grants help cover much of our hotel costs, those grants are beginning to dwindle. How will we address this expected surge of families in need?

Family Promise of Warren County has an opportunity to purchase a local motel. This opportunity, if successfully concluded, will allow us to address some of that unmet need by serving more homeless families each year.

I ask for your prayers as our Board of Directors endeavors to make decisions that will provide a positive impact to those families that we are called to serve.

Thank you for this opportunity to share this exciting news and thank you for your continued support.

Linda