



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The problem of family homelessness has never been more critical, with homeless families now compromising nearly 40% of the homeless population. One out of every 45 American children will experience homelessness this year; and

WHEREAS:

Family Promise, was founded in Summit, New Jersey in 1986 with the belief that people are compassionate and want to make a difference. Family Promise has grown into a national non-profit organization mobilizing communities and existing resources to help homeless families achieve and sustain independence by providing help, hope and a safe haven as they seek suitable employment and housing; and

WHEREAS:

Family Promise of Lima/Allen County opened its doors in 2008 and is one of over 202 affiliates in 41 states providing shelter, meals and case management service for homeless families with children; and

WHEREAS:

Family Promise mobilizes more than 160,000 volunteers and 6,000 religious congregations across the country. Locally, a group of ten houses of worship provide rooms for overnight shelter, and the services of over 500 volunteers have been utilized and last year accounted for over 19,000 volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS:

Family Promise provided shelter and social services to more than 50,000 people last year, nearly 60% of them children. In our own community, over the last eight years, Family Promise has provided shelter to 116 families; and

WHEREAS:

Family Promise is recognized as the leading volunteer-driven nonprofit providing services to homeless families. On average, 80% of families secure housing within 8 weeks, helping them to achieve sustainable independence.

NOW THEREFORE:

I, David J. Berger, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio do hereby proclaim October 19, 2016 as

FAMILY PROMISE DAY

in the City of Lima, Ohio in celebration of Family Promise Day Center Renovation and in recognition of 116 families served by Family Promise since its inception in 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 17th day of October, 2016.



DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO