



# Faith In Action

## Family Promise of Warren County Newsletter

## President's Page

by David Yelton

The fall season is my favorite time of the year, while spring and summer provide us with beautiful flowers to enjoy, fall paints the woodlands and hills with another colorful feast for the eyes. I hope that you are enjoying the fall season and are looking forward to both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for continuing to support Family Promise of Warren County as we all work our way through the COVID pandemic. Our shelter families continue to be thankful to have a motel room as their "home" along with the home-cooked meals and the encouragement that our host and support churches provide every day.

We are over 18 months into this new way to serve homeless families. Unfortunately, we remain unable to foresee when this pandemic disruption to our IHN shelter program will end. I ask that you continue to hold the homeless families, our staff, and volunteers in your prayers. I am confident that we can continue to work safely to help families follow their plan to resolve their homeless situations.

I also ask you to reflect that while we adults, with our life experience, may have empathy for the struggles of these young parents we might not consider a young child's view. These homeless children find great comfort and joy in having a bed to sleep on, good food to eat, and a new coloring book to explore. Children can truly be happy despite their circumstances and in turn their parents may worry a little less as they take one step at a time to follow their plans. This is just one benefit you help FPWC provide these homeless families.

The community's financial response throughout the COVID pandemic has been humbling and on behalf of FPWC I thank you. Referrals to our shelter and other support programs have increased as more families struggle to cover higher costs for basic needs. This greater demand pattern is likely to continue in 2022 so please continue to trust us with your donations. We will do our best to spend each dollar wisely.

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## Linda's Letter

by Linda Rabolt - Executive Director

Each week we provide the families in shelter with a packet. In that packet are three things: A form for supplies, a form to complete with the family's appointments for the week and a form for the families to provide a thank you note for the volunteers. And each Monday these completed forms are on my desk for next steps.

Staff provides to the family those supplies needed for their week. This is anything from hygiene supplies to supplies that the children need for school. Nichole has the list of appointments so that she can address this plan in her daily case management meetings with each family. And, I have the task of going through the thank you notes and sending them along to the host and support church coordinator to share with their volunteers.

The notes are fun to read. Each family finds something that was important to them that week. Sometimes it is the note of encouragement from "Peggy" that was received on the first day of joining shelter that comforted them. Sometimes it is the toy or game that kept the children busy on a cold winter's day. Some are very faith based, thanking God for the opportunity to be enriched by the kindness of others. Each note is powerful in its own way. It is to me a view into the hearts and souls of the families that we are blessed to serve.

And then there was the very carefully colored thank you from 9-year-old Felicity (seen in this article). Amongst all the bright colors was a child's writing "Thank you for the food." A simple yet powerful thank you. Who knows what this child has been through in her life? Let's face it, she is without a home. Has she been without food? We can all agree that a child should never be hungry and never be without a home. This is why we participate in this ministry.

Yet, with rainbow colors our volunteers filled her tummy and brought joy to Felicity and so many other children like her. It is not unusual for the children to ask enthusiastically what dinner will be for the next night. I will never forget when little Hunter shared how much he LOVED, just LOVED the meatloaf

Linda's Letter cont. on next page...

### Vision:

"A county where every family has a home, a livelihood and a future full of promise..."

"Thank you so much for everything you do for us. We appreciate you more than we could ever prove! We cannot wait to pay it forward one day and bless someone else."

Love and prayers,  
Courtney and Julian

### Mission:

"To assist Warren County homeless families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response..."

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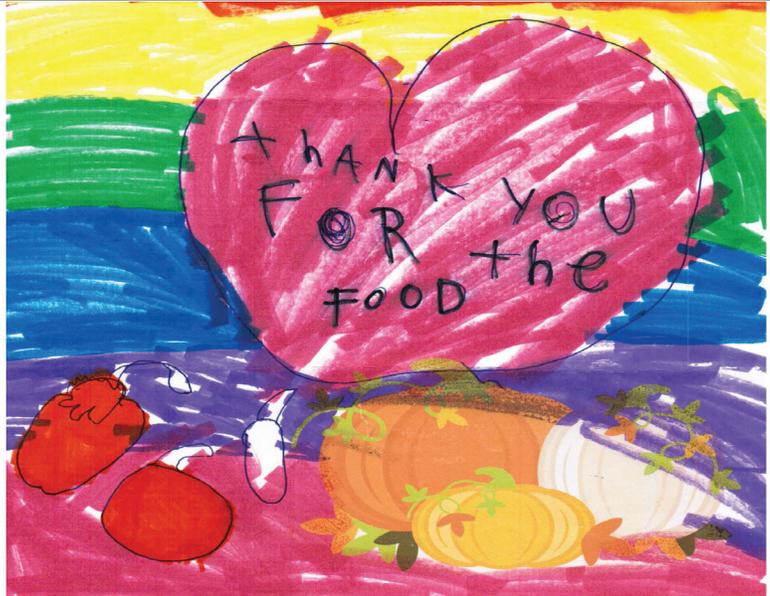
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Sam and I want to give a big thank you to all of the churches and people who've been praying and helping us out. We are so thankful and blessed. You all did so much! I hope you guys are safe.

