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Press Release

Grand Opening Scheduled for New Singles Shelter

Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch to talk about “The State of Homelessness in Wisconsin”

West Bend, WI, January 23, 2018: With the extremely cold weather that Washington County has been facing this winter, the opening of Family Promise of Washington County’s singles shelter, Karl’s Place couldn’t have come at a better time! Homeless men and women, sleeping on the street in Washington County, will now have a warm and safe place to sleep.



Family Promise of Washington County has scheduled the Grand Opening for Karl’s Place on Tuesday, February 6, from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. The program will begin at 4:30 pm. Program presenters include, Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Washington County Administrator Josh Schoemann, City of West Bend Mayor, Kraig Sadownikow, community leaders Lori Prescott and Tim and Tonnie Schmidt, and Executive Director Kathleen Christenson Fisher.

The Grand Opening will be “one stop” to meet elected officials, organization leadership and consumers.

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Karl's Place will offer shelter, meals, and quality case management for individuals at risk of homelessness. "There is an urgent need to provide care and assistance to improve the circumstances of homeless men and women in Washington County," said Josh Schoemann, County Administrator. A need for a local shelter became imminent when the temporary shelter closed their doors June of 2016. The local Homeless Coalition responded and developed a plan to build the much needed facility in Washington County.

The 7,053 square foot facility will consist of an emergency shelter for 14 single men and women who are experiencing homelessness; four supportive housing units for men who are in need of more long term assistance and a resource center. The resource center will be available to shelter guests, residents and single individuals in the community who are searching for jobs, apartments and other services.

The singles shelter will be a safe place for single men and women who are homeless to rebuild their lives. It will be staffed by caring individuals, 24 hours a day, who will treat the residents with dignity, empathy and respect.

"I am so grateful for the community who has come together to assist with the opening of Karl's Place." said Kathleen Christenson Fisher, the Executive Director of Family Promise of Washington County. "Karl's Place will allow single men and women who are currently living on the street, a safe, warm place to begin transforming their lives." Fisher said.

To RSVP for the Grand Opening, please visit the Family Promise of Washington County website at www.familypromisewc.org.

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Family Promise of Washington County, Inc. is a 501C3 established in 2009 in response to an emerging need for emergency shelter for families who are homeless. The program services include an Interfaith Hospitality Network, Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Homeless Prevention Services. Individuals who are at risk of homelessness may call Family Promise for access to safe shelter, warm meals, case management, and rent assistance. Family Promise of Washington County is headquartered out of the Promise Center located at 724 Elm St. in West Bend.