

# The Promising News

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*An Interfaith  
Alliance Helping  
Homeless Families  
Achieve Lasting  
Self-Sufficiency*

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## Moving Mountains: FPSL Hosts National Family Promise Conference

We are thrilled to announce that Family Promise – Salt Lake will be hosting the **11<sup>th</sup> Family Promise National Conference here in SLC, September 23-25, 2011!**

Every eighteen months, Family Promise affiliates from around the country come together to celebrate the Family Promise model and mission.

Salt Lake is just one of over 160 established or developing affiliates giving hospitality to homeless families.

**The national office chose Salt Lake to highlight us as a small but successful affiliate – thus the name “Moving Mountains.”**

Approximately 200 staff, board members and volunteers from other Family Promises, from Maine to Hawaii will travel to Salt Lake to learn and collaborate through workshops and lectures on how to strengthen their organizations and improve services for homeless families.

Past conferences have been

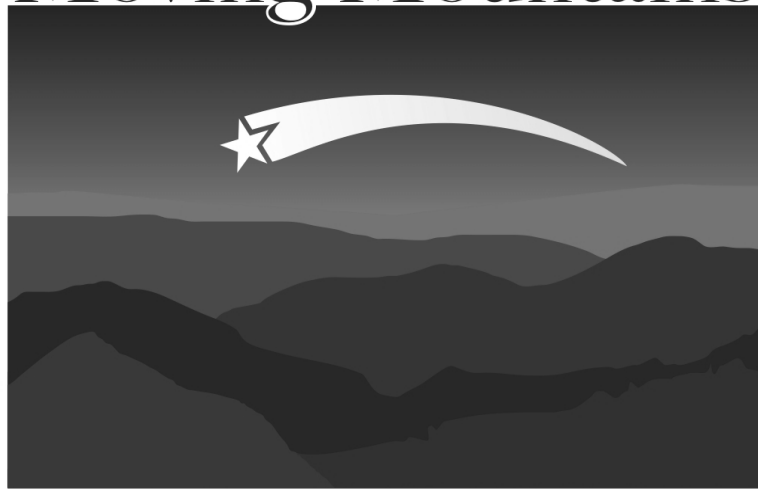
wonderful events that draw attention to the fact that thousands of congregations nationwide are opening their doors and offering shelter to those in need.

**Every conference ends with a beautiful interfaith worship service that embraces all faith traditions and their collective, universal, calling to serve the poor and those in need.**

to provide the hospitality (not the workshops or logistics of conference coordination). We'll need volunteers to help direct attendees around the conference center (the downtown Hilton), folks to help us fill the goodie bags with “Beehive State”-like treats, volunteers to staff registration tables, and local congregations who might help in our Sunday worship service.

We feel honored to be selected as a host affiliate and community and hope you will be eager to register for the conference or volunteer to help make it a great experience for our Family Promise partners from all over the USA!

## Moving Mountains



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So, **SAVE THE DATE**, because we want our Salt Lake congregations and volunteers to participate with the conference as attendees, volunteers, hospitality providers, tour guides, etc. Let us know how you can help Move Mountains! We are looking for a core team of volunteers from our area who will work with our national office to help organize the event. We get

**HELPERS NEEDED:** If you are interested in helping or attending the events, please contact us at our office via email. Address your emails of interest to Laney at [laney@fpsl.org](mailto:laney@fpsl.org). We hope you will share in this exciting event, which is occurring during our own affiliate's celebration of 15 years of mission here in SLC!

# Abundance of YOUR Hearts

## Family Homelessness is increasing!

Homeless service providers in Salt Lake reported a 58% increase in the number of families seeking homeless assistance at shelters from the fall of 2009 to the fall of 2010.

Last October, we gathered together in the midst of the coming winter to *recommit* ourselves to the Family Promise mission at our annual Abundance of the Heart Breakfast event. It was a wonderful celebration that highlighted our years of growth and service, and our **15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

We had the most number of people in attendance ever **WITH OVER 350 PRESENT!** And we raised approximately \$53,000 in donations and pledges! (We take the stewardship of every dollar received seriously; in FY 09-10

91% of every dollar expended went directly towards client services.) The generosity of so many caring individuals (such as you) helps us to meet the growing need of families seeking shelter and support.

Many thanks to the **Sponsors of this year's Abundance of the Heart Breakfast:**

- American Express Centurion Bank Center for Community Development,
- Wells Fargo
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Greater Salt Lake Chapter
- Goldman Sachs
- Lone Peak Valuation Group



## Christmas Cheer!

This Christmas, we were able to assist over 50 current and former guest children with toys and clothes, with help from the good “elves” of **CHG Healthcare Services** of Salt Lake City.

Great care and love went into every gift and it was a special Christmas morning for many of our kids. Special thanks go to CHG organizing elves, **Nancy Holman** and **Julie Sibthorp**, who helped make this possible.

