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FAMILY PROMISE GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

This month marked the 4-year anniversary of Family Promise of North Idaho. FPNI is one of two Idaho chapters of Family Promise, which has 175 chapters nationwide. Their mission is to serve homeless families with children and empower them to achieve sustainable housing.

With 12 host churches and 5 support churches in Kootenai County, FPNI has helped over 50 families, including over 200 adults and children, progress from the crisis of homelessness to sustainability for their families.

The most recent endeavor was to deliver 250 comforters to homeless children, courtesy of The Company Store, a 101-year old retailer of comforters and other bedding products. These comforters were made available, not just to our current guests, but also to all past guests and others in need in our community. One of the youngest recipients of a comforter was the daughter of a couple that graduated from the program just under a year ago. Ivee and Wayne came to Family Promise after being evicted from a hotel, had neither money nor family to turn to, and were expecting their second child. Today, their family is happily situated in permanent housing, both parents are employed, and they are back on their feet all because of the help and resources of the Family Promise program.

To learn more of Family Promise of North Idaho's activities or to volunteer, visit us on Facebook or at our website: www.familypromiseNI.org