-Sam and John



that night. So much so that his dad asked for the recipe. Months later when they were in their own home Hunter shared that Dad made that meatloaf and "the volunteer must have left out an ingredient as it was TERRIBLE!" We all agreed that Dad probably was not as good a cook as our volunteer!

So, on behalf of all the children and adults that are sheltered in the IHN program, I thank YOU for the food and for so much more! The notes of encouragement, the toys and books, the love, and the prayers.

At Family Promise of Warren County, we are so appreciative of all that our volunteers and donors do. Folks like Barbara Scarboro, our knitters and our quilters continue to hand make beautiful clothing items, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets and more that our families and those in the community so enjoy. The 4H, Lebanon High School students, the Kiwanis, the Optimist, and others supply our families with holiday food, Christmas gifts and monetary donations. Businesses like JBM support our programs with "all in" support from their employees. Old friends like Dean Froelich, send his love and support when we most need it. And, what can I say about our volunteers and coordinators that week after week, year after year love and support our families and treat them like their own?

We look forward to exciting times in 2022. Our network coordinators have been polled and we are hopeful that we can re-open our long successful rotation sometime in this coming year. We miss being at the church homes! We are also looking forward to the opening of our static site shelter (see article within) which will allow us to double our network and provide additional programming to assist our families to achieve the success and housing that they yearn for. We cannot do any of this without your continued support and without the guidance of our Lord above.

This holiday season I want to thank each of you for all that you do. Know that your love, prayers, and support are needed now more than ever and know that you are appreciated.

Many thanks to our early Christmas Elf who dropped off much needed gift cards...how did you know we had just run out??

## Family Promise of Warren County So Much MORE Than Shelter!

While the IHN Shelter program is the primary program of Family Promise of Warren County, we also provide the following programs:

### Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP):

This program assists in two areas, Rapid Re-housing and Homeless Prevention. The Rapid Re-housing program helps families, couples and individuals who are literally homeless. This can be in shelter, in a tent or anywhere that is inhabitable. We can assist with rent, deposit, and utilities to get the client into their own affordable housing unit.

The Homeless Prevention program can assist families, couples, and individuals to KEEP their homes when they fall behind on the rent due to job loss, illness or anything related to COVID or other areas of concern. There are income requirements and self-sufficiency requirement to this program.

### Heaven and Hearth:

Through the generosity of persons in the community who donate furniture in good repair, household items and bedding, we can assist both those who graduate from the IHN Shelter and those who are setting up households in the community or have needs. This program is imperative to those that we are blessed to serve.

### Coats for a Cause:

In the fall and winter, we are blessed to provide warm coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to all those that come into the IHN Shelter Program, as well as anyone who contacts us with this need or comes to the door of the day-center in need. We are so grateful for the caring individuals who donate these needed items.

### Transient Fund:

This program provides hotel rooms for those in the community who are transient or on the streets. We provide short term assistance while we work on getting the clients into a more permanent shelter situation or connect them to the HCRP program.

### After Shelter:

Once families move into their own homes, FPWC continues to provide support and stabilization through this program, at first weekly and then monthly to assure that they remain housed and self-sufficient.

### Transportation:

The IHN shelter program provides transportation to employment, school, appointments for the doctor, housing, classes, and all other needs. This program enhances the ability for our IHN families to be self-sufficient. Through this program we also provide our truck to move our families once they become housed.

