



FAMILY PROMISE OF WESTERN NEW YORK



Blessed are the Pure of Heart

1 in 30 American children experience homelessness.
Half are 5 years old or under.

These are difficult statistics to hear. Especially when you put faces to these numbers.

If you've been around our program, I'm sure you can picture some of the faces of the children who have passed through - from little loves toddling around with arms outstretched to children quick with a smile or a hug to teenagers standing uneasily on the verge of adulthood.

We are in the process of painting a tree on the wall of our Day Center. We want every child that comes through our program to add their hand print as a leaf on this tree and to write their name. The point is to help dispel the feeling that they are alone in this. These children have lost their beds, friends, pets, possessions, routines and neighborhoods. But while they are with us, they are part of this community. They belong here.

"See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name." Isaiah 49:16

Luanne Firestone, *Executive Director*



Sat, May 5

Next Volunteer Training



Sat, June 2

Next Fundraiser: Cocktails for a Cause