



Dear Cherished Supporters,

Challenges! This one word has numerous meanings and connotations. Challenges can be positive and negative, welcomed and unwelcome. This year, 2025 was full of challenges throughout our country and right here in our community. Family Promise of Wayne County NY, Inc. (FPWC) was no exception. Like many (especially small) non-profit organizations, FPWC was faced with uncertainty. Struggling to get our name known and the work we do is still a challenge. Finding steady grant funding has also been particularly challenging.

This year, FPWC made the difficult decision to sell our Day Resource Center. It became clear that in order to be sustainable, stabilize, and eventually grow, we would need to take a leap of faith. Newark First United Methodist Church graciously offered space for us to continue our operations and refocus our energy down a new path. Our staff members also moved down to part-time to ensure our program funding could continue to assist Wayne County families encountering challenges with obtaining or sustaining housing. Nancy and Anne are incredibly strong and resourceful women! Our staff's immense love of and dedication to our program and community at their own personal expense, cannot go unrecognized. You should be proud of these women!

The actions of our staff, Board of Trustees, and Newark FUMC, have allowed us to travel down a new path while still being able to operate and find new resources to define the future of our program. While there is still a long way to go, the future is brighter and starting to look clearer! FPWC still has the ability to shelter 2 families and our Roof Over Their Heads program is thriving with the addition of local schools stepping up to be part of the solution for their students' families who need to sustain or obtain housing.

This is where you, our cherished supporters, come in! Typically, our year-end appeal asks for a one-time donation. Of course, we will not discourage this if you see fit (and we thank you in advance!). This year, FPWC is challenging our supporters to consider sustainable giving such as recurring monthly donations. Are you willing to challenge your friends to support those experiencing homelessness in Wayne County? Will you challenge your workplace to be part of the answer to ending homelessness right here in your community? Would you be willing to challenge local businesses or organizations to become a partner in our mission? If 10 donors gave just \$25 a month, that would be \$3,000 a year. Imagine the possibilities of more! Incremental giving from even a portion of our supporters would be a huge stride toward an amazing 2026! I not only make the mission part of my daily life, but I too joined the challenge to be part of the solution!

Thank you for choosing to support Family Promise of Wayne County NY, Inc. Together, we can build a community in which every family has a home, a livelihood, the chance to build a better future and where every child deserves a home!

Gratefully,

Evonne Pomerantz, Executive Director  
Family Promise of Wayne County NY, Inc.