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Salt Lake

An Interfaith

Alliance Helping

Homeless Families

Achieve Lasting

Self-Sufficiency

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## From an Idea - to a Movement

Seasons Greetings dear friends! 2011 was a busy year: We served more families than ever, we implemented new life skills and aftercare programs, we engaged new faith communities, we hosted the Family Promise National Conference, we had a successful *Abundance* fundraiser, and we transitioned Executive Directors.

In September, we were so excited to host our fellow affiliates for the 11th National Family Promise Conference here in Salt Lake. We were delighted to show off our beautiful city, line up local expert presenters, coordinate an interfaith worship service and offer fun goodies and activities. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a successful conference, and special thanks to American Express and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for their generous conference sponsorship.

For this year's *Abundance of the Heart* fundraiser breakfast we were honored to have with us the Founder and President of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (now Family Promise), Karen Olson as our special keynote speaker. Karen was good enough to fly back to Salt Lake, having just been here for the conference, to lend her support. Karen shared her amazing story

of how a compassionate hospitality idea of hers in 1982, grew and transformed into a national movement that now shelters and assists thousands of homeless families into housing each year. It was a memorable morning.

Many of you already know that Rev. Jennifer Hare stepped down as Executive Director in September. It was very sad to lose Jennifer and her talents, but we celebrate her tenure

and legacy. To fill the position, the Family Promise board asked me, Tony Milner, to step in as Interim, and then in November offered me the full position. I have been with the organization for five years. As the Program Director, I collaborated closely with Jennifer, so the transition has been smooth. Personally, I love the work and I am excited for the opportunity to further improve the organization, as well as continue the important work.

Reflecting on the year (Jennifer's departure, celebrating our 15 year anniversary, having Karen visit us for the conference and for *Abundance*), I have been mediating on Karen's initial vision, and how that vision has been nurtured along the way by so many caring people, such as: Rev. Roger Anderson, former pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church who along with parishioners Vicki and Bob Neumann labored to start an Interfaith Hospitality Network in Salt Lake. Vicki, the first Executive Director and her numerous contributions which helped grow the organization. Jennifer, who helped expand services and funding. And of course all the selfless board members, donors and volunteers with their copious gifts. All have brought us where we are today. From an idea – to a movement!

Thank you All. May you and your family have a beautiful holiday season.

Tony Milner,  
Executive Director



**Above: Karen Olson, Founder and Pres. of Family Promise National speaking at the Salt Lake Conference.**  
**Below: former Directors Vicki Neumann and Jennifer Hare**



*Peace On Earth  
and Good Will  
Toward Men*

# Abundance of the Heart

**If you weren't able to join us October 26th and would still like to contribute, please fill out the back of this newsletter and send in your pledge. Every dollar counts!**

A special thanks to our Event Sponsors who made the event possible.

- Lonepeak Valuation Group
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## Recent Census Statistics:

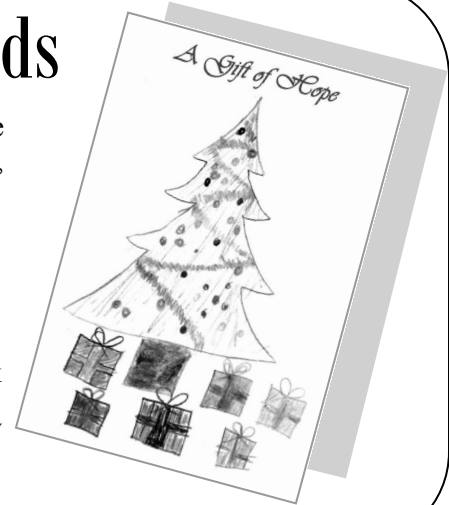
- 49.1 million in poverty.
- 15% of U.S. population.
- Poverty line: family of four making \$22,314 or less.
- More families are falling into poverty.
- 1 in 5 in the West are in poverty.

## Alternative Giving Cards

It's not too late... by giving Family Promise Alternative Giving Cards, you are both honoring the spirit of the season, and directly helping homeless families.

- \$10 = Cost to safely feed & shelter a child overnight
- \$25 = Cost to safely feed & shelter a family overnight
- \$70 = Cost to safely feed & shelter a child for a week
- \$150 = Cost to safely feed & shelter a family for a week

Alternative Gift Cards can be purchased and printed directly from the website, or call Laney at 801-961-8622 for orders over the phone.



## Skating for Homeless Families

The rough and tough ladies of the Salt City Derby Girls will be raising funds for Family Promise in their next holiday exhibition bout. Our very own Administrative Assistant, Laney is a proud Derby Girl, so come cheer her on and support Family Promise. Visit [www.slcd Derby.com](http://www.slcd Derby.com) for time and location.



**Shelley Reynolds and Tony Milner  
of Family Promise  
with CRS Pres. Lana Ames**

## Thank You Recent Funders:

- Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A.
- Daniel's Fund
- Larry H. Miller Fleet Lease
- Christ United Methodist Church Permanent Endowment Fund
- Goldman Sachs Bank USA
- eBay GIVE Team
- Certified Residential Specialists, Utah Chapter (CRS)
- C. Scott and Dorothy Watkins Foundation
- State of Utah, Div. of Housing and Community Development
- Salt Lake County Community Resources and Development
- Salt Lake City Corporation, Housing and Neighborhood Development
- GE Healthcare

# Success Story: Candy's Family



In February of 2007, I found myself at a very dark time in my life. I had recently left a bad relationship, I had my then 4 year old son, Polo, I was 7 months pregnant, and not able to work. Money became tight, my roommate didn't pay their share, rent was behind and the landlord evicted us. I slept one night with Polo in a friend's car, but it was a lot colder and scarier than I thought it would be.

I had no other choice, but to check into the winter overflow shelter, a large room with rows of beds, Polo couldn't sleep at night because of all the noises, and we both got sick.

It was hard assessing my life, and the paths that I had taken to get to that point.

I felt so alone, that I considered something that I never thought I would consider; which was adopting out my unborn baby.

I was there for a few weeks, and then one

afternoon, Tony Milner from Family Promise came and sat at the edge of my bed and asked if I would like to join their program. Something told me to try them out. I packed up my few bags, and got on their van.

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Moving from church to church sounded like a lot, but I had a feeling that Family Promise would be quieter and more comfortable, especially for Polo.

Soon after, I went into early labor and gave birth to a beautiful little boy who I named Armando. Family Promise got me a car seat, and the volunteers helped me with diapers and clothes. I felt supported and loved.

Family Promise helped move me into a subsidized apartment, and since then I've completed a certification in computers, and I have a great job at a warehouse where I've also gained my forklift certification.

I've always stayed in touch with Family Promise because I see Family Promise as this large turning point in my life: Where I was then – where I am now.

I love, love, love being a mom. The brightest points of light in my life are my sons. Polo is now eight, and Armando is now four.

And when I look back and think about where I was in life in 2007, and what I had to consider. I am so thankful that Family Promise came into my life.



**Right: Candy's first night in the program. Above: Candy, Armando, and Polo today.**



## Donation Wish List:

- Laundry Soap
- Laundry Baskets
- Bleach
- Dryer Sheets



**Want to know more about Family Promise and family homelessness?**

**Join us for an upcoming Day Center Tour:**

- Jan 26, 12 -1p.m.
- Feb 23, 12-1p.m.
- Mar 29, 12-1p.m.

**Lunch provided, call Laney to RSVP, 801-961-8622**



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