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We work with strong, determined families that have hope for a better future.

Our mission is to equip and empower homeless families with children to achieve sustainable independence.

We are continually developing our network of volunteers, supporting churches and hosting churches.

If you would like to be apart of our team please contact our office at

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Every child deserves a home.



Family Promise of Lawton Inc. **Encourager**

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We are a proud member & supporter of United Way of Southwest Oklahoma

4th Annual Box City

With just two weeks left till Box City, volunteers, staff and participants anxiously await the night of April 1st. Competitive participants have already begun working on their box designs getting ready for the big day. Best boxes will win trophies provided by the 580 roller girls. It's not too late to register for those still interested! Registration is open all the way up to the event. For those of you who are unable to sleep in a box there is virtual registration option that allows you to still contribute and participate without sleeping in a box. We are so excited to have 1GCreW, Lindsey & Dillon and Gods Child Muzic group providing entertainment for our event. As well as the Lawton High Junior ROTC to present the colors. Soup and beverages will be provided by the Salvation Army for those registered. New this year we will have an educational aspect provided by the Upward Bound program. The money from Box City goes directly back to our clients, helping the homeless families in the Lawton and surrounding area. We have a wonderful group of sponsors this year, thank you so much for your continued support.

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Courtney's Corner



February marked my sixth month of being at Family Promise. I cannot believe how fast time has gone. In my short time so far as director I have learned an incredible amount, I have met some amazing indi-

viduals and become humbled by some inspiring stories. This position is so unique, I am lucky enough to be able to mesh my faith, my passions and my work all together in one. The relationships that I have cultivated in the short six months I have been with family promise are ties that will not soon be broken. Investing in other's lives is a permanent way to invest in your own life. I continue to be energized daily by our families, volunteers, churches and community partners who work tirelessly to ensure our program is successful.

- Courtney, Executive Director

Community Outreach

This month we have continued our outreach into the community. Our director met with the mayor, Fred Fitch and police chief, James T. Smith to bring community awareness to family homelessness and the Family Promise program. **Courtney has given many presentations** at churches on the Family Promise program as well as a full presentation on family homelessness to the Unitarian Universalist church. We want to continue our community outreach, if you know of a group, program, team, club or church that would like to hear about Family Promise please contact the office at (580) 699-2821 to schedule with one of our employees! Community involvement is invaluable for programs like family program, we want to spread the word as much as possible to reach the whole community.

You are invited!

Passionate about helping the community? Looking for a way for your voice to be heard about issues involving poverty?

You are invited to attend the first Comanche County Health Improvement Plan- Poverty Workgroup meeting

April 19, 2016 from 9:30 am till 11:30 am. at the Great Plains Improvement Foundation, located at 2 S.E. Lee Lawton, OK 73502- 2nd floor

This meeting will serve to establish work group members, share resources, discuss what poverty is in Lawton, and brainstorm, formulate goals and strategies to address Poverty for the next 5 years for Comanche County . All individuals of the community are invited to attend.

United Way Day of Caring

"For the past 21 years, United Way has offered an array of opportunities for all to engage in, through volunteer efforts during its annual David Hegwood Day of Caring. It is a special day that gathers local companies/organizations, families and friends together to make a difference in our community. These are hands-on projects that involve volunteers spending a half or full day assisting the needs of local nonprofit agencies. Projects range from painting, landscaping, and minor construction to office work, cleaning, delivering items such as meals or clothing."

- http://www.uwswok.org/day-of-caring









Family Promise is enthusiastic to be participating in United Way Day of Caring this year on April 15th. Family Promise's backyard is in some desperate need of tender, love and care. We have asked the volunteers this year to help us spruce it up! Our vision is to make the backyard a fun environment for the kiddos in our program. We hope to do this with a playground, outside toys, benches, plants and trees! This is where our supporters are needed - we need donations of anything and everything for the backyard. Backyard toys, playground equipment, trees, mulch, plants—anything to make our backyard look amazing for our families!



March Day Center Shortages

We are in great need of the following:

- ♦ Laundry detergent
- ♦ Paper towels
 - ♦ Kleenex
 - ♦ Dish soap♦ Ramen
- ♦ Large Ziploc bags
- ♦ Aluminum foil

If you can help with these items please contact the center at 699-2821 or feel free to stop by.





