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Family Promise
Shaker Inn Project
E Newsletter



Twenty-five years ago, a group of interested and caring members of local churches gathered at the request of Pr. Bill Cain of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church to address the crisis of family homelessness. From this group the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County (now known as Family Promise of Warren County) was born and since then 940 families with 2714 individuals to include 1570 children have been sheltered, fed, and provided hospitality from strangers that loved and cared about them as they would their own families.

In March 2020 with the advent of COVID-19, sadly we had to move our families from the warmth of the network churches to a local hotel to keep our volunteers and our guest families safe from the pandemic. We are ever grateful for the continued support of our volunteers who continue to nourish our families in body, mind and spirit with home cooked meals, notes of support, items to keep the children occupied and prayer.

As this new year begins...

As this new year begins, so does an exciting time for Family Promise of Warren County. Once again, we gather our volunteers and supporters as we look forward to the next step in assisting families in Warren County who are homeless.

The City of Lebanon Planning Commission met on January 18, 2022, and put their final stamp of approval on the zoning of the Shaker Inn property. Family Promise is now positioned to purchase this building. It is my pleasure to share a little history of the Shaker Inn.



- The first phase of the Shaker Inn was completed in 1948. This included the front stretch of guest rooms as well as a separate building for the reception office with a one-bedroom apartment for the manager to live in. When originally constructed there were



- In 1964 another building was constructed. This served as a home for the former owner's family for many decades. An aerial photo taken in 1969 shows this new building. At this time, the building was called the "Lebanon Motel" and the carports had been enclosed

carports built into the structure between pairs of rooms. This can be seen in the photo of the post card in this newsletter. The motel was called “Lebanon Tourist Courts” and the amenities listed at the time included running water, radio, and a bomb shelter.

and converted into additional guest rooms.

- Since then, additional modifications were made. The original manager’s apartment was connected to the owner’s home. The space between the office, apartment and first guest room was enclosed and now serves as a storage area. The current roof was added which interestingly covered cedar shake shingles. This may be how the motel got its name Shaker Inn!



As we enter 2022...

we look forward to bringing new life to the Shaker Inn. After updates and renovations, Family Promise will begin to house families at this facility. We will have all our staff under one roof and provide wrap around services to the shelter families and all others.

We will continue to lean upon the volunteers that have been our foundation for more than 23 years. We look forward to the home cooked meals, recreation, words of support and encouragement and continued prayers. We look forward to re-opening our rotational network once the pandemic allows us to safely do so. This rotational network will continue to be the heart and soul of our family homeless efforts and will work concurrently with the families housed in the Shaker Inn building.

Until then, there is much work to be done. We will endeavor to keep you informed every step of the way via this newsletter as well as virtual and in person meetings. We invite you to stay connected as we move forward and we ask you to share this newsletter with all of your contacts.

Mostly we thank you for your continued support. We are open to your questions as well as your input and we thank you for your prayers as together we will assist those in our community who need us the most.



Hebrews 13:2
“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that, some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

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familypromisewarren.org