If you have questions about any of the core Family Promise of Warren County programs, do not hesitate to contact Linda Rabolt at (513) 934-5250



## Where Are They Now??

In April 2021 my children and I found ourselves amidst what seemed a million hurdles, with very little direction and absolutely no help. For several years had I heard of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, so when their name crossed my ears again I was relieved. It was not until we were with Interfaith that I recognized some of the most true and sincere blessings of God that I had seen in years.

I came in scared for my children and I. I had never traversed life as a single parent, student and maintained a job all at once before. We were there though, and as a mom I had no other options.

We found love, listeners, guides, wisdom. I found friendship and support. I was confused and all alone, as we packed up meet Nichole our first day being placed, and by the time we had unpacked that day I was already filled with a sense of comfort and had found a caring, concerned support system.

From April until September we were with Interfaith. When I grew nervous about the length of time we had been there, I was met with assurance and positivity. We all have a different story. What I know is that I would not change ours to make it more beautiful simply because it is not possible. As the months passed, I was helped to find my strength again. We were fed, my children were always entertained, we even finally found a safe and clean place to call home again. As we tiptoe closer to the holidays, we are smiling and find comfort in the warm surrounding and furniture Interfaith supplied for us, we cook together with the utensils and dishes so graciously collected for families like us.

There is not a day, I don't pray to Our Father for having blessed us with such hardship, for without, we would not have found such an organization of beautiful people. I would not stand as tall as I do today.

You all helped me do this!!  
-Emily (mother of 4)



## Host Recruitment & Retention

by Jennifer Fry (Co-Chair, Host Recruitment and Retention Team)

When I think back to my childhood memories, the ones that seem to be vivid were the ones that centered around our family farm. By the time I came along, it was winding down. They were still growing corn and soybeans, but the main thing happening there was my dad growing fruits and vegetables to take to market. We had an apple orchard, a peach orchard, blueberries, raspberries, and every vegetable you can think of.

But what I remember more than anything are the Sunday “suppers” of my early childhood. I can still see the table that sat 30 people, groaning with the weight of the food my grandmother cooked – multiple meats, all the sides, including fresh veggies from her garden, and pies for days. My sisters joke that Grandma Fry made the best pecan pies – until she started adding chocolate to them. Those are the meals of my childhood and, if I’m honest, they still shape our holiday meals today.

So, why am I reminiscing about food? Well, our network and support churches and organizations are providing that very basic need for our IHN families, every week. When I think back to my childhood, food was synonymous with warmth, comfort, security, and love. By providing our families with meals, in this uncertain time in their lives, you’re giving them a sense of security, but also providing warmth and comfort they might otherwise not have.

We truly could not do this without you and your volunteers and appreciate all that you are currently doing. The Host Recruitment and Retention Team is looking for other ways that you might be able to engage with our families. We welcome you to be part of an informational zoom meeting on Monday, January 31, at either 10am or 7pm. Check out the web page at [www.familypromisewarren.org](http://www.familypromisewarren.org) for zoom information. We look forward to visiting with you and sharing how your organization can assist homeless families in Warren County. In the coming weeks and months, expect to hear from us asking if there are other ways your church can help during this time.

Blessings to you,  
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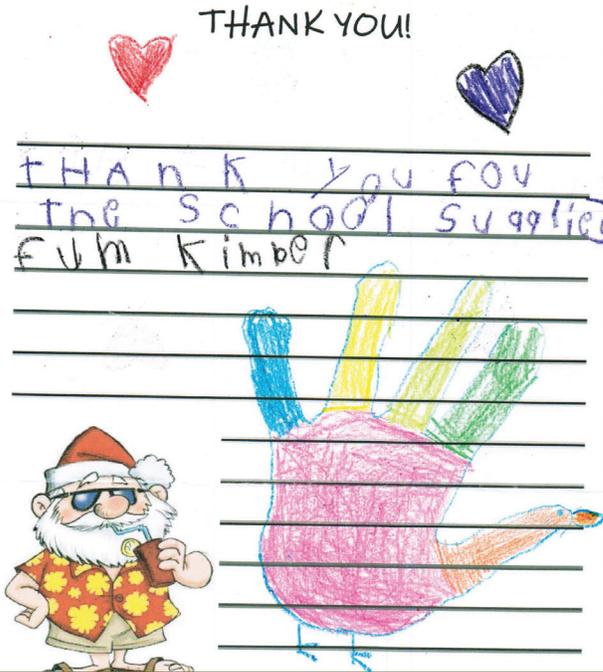
## Host & Support Churches

