



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas:

The issue of family homelessness has never been more critical, with homeless families now comprising 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 1988 on 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 180 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 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 five years, Family Promise has provided shelter to 65 families; and

WHEREAS: Family Promise is recognized as the leading volunteer-driven nonprofit providing services to homeless families. On average, 75% 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 the week of October 20-26, 2013 as

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

in the City of Lima, in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Family Promise nationally and the 5th Anniversary for Family Promise of Lima/Allen County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the City of Lima, Ohio, this 14th day of October 2013.




DAVID J. BERGER, MAYOR
CITY OF LIMA, OHIO