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Juneau-Gastineau Rotary

# Channeler

Established 1988

Today's Greeter  
Molly Duval

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Next Week  
Mary Capobianco

Today's Program  
Shannon Fischer  
Family Promise



## Family Promise®

Building communities, strengthening lives.

January 17  
Mariya Lovishchuk  
Glory Hall/Housing First

January 24  
Club Assembly

January 31  
Jeffrey Coonjohn  
International Corruption



District 5010 Governor  
Diane Fejes  
Rotary International President  
Barry Rassin



Tackling homelessness is more than providing shelter. That's the guiding mantra of Family Promise, a 30-year-old nationwide organization whose mission is to provide a "holistic solution to family homelessness." The operating principle is that families overcome their housing crisis through connection.

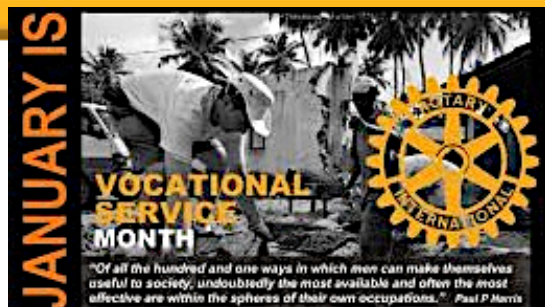
In the 18 months since Family Promise organized in Juneau, 500 volunteers have been trained in the dynamics of homelessness, 12 families have moved into sustainable housing and ten parents have found full-time employment. In addition, the coalition has provided more than 4,000 "bed nights" and 12,000 meals.

"Family Promise is not a shelter," according to local executive director, Shannon Fischer. "The solution involves preventing homelessness, serving those in crisis, and stabilizing those who have experienced homelessness or are at-risk of experiencing it." Fischer points out that there typically are 120 people on the waiting list for an apartment at St. Vincent's housing facility in the valley.

Family Promise operates 200 affiliates across the country. The Juneau program is the second in Alaska, after the Mat-Su operation (where Fischer also worked).

Families in need apply to the program. Participants spend their day receiving services at the Family Promise Center. In the evening, they are transported to the facility of a host congregation that provides cots and a place to store personal belongings. Each week, a different congregation hosts Family Promise. Typically, this process continues for a couple months until families are established in a permanent, safe housing situation.

Thursday  
January 24  
4 – 6:15 pm  
Glory Hall  
(It's a make up!)



Pillars of America Speakers Series  
Sponsored by Glacier Valley Rotary  
Wednesdays, 11:30 – 1:30  
April 17 – Jesse LeBeau  
April 24 – Tony Hoffman  
May 1 – Kikkan Randall  
Centennial Hall


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**\$12,084**  
  
**\$80,100**  
Total amount lent

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**807**  
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**\$0.71**  
Avg. donation  
per \$25 lent

**253**  
Loans by your  
invitees



### “Battle Build” contest Mar. 23

A timed contest to build “bot beings” is JGR’s newest fundraiser. Teams of 2-4 will pay an entry fee and have 90 minutes in a booth at the JACC to create their “sculpture” which then will be auctioned. Proceeds will benefit youth.



### KIVA hits significant milestone

Club attendees participated in a “tipping point” at last week’s meeting. Two loans were approved in real time to push the value of JGR’s micro-lending portfolio past \$80,000. Most of the loans (which average about \$100) have been in agricultural sectors. JGR member Candy Behrends (far right, above) in 2008 initiated the club’s participation in KIVA by collecting loose change at meetings. To date, more than \$12,000 has been aggregated that way. Julie Olson (second from R) has co-chaired the effort. John Pugh (left) and Robert Minch (middle) helped with the December “lend.”

### Now *she’s* the subject of the photo

DJ Kyser (right, with President Kim Kiefer) was selected Rotarian of the Month for December. DJ, who joined JGR last April, is a tour boat captain in the May-September. Since the tourist season ended, DJ has assisted with the auction, takes innumerable photos for the newsletter, has served at the Glory Hall, and participated in various JGR-sponsored holiday activities. Thanks for your contributions to the club, Diane, and “welcome aboard!”



January - Vocational Service / February - Peace & Conflict Resolution / March - Water & Sanitation  
April - Maternal & Child Health / May - Youth Services / June - Rotary Fellowships / July - Leadership  
August - Membership / September - Education & Literacy / October - Economic & Community Development  
November - Foundation / December - Disease Prevention and Treatment

### 2018 - 2019 Board & Committees

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