Heritage Presbyterian Church  
St. Susanna Church  
Mason United Methodist Church  
Hope Church, Mason  
Compass Christian Church  
Grace Baptist Church  
Open Table Church  
Lebanon Presbyterian Church  
Lebanon United Methodist Church  
Pleasant Plain Presbyterian  
St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church  
Lakeveiw UCC  
True Kingdom Ministries  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Nexus Church  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints  
Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Bethany UCC  
Sycamore Presbyterian Church  
St. Vincent de Paul of St. Philip’s Catholic Church  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
Monroe United Methodist  
Monroe Presbyterian  
The River Church  
First Church of God  
North Cincinnati Community Church  
Springboro First United Methodist  
Springboro United Church of Christ  
Pilgrim South  
Red Lion United Methodist Church  
Living Water Lutheran Church  
Cobblestone Community Church  
New Freedom Church  
Lifehouse Church

## COVID 19 Support Churches:

First Baptist of Mason, G3 Community Church, Saint Vincent de Paul of St. Philips Catholic Church, Living Water Lutheran Church, St. Augustine Catholic Church, St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church

If you have questions on how to become a host or support congregation, do not hesitate to contact Linda Rabolt at (513) 934-5250



On July 31st Santa and his Elves drove the Christmas In July Bus delivering packages to 57 Children. It was a delightful day watching the kids receive their gifts. The kids were adorable. A few of the kids hugged their bookbags, shouted with pure happiness over new clothes to wear to school, one cried over her dream present which was pink headphones for school, pre teens and teens stood in shock over the gift cards they were given for purchasing their school needs. Santa was a huge hit and enjoyed his virtual hugs, cookies and donuts that the kids gave him. He shared his treats nicely with the Elves! The parents were truly grateful for everything their children received. Thank you notes came in for weeks after the event. I was amazed at how many notes said "I can't wait for school to start".

## Coordinator Corner

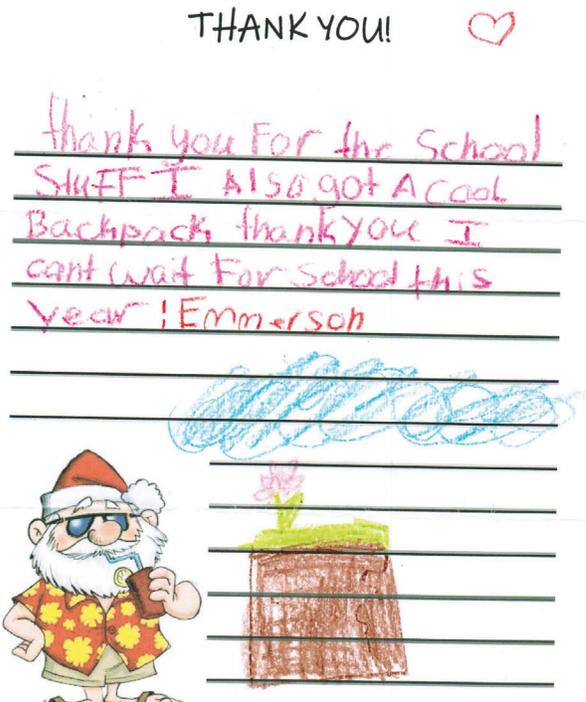
by Cameron Poole - North Cincinnati Community Church

Interfaith Hospitality Network holds a special place in the hearts of North Cincinnati Community Church. While IHN has given our church an outlet to share Christ's love in tangible ways to some of the most needing and deserving people in our community, it has also been a continued blessing to our church and volunteers. Many wonderful memories have been made and friendships built while members served alongside one another on IHN evenings. We feel blessed to have been involved since the earliest days of our church and hope to continue our relationship with IHN for many more years to come.

Our long-serving group of volunteers is the key to the success of IHN at NCCC. Jeff Bingham helped get IHN off the ground at our church over 20 years ago, and he and his wife Beth still faithfully ensure that our various supplies are prepped and ready for each IHN week. Carol Sostok is a long-term volunteer who goes above and beyond to make sure our IHN families feel special and loved. Then there are all the families and small groups that have consistently supported IHN with meals, donations, labor, and prayer.

