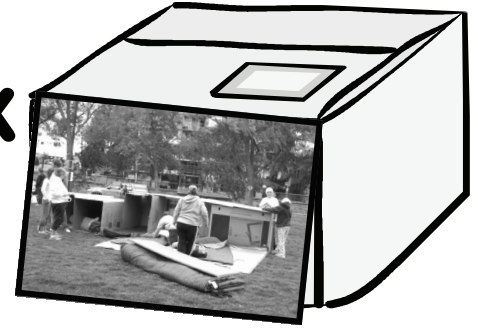


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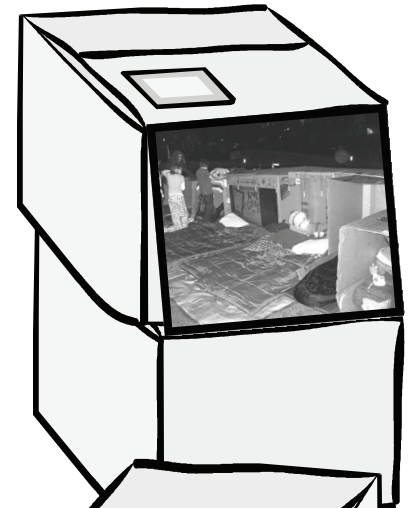
Cardboard Box City

A one-night fundraiser benefiting local homeless families



Would you give up your bed tonight if doing so could change someone's life?

What if it could change yours?



Host Congregations

- Faith Lutheran Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Holy Cross Catholic Community
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
- Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
- Our Lady of Wisdom Catholic Newman Community
- Saint John's Presbyterian Church
- Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
- Sparks United Methodist Church
- South Reno United Methodist Church
- Temple Sinai Reformed
- Trinity Episcopal Church
- Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of Northern Nevada
- Support Congregations
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints—North Reno, Reno and Sparks Stakes
- Lord of Mercy Lutheran
- Our Savior Lutheran Church
- Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church
- Saint Paul's United Methodist
- Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church
- Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church
- Sparks United Methodist Church
- Temple Emanu-El

**Friday
September 28, 2007
Wingfield Park, Reno**

On Friday, Sept. 28, the public is invited to spend a night in a cardboard box to help the homeless.

Wingfield Park will be home to Cardboard Box City, a one-night event to raise money and awareness for Family Promise, Reno's only support agency that allows homeless families to stay together.

Cardboard Box City is open to people of all ages and affiliations. Service clubs, school groups and youth organizations are encouraged to use the event as a learning and team-building activity.

Residents purchase a cardboard box and a light meal either by raising pledges or making an individual contribution of \$100 or more. "Virtual residents" may sleep at home. Pledge levels range from \$100 to \$1,500 and up. Box size is determined by and amount pledged.

Entertainment and activities will be family-friendly, and participants will sleep in a secured outdoor area. A minimum of one adult per five participants under the age of 18 is required.

Fill out the registration form on page three and mail in the enclosed envelope or log on to www.cardboardboxcity.org.



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From the Executive Director

This has been an incredible few months for us at Family Promise.

As many might have read in past newsletters or other literature, it is part of the mission of Family Promise of Reno/Sparks to provide transitional shelter and comprehensive assistance for families in the Reno/Sparks area in a manner that offers hope, preserves dignity and promotes self-sufficiency. In an effort to further this mission, we are always looking for ways we can more effectively serve homeless families and promote self-sufficiency beyond their current situation.

Over the past several years, at Family Promise, we have noticed a growing need for continued assistance among families leaving the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Often the success of a family moving into permanent housing after a stay in our program was what we looked at, without exploring how long the family actually remained in housing. Over the past year, as we started to learn that some of the families who left IHN for housing had become homeless again, it became clear that we needed to start addressing a continued need for support.

So, in response to this need, and based on current studies that examine what works in helping people transition out of homelessness and into long term housing stability, we implemented an IHN Aftercare program this June. The IHN Aftercare program is set up to address the needs of IHN families once they've moved out of the program. Through initial weekly meetings that become monthly meetings, a Stability Counselor will connect with families who have left the IHN program to talk over how things are going, and assess if there are any current or upcoming issues that Family Promise can help address.

Since April we have seen eight families come through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program. Of those eight, three are still with us, and five have moved out of our program either directly into housing, or had housing shortly after they left. The Stability Counselor is now working with four of these families on an ongoing basis. Additionally, we are following up with families who moved out of the program into permanent housing over the past year to see if we can offer any support. This is a very exciting thing for our program as we look to improve the long term success of the families we host.

Thank you all for continually supporting our program, and for making it possible for Family Promise of Reno/Sparks to help families achieve long term stability.

Elizabeth Dorway
M.S.W., L.S.W.

Thank You to...

