2020 - 2022

PROMISE

ORGANIZATIONAL PROGRESS REPORT

This progress report is meant to share the steep path of improvements Promise has made to get to where it is today, heading into 2023 and beyond.

About Promise

Promise, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established in 2009 that was designed to provide affordable, independent housing for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities utilizing public and private partnerships to develop a model community.

Please take the time to review this progress report, which is broken out into the following sections:

Achieving Financial Stability

Improving our Facilities

Enhancing the Lives of our Special Needs Community

Fostering Supportive Partnerships and Relationships

Achieving Financial Stability

Significant improvement financial position

Secured two rounds of Covid-19 related Payroll Protection Program (PPP) funding

Secured Cares Covid-19 funding

Contracted and closed on sale of adjacent land

Increased and aggressive pursuit of grant funding

Paid off promissory notes totaling $1.3 million, leaving Promise Inc. virtually debt free

Delivered consecutive years of unqualified (clean) financial audits

Launched new more realistic Café and Bakery strategy, averting substantial financial drain

Obtained alcoholic beverage license for special events at Café and Bakery, opening the door for increasing use of Café and Bakery for private events

Outsourced resident employment support and on the job training to Brevard Achievement Center, improving support and eliminating direct expense

Improved focus on fundraising, including new fundraiser during Covid-19 -- Ping Pong Palooza

Secured spot as beneficiary of 2022 Dancing for The Space Coast fundraiser

Signed agreement with Garden of Feeding to offer vegan food at Aves' Place and supplement income

Improving our Facilities

Aggressively pursuing construction defects accountability with claim against builder and subs

Resolved ADA deficiencies needed to obtain final state approval for Promise project

Achieved state approval, freeing up tax-credits due to investors that funded Promise

Settlement construction payment lawsuit

Improved property management by hiring new property management company – Royal American Management

Delivered clean Florida Housing audits

Invested in improved cleanliness of Promise facilities

Improved resident patio aesthetics by replacing furniture

Restarted hydroponic garden program

Reached supply agreement to supply produce to Yellow Dog Cafe

Implemented new policies for: Admissions, Visitors, Overnight Guests, Key Access; Physical Aggression

Enhancing the Lives of our Special Needs Community

Built highly credentialed Resident Services team to support residents

First planned community in state of Florida to offer Covid-19 vaccines onsite for residents

Obtained grant to replace hand-me-down fitness equipment with new commercial quality equipment

Obtained grants to allow Promise to hire staff nutritionist to support residents

Revamped Activities Program from 30 weekly activities to more than 60 activities

Introduced weekly life skills classes

Utilized grants to contract with Positive Behavioral Supports Corporation to provide monthly social skills classes for residents

Raised fund and established a scholarship fund for Activities Program in 2022

Raised funds and opened our new computer lab in 2022

Finalized and opened our new campus bocce ball court

Finalized and opened our new campus basketball court

Finalized plan for our new Promise art patio to open early 2023

Enhancing the Lives of our Special Needs Community

Secured multiple grants to hire job coach

Brought resident volunteers back to Treasures since Covid restrictions lifted

Created food pantry for residents who need food assistance

Secured donor to provide cash Christmas gifts for every Promise resident

Support formation of Resident Advocacy Group

Revamped resident Service Agreement

Updated admissions process and contacted and cleaned up interested parties list

Launched new social enterprise – Promise Mailing and Fulfillment Center

Contracted with City of West Melbourne to handle utility bill mailings, providing part-time employment for 10+ residents

Fostered Supportive Partnerships and Relationships

Agency for Life Transformations

Ambal, Inc. Dr. & Ambika Ravidran

Amwins, Inc.

Andre Family Foundation

Betten, Murphy & Weiss Attorneys, PA

Bimda Brevard Indo-American Medical and Dental Association

Blue Marlin Real Estate

Boeing ECF of the Space Coast

Brevard Achievement Center

Brevard Sheriff's Office (BSO)

Carpenter Kessel Real Estate

Central Florida Shootout

Coastal & Cocoa Houndai

Community Foundation of Brevard

Daily Bread

Down Syndrome Association of Brevard

Embraer Foundation, Inc.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Freedom Forum

Frogbones Family Shooting Center

Frontline Insurance

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Gator Chrysler Dodge

Greater Palm Bay Chamber

HBCA of Brevard

Health First

Hearst Foundation

Hendrick Brothers Construction

Hotel Melby

Imperial Salon & Spa

Insurance Professionals of Brevard

Intercoastal Insurance

ITG Realty

Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

King Center for Performing Arts

Knights of Columbus #13243

Knights of Columbus #6125

L3 Harris

Launch Credit Union

Lifestyle Homes

Manav Mandir Indiafest

Margaret Heins Foundation

Fostered Supportive Partnerships and Relationships

Marine Recource Council

Melbourne Regional Chamber

Mercedes Porsche Audi of Melbourne

MH William Construction Group

M.O.R.G.A.N. Project

Northrop Grumman

Orion 180

Otherside Fishing, Inc.

Pizza Gallery

Publix

Ranew Insurance

Raymond James Charitable Endowment

Ron Jon Surf Shop of Florida

Rotary Club of Indialantic

Rotary Club of Melbourne Beach

Route 1 Motorsport

Shore2Shore Realty

Space Coast Ballet

Space Coast Chapter SMTA

Space Coast Health Foundation

Space Coast Home Builders & Contractor Association (HBCA)

Sports Chropractic Health & Rehab

Stark Resources

Suntree Golf Association

Target

TD Bank

Thakkar Family Foundation

The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc.

Thompson Wealth Management of Raymond James

Truist Bank

Ultimate Style Design PLLC

United Space Coast Cables

United States Tennis Association (USTA)

US Foods

Walmart #956

Wesche Jewelers

Whittaker Cooper Financial Group

Yellow Dog Cafe

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TREASURES PROMISE

Aves' Place Ice Cream

DOGGIE TREATS PROMISE

Make sure to subscribe and follow us on social media to keep up to date on all of the exciting things happening at Promise!

PROMISE Sweet Sue's Salon

Text WEPROMISE to 22828 to get started

Help us to ensure the independence and self - sufficiency of our residents with special needs for years and years to come.

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