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Dear Stars of the Space Coast Judges;

Hope Lutheran Church has been involved with Family Promise of Brevard as a support church since 2012 when the Family Promise Board of Directors was assembling its group of host churches. Hope supports Family Promise of Brevard by providing dinner for the families, eating dinner and spending time with the families after dinner, and spending the night at the host church. We have also painted the interior of the resource center and donated backpacks, umbrellas, and lunch totes for the families as they are traveling throughout the county on the bus.

Family Promise of Brevard will continue to be one of our primary ministries that we support because they are a very much needed and efficacious organization. This is an organization that keeps families together. Young teenage boys and fathers are not separated from their families. Often families will rather remain homeless than be separated. Family Promise also puts a different face on the plight of homelessness for the volunteers. No longer is homelessness about the man on the street corner, but about toddlers, elementary students, and teenagers, as well as parents just trying to get back on their feet. It is an organization that the community can either respond to with donations or directly with face to face interaction.

The program model of having churches rotate quarterly to host is a low cost means of housing the families. At Hope, each meal we provide brings together several volunteer families as each one donates an entrée, side dish, or dessert, in addition to the two volunteer dinner hosts. Approximately six families are involved in one evening. Multiply that one evening times seven for each church and then by thirteen churches and quite an impact can be made on those helping and being helped. Non-profits are about the people being assisted and those doing the assisting. Family Promise of Brevard brings the two together in a wonderful way.

You will have read that Family Promise has a high success rate in placing families into permanent housing. It is gratifying knowing that the assistance we provide makes such a difference in the families' lives.

Hope Lutheran Church believes Family Promise of Brevard is a Star organization of the Space Coast for their work with homeless families and the volunteers that assist them. We highly recommend them for the 2015 Brevard 211 Stars of the Space Coast Award.

Sincerely,

Dorothee Jones
Church Administrator