As for myself, I first became involved with IHN sometime around 2004 when one of our pastors asked me to serve with him as an overnight host. I like to joke that up until that time I always struggled to decide what "spiritual gift" or special talent God had given me. I had almost given up the search, but IHN finally helped me know what my true gift was. That gift is sleeping. Sketchy mattresses, loud families, and snoring co-hosts are no match for my God-given talents.

Like the Apostle Paul said "...do all to the glory of God." I'm thankful that IHN has given me the unique opportunity to sleep to the glory of God, just as it has given others the opportunity to cook, play games, or just sit and listen, all to the glory of God. We are looking forward to (hopefully) being able to do it all again in person in the near future.



**1. What do you usually do to volunteer for FPWC? Which is your favorite?**

From 2001 to the present I am the lead coordinator for Resurrection Lutheran Church's IHN program providing shelter and food for Warren County homeless families four times a year.

I also coordinate a Christmas in July program that prepares for school all the children that went through the program in the past year.

Christmas in July is my favorite event. Knowing that the children will begin school just like every other child warms my heart.

**2. How did you first get involved in FPWC?**

When we first started attending Resurrection Lutheran Church I was asked to be the Coordinator of Volunteers.

**3. What is your "why" for volunteering?**

Because the need is great and it is the right thing to do to help our community.

**4. What is a memorable moment about your work with us?**

I receive thank you notes from all the parents and children in Christmas in July. My most memorable moment was when a teenager told me that for the first time since he had been in school he got to shop for school supplies and clothes and was looking forward to the first day of school.

**5. What would you tell new members/volunteers about volunteering for FPWC?**

It will be one of the most humbling experiences you will witness to see what a lot of the families have to overcome.

**6. Tell us a fun fact about yourself!**

I began fund-raising with Team-in-Training, all proceeds going to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in 2007. On my 53rd birthday I completed my first full marathon. I continue running and the picture attached is from the Flying Pig Marathon on October 31, 2021.



**Volunteer Spotlight**

*getting to know*

**Jennifer Keezer**

**Board Spotlight**

*getting to know*

**Mary Joseph**



**1. How long have you been a board member of FPWC?**

When IHNWC began in 1998, I was serving Genntown United Church of Christ in Lebanon as their pastor. Our congregation became a support church and shortly after the shelter ministry began, I was asked to serve as a board member. After several years I moved to the Cleveland area in 2002 to share a co-pastorate position. In 2005, after a move to Springboro, I contacted Linda Rabolt about the possibility of becoming involved with IHN once again. I have served on the board since 2006, six years as secretary. I currently co-chair the Host Recruitment & Retention Committee.

**2. What do you enjoy most about being a board member?**

The ministry to families in Warren County who find themselves homeless has proven to be one of the most rewarding experiences in my life and ministry. Serving on the Board of Directors has been fulfilling and sometimes challenging. Contributing to the work of the board as well as the staff at Interfaith, now Family Promise, brings much joy to me as I witness the changes in the families whom we serve. Our current board members are collegial and dedicated as we work together to assist those who are in great need.

**3. Why did you join FPWC?**

Like so many who volunteer and serve the network, it was and continues to be, for me, a call to participate in the caring work we do to support and guide the families through such difficult times in their lives. A call to sharing oneself to make a difference in someone's life cannot be ignored. God daily encourages me to find ways to reach out and be involved in this ministry of IHNWC/Family Promise.

**4. What is your current occupation?**

I am currently retired from ministry with a congregation but still stay busy with a variety of activities.

**5. What do you love most about FPWC?**

I love the reactions from our guests, especially the children and youth whom I have met over the years. They are so grateful for the simplest of things...a hot meal, the interaction with our volunteers, the joy on a child's face during craft and homework help time and being able to offer a listening ear. During this time of Covid, the interaction with the families has been limited but I know, in my heart, that my participation in some small way is making a difference and changing lives.

**6. What's something about you (a fun fact) that not many people know?**

I love to garden and being outside during the growing season as many of you know. This year's efforts produced an abundance of tomatoes, peppers, herbs, yellow squash, lettuce and onions. Acorn and butternut squash did really well too. I enjoy RV camping (never really liked pitching a tent) and gathering with knitting friends to create items for charitable organizations. In retirement, I have joined Coral Gables United Church of Christ in Coral Gables, Florida. I am one of many who joins worship and groups online as often as possible.



