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# The Heartbeat

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## **1<sup>ST</sup> Annual “Walk Away Homelessness” Walk-a-thon Event**

Saturday, October 8, 2016

10am to 2pm

Walnut Hill Park, New Britain

Family Promise of Central Connecticut, Inc. is a registered non-profit, non-denominational volunteer organization serving homeless children and their families.

Our mission is to end homelessness *one family at a time.*

Please support our fundraising efforts by becoming a sponsor, by walking for pledges, or by donating to us directly @



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## **PROGRESS!!!**

We have been making great strides towards becoming operational this winter! We have welcomed 11 host and 7 support congregations, we are actively involved in grant writing and fundraising, (more on that in this newsletter!), and we are ready to begin the search for our full-time Director!

Please consider becoming a sponsor!  
Just visit our website, click on  
“Walkathon” and fill out  
the Sponsorship form!



## FUND RAISING

This is a major goal to assure our winter opening. In order to open our doors to our first guest families this winter, we need to raise enough funds to cover our operational expenses. For this, we are relying on the generous and enthusiastic support of all host and support congregations! There are several ways to help.

### SAVE THE DATES!

We'll be hosting all-day fundraisers on **Monday, September 19th at Chili's in New Britain, and**

### Monday, November 7th at Bertucci's in

**Newington.** Just bring our fundraising flyer to the restaurant on those dates when you dine-in or carry-out, and Family Promise of Central Connecticut will receive a percentage of your check! Flyers will be available soon in all churches!

### WALK AWAY HOMELESSNESS WALKATHON!

Please see our flyer in this newsletter. Contact your Volunteer Coordinator to register to walk, or visit our website and click the “walkathon” tab to register or donate online!



We'd like to welcome the Berlin Congregational Church as one of our host churches.

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

We are currently in need of a 14 passenger van. If you have any potential leads, please contact Gina Panek at [ginapanek@hotmail.com](mailto:ginapanek@hotmail.com).

## DAY CENTER

Renovations are underway for our Day Center site. The Day Center is located on Cornelius Way in New Britain, and is part of the Erwin Homes Properties. The Day Center is where families work with our Director and social worker to secure housing, find employment, and regain self-sufficiency. The Day Center is outfitted with computers, showers, and laundry facilities, and serves as a permanent address for the families while they are enrolled in the program. School-aged children are bused daily to and from the Day Center. The building is currently being renovated for our use, and should be complete by the end of Fall.

## OUR CHURCHES

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the Volunteer Coordinators listed here!

**We are looking for volunteer coordinators.**

**If you see an opening at your church, please let us know you're interested!!!**



### HOST CONGREGATIONS

#### **Berlin Congregational Church**

**Berlin**  
Carol Bartlett  
Paul Oates

#### **First Congregational Church**

**Southington**  
*Rev. Ron Brown*  
Becca Hasko  
Lisa Hasko

#### **South Church**

**New Britain**  
*Rev. Jane Rowe*  
Joanne Majewski

#### **Bridge Community Church**

**Bristol**  
*Rev. Todd Williams*  
Dale Brown  
Charlie Rowland

#### **Grace Episcopal Church**

**Newington**  
*Rev. David Parachini*  
JoAnn Cromwell  
Mabel Maynard

#### **Spottswood AME Zion**

**New Britain**  
*Rev. Jacqueline King*  
George Porcher  
Vira Riley

#### **Church of Christ, Congregational**

**Newington**  
*Rev. Melanie Enfield*  
Elaine Gaudette  
Cheryl Liedke

#### **Mill Pond Church**

**Newington**  
*Rev. Joel Rissinger*  
Grace Scionti  
Louis Scionti

#### **St. Mary Church**

**New Britain**  
*Rev. Israel Rivera*

#### **First Congregational Church**

**Bristol**  
*Rev. Kristen Kleiman*

#### **Peace Missionary Ministries**

**New Britain**  
*Rev. Gervais Barger*  
Rita Scaturro

#### **St. Maurice Church/St. Jerome**

**New Britain**  
*Rev. Andres Mendoza*  
Mary Fournier  
Will Healey

### SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS

#### **Covenant Congregational Church**

**West Hartford**  
*Rev. Tom VanDerMeid*  
Rose Garland

#### **Kensington Congregational Church**

**Kensington**  
*Rev. Olivia Robinson*  
Judy Hall  
Maggie Simcik

#### **Planstville Congregational Church**

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*Rev. Paul Goodman*  
Fred Lindsay  
Linda Lindsay

#### **First Lutheran Church**

**New Britain**  
*Rev. Dagmar Rosenberg*

#### **Our Savior's Lutheran Church**

**Newington**  
*Rev. Julie Reuning-Scherer*  
Gina Panek  
Sue Sonstrom

#### **St. Andrew Lutheran Church**

**Bristol**  
*Rev. Stephanie Pope*  
Laurie Ellsworth  
Ray Ellsworth

#### **Greater Harvest Church**

**New Britain**

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