

Recap Grand Rapids Luncheon Mtg

Dec 2, 2025

Family Promise

<https://youtu.be/LlxQ5IToTYU>

Meeting Called to Order at 12:15pm by Pres Kyle Travis with the Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Tuthill followed with a prayer

Broke for lunch

Reconvened

Announcements:

1. Service Projects; ABVI Cleaning,
2. Holiday Social is Dec 13 at Bylthefield, RSVP ASAP to Kim Gary
3. Holiday Shopping is shifted to Family Promise this year
4. Looking for club secretary to replace Cheryl. Nine years and needs to move on. Anyone interested, contact Cheryl with questions/concerns
5. Lions of MI Foundation Raffle. \$10/ticket. The foundation gets the money but the club gets a portion of the ticket sales.
6. Email coming out to denote to the GR Foundation

Tailtwister: Jamie Junod

Guests or pins. Also Holidays you are expected to wear the color of the holiday at the closest meeting.

Happy Bucks: Jamie was happy to see his son's family and their drive home was ok. Rick Stevens son's company was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize. Ed Thauer's first grandchild is engaged. Shawn that WMU made it to the MAC Championship. Tim Tuthill thanked everyone for their help at ABVI and his son is going to Germany this summer. Rick Stevens gave a dollar for Mike Luhn, OSU fan. Ryan Smith older son kicks for West Catholic Football team who won state title.

Raffle- \$5 Ed Thauer, Raffle is \$280 Bob Younger Red Chip

Presentation: Family Promise, 1997 Kelsy Vining

Community driven national non profit helping people get over crisis by providing shelter and food. Helping families overcome housing crises with dignity and compassion. We prevent homelessness, provide emergency shelter, and help families build a future filled with stability and hope. This keeps families together and help to make a stable home. GR is the largest affiliate. See below for pictures

Meeting adjourned at 1:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Cheryl Anderson

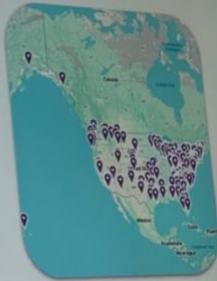
GR Lions Club Secretary

Family Promise History

Family Promise was founded in 1986 out of New Jersey

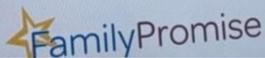
Family Promise of West Michigan (originally of Grand Rapids) was founded in 1997

Family Promise has grown to more than 200 affiliates throughout US/Canada



2024 service data

- 957 unique families served
- 3,590 individuals served
 - 2,298 were children
 - 1,721 were under the age of 12
- 50% successful diversion rate (*national average is ~25%*)
- 93% of families served in emergency shelter exited permanently/positively



Significant challenges

- Lack of shelter rooms
- Housing scarcity
- Rental costs still rising
- Federal funding uncertainties
- Outdated assumptions and opinions about families experiencing homelessness



