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## Dear Friend,

Six-year-old Demetrius's homework was to "Fill in the Blanks":

I would give a gift of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ because

He did, without any help, and created this sentence:

"I would give a gift to all of the homeless people to have happiness and shelter because everyone deserves to be warm and have a bed to sleep in at night."

This little one clearly was impacted by his personal experience and his family's stay in Family Promise's Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) Emergency Shelter. Our hearts are full as we hear that with your help the work that we are doing is making a difference.



Demetrius outside his family's new home!

Family Promise of the Main Line (FPML) offers stability and hope to our most vulnerable neighbors – families who are literally homeless or living on the edge. Through three programs: prevention, emergency shelter and stabilization, **Family Promise is changing lives**.

In a typical year, and with the support of volunteers and donors like you, 53 families receive life-changing assistance. The Prevention program helps households **in your community** remain in their home by providing resources and financial support. For families experiencing homelessness, the IHN Emergency Shelter, provided in partnership with congregations and communities on the Main Line, gives 16 families, including 30 children, a safe place to sleep, a hot meal, and compassionate companionship. The IHN Emergency Shelter operates 365 days a year, powered by over 600 volunteers who welcome families, cook, serve meals, play with children, set up and take down beds, and so much more. When families are able to leave shelter, the doors of FPML remain open. Many choose to join the Graduate Self-Sufficiency program and receive ongoing life coaching and support.

Homelessness is often a hidden problem. But it is happening, and with sky rocketing rents and a rise in evictions, **homelessness numbers are at crisis levels**. On one cold night in January, 357 people were homeless in this region, with 110 – including children – living unsheltered.

Homelessness is a complex problem, but it is one we can solve if we work together. You are needed now more than ever. As we enter into another cold winter season, would you consider a gift to help families experiencing homelessness get back into stable housing and back on track with their life goals? Every gift makes a difference. As Demetrius shared, everyone deserves to be warm and have a bed to sleep in at night.

On behalf of the families we serve, Happy Holidays and THANK YOU for your continued support!

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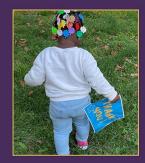
## Your impact is real for the families we serve.



Derek, Tyheeb and Cassandra proudly displaying her culinary arts graduation certificate.



One of our littles playing at our Day Center.



Tahani sharing her appreciation for your support!

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