**Recent Guest Family, Jaymme, Amie and Zedaki celebrating Christmas at the Inn at Christ United Methodist Church.**

## Farewell Board Members

We are sad to say goodbye to three of our amazing and dedicated Board Members: **Craig P. Wilson, Scott Werrrett, and Jodi Gross**. At the same time, we are honored to have worked with them and want to express our deepest gratitude; all have served for years, graciously bestowing their many talents and time upon Family Promise. They will be dearly missed and continually appreciated as we move into the future.

## ...You Did Unto Me

**Matthew 25:37-40**

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

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# Thank You to some of our Recent Funders:

- **The Eccles Foundation:** \$15,000
- **The Black Family Foundation:** \$10,000
- **C. Scott and Dorothy Watkins Foundation:** \$12,000
- **Hemingway Foundation:** \$10,000
- **Friend of the Utah Jazz:** \$6,280
- **Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church, Christmas Offering:** \$1,747
- **Mt. Olympus Presbyterian Church, Advent Offerings:** \$1,327
- **First Baptist Church, "Can Can Drive,"** over 30 Laundry Kits
- **The Council of Residential Specialists, Utah Chapter:** who have chosen us as recipient for all 2011 charity events, [www.utahcrs.com](http://www.utahcrs.com). Special thanks to **Lana Ames** of CRS.



**A Jazz representative, Family Promise Board President, Charlie Roe, Jennifer Hare, Executive Director and Shelley Reynolds, Case Manager of Family Promise receiving the Friends of the Utah Jazz donation.**

## Success Story: Fiesta at Nora's New Place

Recently, a very special gathering took place at the humble home of a recent guest family.

Many of you may remember Nora, her mother Rosa, and Nora's daughter Jasmin. Nora was with us for a few months in the fall while waiting for her housing subsidy to come through. The family was excellent participants and befriended volunteers at every congregation. Nora said that she felt blessed by Family Promise, and that she considers Family Promise to be, "my new family, and I thank God every day."

Nora's housing was approved and she moved

in January. But even before she moved out she was planning a thank you dinner party for the staff and volunteers.

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, she invited some of her new "family" and showed off her beautiful new apartment and stuffed everyone with pork tamales, beef empanada, tinga (chicken tostadas), and champurado (Mexican spicy hot chocolate).

Pastor Mary blessed the home with a prayer of peace and comfort. A spirit of love, community and friendship permeated the apartment – now a home.



**Lew & Linda Brown (Mt. Tabor Lutheran), Rosa, guests/chefs Rogelio, Rosario and their boys Juan, Christopher and Giovanni, Jasmin, Pastor Mary Janda (All Saint's Episcopal), Cathy Ricci (Our Saviour's Lutheran), Tony Milner (Family Promise), Nora, Lee & Kathryn Durrant (Holladay North Stake), and Jack & Linda Hobbs (East Mill Creek Stake)**



## Wish List Items For the Day Center Donations:

- Playpens
- Lamps
- Nightlights
- Desktop computers
- Microwaves
- Toasters
- Coffee makers

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**Your donation changes lives!** Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to Family Promise - Salt Lake. Acknowledgement letters will be issued upon receipt. Send this form to P.O. Box 996, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-0996 or **donate online at [www.fpsl.org](http://www.fpsl.org)**. Information on stock donations is available on request.

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**Please remember Family Promise - Salt Lake in your planned giving**



# “Houses for Change”

**“Houses for Change”** or **“Tzedakah Boxes”** (*charity*) is a fun, innovative project Family Promise has launched to raise awareness about, and provide funds to help families in our community who are experiencing homelessness. This project offers congregations, schools and other caring organizations a “teachable moment” regarding the causes and effects of homelessness – and provides a hands-on opportunity for our youth to make a difference.

Following a discussion guide on homelessness and charity, children then use magic markers, crayons, collage materials and their imaginations to decorate a provided kraft gift box to look like a “house.” Children can then take their boxes home, or to other collection sites, and in the following weeks fill the boxes with spare coins or cash; later to be collected and donated to Family Promise.



Family Promise - Salt Lake is a non-profit 501(c)(3), Better Business Bureau® accredited, interfaith organization that provides shelter to homeless families. Since 1995, Family Promise has sheltered families and provided a safe and nurturing environment during a very stressful time in the lives.

Please help us spread the word about this engaging and rewarding project by circulating this flyer. Youth **can** make a positive “change” in the lives of children and families experiencing homelessness.

To get your group involved with the project, contact Family Promise today, 801-961-8622, [www.fpsl.org](http://www.fpsl.org).

**Project & Return Instructions:**

**Participating School/Group/Organization:**

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**Child’s Name/Classroom/Teacher’s Name:**

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**Collection Timeframe (from when to when):**

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**Date & Address to Return the Boxes:**

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