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Greetings generous friend in Spokane,

Did you know there are 818 homeless children that have been identified in the three Spokane Valley school districts? And did you know that there are currently no homeless family shelters in the Spokane Valley to help these families?

Over the past 17 years, Family Promise of Spokane has helped homeless families in our community find housing, employment, and the services that they need. In the past 5 years, 85% of the families that have come through our program are still residing in permanent homes. The "secret" to our success is our commitment to a few families at a time, providing these homeless families with a supporting family who loves and helps them overcome the challenges of homelessness. In addition, we have partnered with a network of 31 churches, with a combined weekly attendance of over 8,000 and total of well-over 22,000 members, who provide meals and a home away from home in a weekly rotation so that these families have food to eat and have a bed to sleep in. We have recently acquired a new building for the express purpose that we might be able to expand our services into the Valley.

The purpose of the HEART In Hand Program is to support students and families who are identified by the CVSD's HEART (Homeless Education and Resource Team) Program. The HEART Program exists to address and support the educational needs of students who are in temporary housing during the school year. CVSD's HEART Program is limited to assisting with academic needs of these students. This is where the HEART In Hand Outreach helps. Some needs we have met include: ASB Fees, school activities, graduation cap and gown, Prom, Yearbook costs, college application fees, employment assistance through obtaining food handler cards, birth certificates and state ID cards.

Family Promise of Spokane and HEART in Hand have partnered to together this Christmas season to help raise awareness and funds for this injustice happening in our backyard. On **Saturday, December 13, 2014 we are putting on a family event called "Heart for a Home" at the Centerplace Event Center in Spokane Valley.** The main focus of this event will be to decorate 818 gingerbread house-shaped Christmas ornaments. In addition, we will be decorating 1000's of sugar cookies to eat, while drinking hot beverages and enjoying live music. Our goal is to decorate 818 home ornaments that will be placed on Christmas trees and in homes all over the Valley to remember the 818 children who are currently homeless. **But, we can't do it alone.** Would you consider sponsoring our event? We need businesses to come together to raise awareness and develop solutions to end this injustice. Students never choose homelessness. Let's work together to help get these families into homes.

Would you consider an in kind donation or consider sponsoring our event at one of these following sponsor levels:

Red Sponsor - \$500 + - Your name on all Publicity materials, including all social media and special mention at the event.

Green Sponsor - \$1000 + - Everything above, plus logo branding on our t-shirts and online advertising banner inclusion.

We also would greatly appreciate your partnership in helping to promote this event and passing out flyers. Anything you could do to help would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your partnership,

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