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NEWS RELEASE

SUMMER CELEBRATION HELPS DES MOINES FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Event celebrates efforts of volunteers, donors and supporters who helped 23 adults and 41 homeless children in 2018, while silent auction raises funds to assist more in the future.

Des Moines, Iowa — Family Promise of Greater Des Moines will host its annual Summer Celebration and Silent Auction to support families experiencing homelessness on Friday, June 28 from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The event features music, food and a 50/50 raffle and silent auction. The celebration will take place at the Giovannetti Shelter at 9000 Douglas Ave. in Urbandale.

In addition to raising funds, the celebration will highlight accomplishments of the organization's guest families in finding income and transitional or permanent housing over the last year.

"Our partnership with 14 faith-based host congregations is critical to helping families in their greatest time of need," said Jim Cain, Family Promise of Greater Des Moines executive director. "It's important that we acknowledge and celebrate all the people who give their time and treasure to help make our community stronger."

Each host congregation provides volunteers and space to serve Family Promise guests with overnight shelter for one week at a time. During the day, guests are transported to the Family Promise Day Center, where they receive case management services.

"Our guest families have told us that beyond the food and assistance volunteers provide, the moral support, encouragement and friendships they offer are really what gives families hope to lift themselves back out of the devastating circumstance of homelessness," Cain said. "We emphasize that our families are *experiencing* homelessness, they are not permanently bound to it."

During 2018 alone, Family Promise of Greater Des Moines provided overnight accommodations, meals and employment support to 23 adults and 41 children, approximately 15 of which were under the age of five.

Anyone interested in attending the Summer Celebration may purchase tickets or donate at familypromisedm.org. Presenting sponsors for this year's event are Sammons Financial Group and R&R Realty Group.

For more information about Family Promise or how you can attend this event, please call (515) 277-7051 or visit familypromisedm.org.

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About Family Promise of Greater Des Moines

Founded in 2002, Family Promise of Greater Des Moines provides shelter, case management services and support to more than 20 families annually, including more than 50 children and 30 adults. **The mission of**

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines is to mobilize our community to help homeless families achieve stable housing and income through compassionate care, hospitality and professional support. A network of 14 faith-based congregations assist in fulfilling our mission by providing clean and safe overnight shelter and nutritious meals for one week every three months. During the day, guests are transported to the Day Center at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where they can take showers, do laundry and receive support and guidance in their employment and housing searches.