Many thanks to the LHS girls Soccer Team for promoting Interfaith night at their October 12 game. This generous act provided the IHN shelter program with much needed hygiene items, baby supplies and other needed items.



The LHS Powder Puff team raised a total of \$1037.50. This generous donation will be put into the fund to purchase an updated box truck for our Heaven and Hearth furniture ministry. We thank these kind and generous young people for their thoughtfulness and generosity!



Many thanks to Dianne Ruwe from Warren County Juvenile Court and her dedicated and hard working crew for a great job in raking leaves! We Appreciate YOU!!

Many thanks to the crocheters and knitters at Main Street Yarns in Mason Ohio. We so appreciate their beautiful handiwork and our families have enjoyed the hats, gloves, blankets, soap cozies and many other items...You're the best!

# Shaker Inn Update



For several years the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Warren County has planned and prayed about how we can better serve homeless families. Our goal was to double the network so that families in crisis could be housed in shelter as quickly as possible.

When we were challenged by COVID-19 in March 2020, out of an abundance of caution and to follow the protocols set forth by the State of Ohio, we moved our families to a local motel. Shelter staff continued to provide case management and support while our wonderful network churches continued to provide food, fun and support.

Late this summer, we became aware of an opportunity to purchase the Shaker Inn located in Lebanon. The location is close to many of the services that support our families. It has plentiful space for families in need, staff and even an attached day center. While our rotational model is still our foundation, with the ongoing state of the pandemic, it cannot be determined when we can restart that part of our program. Grants that have been paying for the motel rooms for our families will be winding down in mid 2022. It is now time to expand our program to a hybrid situation which includes church rotation as well as a static site.

We are more than pleased that the City of Lebanon Zoning Commission has unanimously made the recommendation to Lebanon City Council to change the zoning of this property. This is the first step of several that we must take for this dream to become a reality.

We are excited for the possibilities that this building will bring to families in need now and in the years to come as well as to the community as a whole. As we move forward we will keep you informed along the way. In the meanwhile we ask for your prayers and your support as we proceed to follow HIS guidance and do HIS will for those that we are called to serve.

## Donation Drop Off

Please call in advance when you are dropping off a donation. Please be aware that due to strict social distancing policy, FPWC staff will not be able to assist you with your drop off. Please realize that we are so very appreciative of your kindness and that while we would LOVE to visit with you as we have in the past, we simply cannot at this time. Be sure to leave your name and address with your donation so that we can send you a proper thank you! If you prefer to send a monetary donation to help us defray our additional costs please send to:

FPWC, 203 East Warren Street, Lebanon, Ohio 45036.  
Check out our web page  
[www.familypromisewarren.org](http://www.familypromisewarren.org) for PayPal instructions. THANK YOU for your continued support of homeless families in Warren County.

## Heaven and Hearth

We are doing limited pickups of furniture and household items. The items MUST be outside or in the garage. The driver and volunteers WILL NOT enter your home. This is for the safety and well being of you as well as our staff. Items MUST be in good condition with no tears, stains, animal hair and the like. Please call the FPWC office at 513-934-5250 and ask for Andrew to make an appointment for pick up. No pick ups will be made when the State of Ohio is in level 3 Red or level 4 Purple COVID status. We thank you for your understanding and ask that you hold on to your important donation until the level drops to level 2.

## Other donations

Due to COVID-19 we are unable to take donations (other than items to Heaven & Hearth) unless they are listed on the FPWC Wish List. Items that are new and in the box will be considered on a case to case basis. Unfortunately we are unable to take any used clothing at this time.

Your donation of just \$40.00 will house a family of 4 in a hotel room for one day during the COVID-19 pandemic. Your donation of \$280.00 will house a family of 4 in a hotel room for a week.

## Amazon Smile

Shopping Amazon?

Please be sure to select IHNWC as the beneficiary! Your shopping can generate funding for families in need with zero personal expense. Register with our organization on Amazon Smile before placing your order with Amazon Smile.

## DONATION OPPORTUNITY:

The Heaven and Hearth furniture ministry provides furniture and household items not only for the families that graduate from the IHN shelter but also for individual and families that are in the community and have needs. Many years ago, we were blessed with a used box truck by the Cobblestone Church. This blessing enabled us to ramp up our pickups and help even more people. Unfortunately, our box truck is on its last legs and we have been advised by our mechanic that it is not fixable. We are currently in the process of looking for an affordable box truck that will meet our needs. Your prayerful consideration of a donation to this cause is greatly appreciated.

