

May 29, 2020 update on our families from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Over the past few months, we have all watched the number of COVID cases in Massachusetts grow, knowing in our hearts it was a matter of time before we would know someone personally impacted by the virus. Early this week here at Family Promise we learned that a mom in our LIFE program with two children tested positive.

The good news is that she is already on the road to recovery and is planning on being well enough to go back to work within the month. She was fortunately working full time when diagnosed, although in an essential position where she was exposed to others. While recovering, she thankfully had family members who were able to take her children temporarily into their homes, a blessing that allowed her the opportunity to safely quarantine.

To provide support, we sent gift cards for the extended family to use for food and personal items for the children, and we are also evaluating the needs mom will have when the doctor states she is well enough to bring the children back home. Cleaning supplies will be a must, along with some additional gift cards to stock up on food when the family is reunited.

We realized in this process that it would be helpful to have supplies readily available for other families as needed. So we are asking for your help. **Every Wednesday from 12:00-2:00 pm volunteers may drop off the following items**, which staff will assemble into "COVID Response Kits" for families to use when a family member tests positive:

- Bleach
- Clorox (or other brand) wipes for disinfecting
- Lysol (or other brand) disinfecting spray
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Spray Bottles
- Paper Towels
- Tylenol
- Gloves
- Face Masks
- Laundry Detergent
- Trash bags

The outer front door will be left unlocked for donations to be placed in the foyer at 6 Mulligan Street, Natick (foyer door faces South Ave).

If we have an overwhelming response, which often happens at Family Promise, we will be sure to reach out and share with other neighboring organizations so they in turn can help their own families.

Together we will let families know they will not face this pandemic alone. We are a community of people who care. We are Family Promise.

With deep gratitude to all,

Sue
Sue Crossley
Executive Director

Looking For Something Fun to Do with Family and Friends?

Please consider participating in the Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club "Virtual Wonder Run 2020."

The Wellesley Hills Junior Women's Club has been one of our Community Partners since 2011. Their members volunteer at the Day Center and help host our families, in addition to giving Family Promise Metrowest a grant every year. This year they have asked us to help spread the word about this fun event. This event is a way to support two community organizations that the Club supports, The Second Step program and Family Promise Metrowest.

The WHJWC is encouraging anyone in the community to join or donate in support of these two organizations through the following GoFundMe campaign:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/virtual-wonder-run-2020>