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Dear Ms. Stewart

Just a few years ago, I watched a young homeless woman on the street, pushing all her worldly possessions in a shopping cart. I wondered about her family and where she might have left them. I was saddened, and wished someone would help her. Last night, I spent the night at my church with Rachael and her four young children. Someone was helping this homeless family, and I was able to be part of it.

That “someone” is *Family Promise of Brevard*, and Rachael’s family was the 30th family to find their way to this amazing program, which offers food and shelter while working with the parents to secure employment and permanent housing. There is so much to say about the stellar impact *Family Promise* has made on our community’s homeless families. But the program’s reach goes much deeper.

Because our families are housed and fed by a network of local churches, hundreds of caring people have been enlightened to the plight of these wonderful families who have suddenly found themselves with no one to turn to. People like me, who have always had friends and family in times of need, get to interact in a meaningful way with individuals who have not been as fortunate. At our church, we can sit down and have dinner with our guests, read stories with their children, and spend quality time getting to know what it’s like to find yourself without a home.

The small staff at *Family Promise*, led by our tireless executive director, does all the screening, counseling, financial planning, and other hard work behind moving our families out of homelessness. The host and support congregations get the easy job of caring for our families. In return, we get

incredible insight and empathy for a group of people we would otherwise never come to know.

Rachael's two girls love to help pack lunch in the morning. The boys love bananas. Going to camp is cool.

Without *Family Promise*, I don't know where these adorable kids would have slept last night. I know where I would have slept. It would have been more comfortable than on a cot in the church office. But it would have done nothing to connect me with a world that needs my help.

The illumination from this Supernova organization is light years beyond words. *Family Promise of Brevard* is making a difference in the lives of families in need; it is also changing the lives of families who care about them.

Sincerely,

Pam Weiger