Kroger and Dorothy Lane Market will also allocate a portion of sales to FPWC. For more information on all of these programs visit [www.familypromisewarren.org](http://www.familypromisewarren.org) and see our Get Involved page.



The Heaven & Hearth Furniture Ministry is in a constant state of rotation, getting beautiful donations and in turn giving them to those in need in the community. Our committed group of volunteers come every week to make sure our warehouse stays organized and ready to greet all of our clients!



Thank you so much to the Elders and Sisters from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for your willing hearts and gracious spirits!



# 2022 Event Timeline

for updates on these events visit [www.familypromisewarren.org](http://www.familypromisewarren.org)

March

**13**

Time for Change  
Fundraiser

July

**4**

Run4Home 5K  
Armco Park • 8:00AM

November

**6**

Time for Change  
Fundraiser

July

**30**

Christmas in  
July



At our November staff meeting at Armco Park, we celebrated the birthday of Case Manager Nichole Richardson and the October 29 wedding of MRS Jesse Bischoff our office manager and after shelter specialist.



We look forward to the time again, without the concern of COVID19, when we can meet in person and celebrate birthdays and events like we have in the past!



Welcome to our newest member of the shelter program! Born October 23, 2021. Welcome baby Genesis!!





## Family Promise of Warren County IHN Shelter Christmas Wish List

Christmas is right around the corner! If you are interested in helping our families this holiday season, below is a wish list of items that are greatly needed.

- Paper Towels
- Cleaning supplies: *Lysol/Clorox wipes, disinfectant spray, floor cleaner, buckets, mops, brooms, bathroom cleaner, kitchen cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, glass cleaner, cleaning supplies (i.e.. Sponges, magic eraser, etc.)*
- Baby items: *diapers (sizes newborn,4,5,6), baby wipes, baby/toddler shampoo, baby/toddler wash, infant and children's Tylenol/Advil/Motrin*
- Adult Tylenol, Advil/Motrin
- Garbage bags: 13-gallon kitchen size (10 in box @ Dollar Tree)
- Women's deodorant
- Utensil sets for family of 4
- Pots/Pans sets (At Dollar Tree for \$20)
- Vacuums
- Dish Soap
- Disinfectant Pump Soap
- Adult Hair Conditioner
- Adult Body Wash
- Hair Ties, brushes/combs
- Children & Adult Coloring Books
- Boys/Girls underwear sizes 2-12
- **Walmart, Kroger, Aldi, Speedway and Target gift cards**
- **Food Cards: Burger King, McDonald's, Taco Bell, Arby's, KFC etc.**
- Business/Church/Families to sponsor current and past year shelter families

**Monetary donations are also appreciated for special needs.** Please see our webpage [www.familypromisewarren.org](http://www.familypromisewarren.org) for PayPal information or mail checks to FPWC at the address below.

Your kind donation is very important to us.

Please call ahead when dropping off at

203 East Warren St.  
Lebanon, OH 45036

Please leave donations on the table by the front door along with your contact information for a thank you note. We appreciate you!! Stay well!!





The key to our success rests in people like you who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "YES I CAN, AND YOU CAN TOO!"





This holiday season the Family Promise Board of Directors and Staff wishes to thank all of our volunteers and donors for another successful year!!



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**Did you know** January-October 2021

FPWC assisted

- 26 families in network
- 77 individuals
- 47 children
- 33 under age 6
- 3 unborn babies
- 1422 referrals\*
- Average length of stay 88 days

\*every referral was assisted appropriately and may not have required the shelter program to achieve success. Referrals for services are up 64% over the same period in 2020.

The affordable housing crisis is the primary reason that so many families are unhoused. Children made up 107,016 of the nearly 568,000 who were unhoused on a single night in January 2019.

*(Per CDF 2021 Factsheet)*

Thank you to all the many volunteers at our host and support churches for providing meals, fellowship, hospitality and unconditional love to our families. If you would like to get involved please contact Linda Rabolt, Executive Director, at 513-934-5250 or [linda@ihnwc.org](mailto:linda@ihnwc.org). For more information about FPWC go to [www.familypromisewarren.org](http://www.familypromisewarren.org).

DID YOU KNOW?