- Those who helped with and donated to our Empty Bowls fundraiser this July--especially **Erin Brosy; Incline High School art students and instructor Ann Clark ; Spanish Springs art students and instructor Jill Neri; and Cheryl Bruce of the Carson City Baskin Robbins.**
- **Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada** for providing back packs filled with activities for the young girls in our program (www.gssn.org).
- **Lord of Mercy Lutheran & St. Paul's United Methodist** who have come on as support congregations.
- **Church World Service** for supporting Family Promise of Reno/Sparks with the proceeds from last year's Reno CROP Walk (www.churchworldservice.org/CROP/).
- **The Washoe County School District Family Resource Center Appleseeds Program** for providing parenting classes to our families.
- **Wells Fargo Bank** who will be providing financial literacy classes to our families beginning in the fall.
- **Schwab Bank** for their assistance in developing our business plan.
- **The Pajama Program** for providing books and pajamas for the children in our program (www.pajamaprogram.org).
- **The Sierra Pacific Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America** for making Family Promise of Reno/Sparks a recipient of their generous Assembly Offering.
- To **Max**, who instead of requesting gifts for himself on his birthday, asked for school supplies for the kids at Family Promise.

Join Family Promise of Reno/Sparks in supporting the
Conscious Community Campaign

for a

Community Celebration

on

Sunday, September 30

1 - 6 p.m.

Hawkins Amphitheatre--Bartley Ranch

Free concert

Child and family activities

Farmer's mini-market

Guest speakers

The *Conscious Community Campaign* works to find ways to create a stronger community by increasing the connection between people, to serve as a catalyst for action to do "good" in the community, and increase awareness of the value of locally-owned and independent businesses.

Seeking a Host

A congregation is needed to host our Interfaith Hospitality Network Families on Oct. 7 - 14.

If your congregation has not hosted before OR if you don't know what a host congregation is and would like to learn more--please contact Elizabeth Dorway at 775-284-5566 or ihndirector@sbcglobal.net.

This is an exciting opportunity to see if our program is something your congregation would like to participate in. It is also a great time of community building and fellowship. Faith in action.

If you cannot host in October, but would like more information about becoming a host or support congregation, please give Elizabeth a call.

We look forward to hearing from you . . .



Erin and Lynn Brosey show off unique handmade bowls at Family Promise's *Empty Bowls* fundraiser on July 4 at Wingfield Park.

Empty Bowls fill up during Reno's Artown

July's heat was the perfect match to cool ice cream at Family Promise's *Empty Bowls* fundraiser.

For a \$10 donation to Family Promise, attendees at Wednesday's Artown functions in Wingfield Park could purchase a unique bowl of their choosing and a few scoops of ice cream to fill it.

The bowls were made by local high school art students and donated to Family Promise. The ice-cream was courtesy of Carson City Baskin-Robbins.

The *Empty Bowls* fundraiser to benefit Family Promise was spearheaded by Erin Brosey, a Wooster High School graduate who introduced the idea to Reno. *Empty Bowls* is a nationwide fundraiser where guests are served a simple food item and are invited to keep the bowl as a reminder of world hunger.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are very important in keeping things going at Family Promise. Currently we are in need of volunteers for the following tasks:



Day Center – Volunteers are needed to staff the Day Center during various times throughout the week and weekends. This duty involves answering phones, interacting with guests and just serving as a presence to ensure safe operation of our program when staff are in meetings or away from the office.

Cleaning Storage – We have two storage units that are in need of some organization and cleaning. If you don't mind a little dust, and have some muscles in need of a workout, this is the perfect job for you!

Dump Runs – We have items at the Day Center that need to be taken to the dump. If you have a trailer or truck, and would be willing to do this, we could use your help!

Donation Sorting– We need help sorting and organizing donations received from generous members of our community. If you have a knack for organization and like folding clothes, please give us a call!

I want to be involved with **Cardboard Box City** Family Promise of Reno/Sparks, P.O. Box 20988, Reno, NV 89515

I would like to: (check all that apply)

Reside in Cardboard Box City

Individual

Family

Group

We will send additional information to help prepare for the event.

Or

Be a "Virtual Resident" (donate and sleep at home).

Donation Amount: \$ _____

I would like to assist with planning and/or coordination

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____

Phone _____

Group Affiliation (if applicable) _____

Method of Payment:

Will raise pledges (balance due by **September 23, 2007**)

If you check this box, we will mail you a pledge form and further instructions.

Check enclosed (payable to Family Promise of Reno/Sparks)

If you are paying by check, we will mail you a written acknowledgment of your tax-deductible contribution.



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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

Family Promise of Reno/Sparks has an ongoing need for financial support that is directed toward general program operations. These contributions help us fulfill our mission of providing transitional shelter and comprehensive assistance for homeless families in a manner that offers hope, preserves dignity and promotes self-sufficiency.

Financial contributions can be sent to: (A return envelope is provided in this newsletter)

Family Promise of Reno/Sparks

P.O. Box 20988

Reno, NV 89515-0988

Wish List

LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TOILET PAPER, fabric softener, dishwasher detergent, socks (adult and child), white office paper, bottled water.

Upcoming Events

Cardboard Box City
September 28, 2007

Conscious Community
Celebration
September 30, 2007

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