



Christian Virtue and Academic Merit

Promise Town Ministries

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This year Promise Town will celebrate its 19th anniversary! What a blessing that is! While maintaining the foundational promises set forth in our mission and vision statements, we have transitioned over the years upholding our educational standards and meeting the needs of families.

We currently find ourselves in another transitional period as we join not only as a community but also as a nation working to care for one another during this time of uncertainty.

As we adhere to the guidance set forth by the FSSA and CDC, we also take in consideration the needs of our families. Staying home during this time is a possibility for some, but not all our families. Closure effect not only enrolled families, but also the families that make up the educational and support staff here at Promise Town.

Considering all these things we ask for your continued patience and understanding regarding operating hours and drop off/pick-up procedures. Along with your continued financial support and preservation of our ministry.

As a not-for-profit organization, we do not benefit from taxation like public funded preschool programs. Rather, we are entirely funded by tuition and donations. Once payroll/payroll taxes, building maintenance funds and insurance are covered anything in excess is then returned to the program needs, upkeep, and enrichment.

It is our goal to complete the 2019-2020 school term, retain our staff and the integrity of our program. We will continue to provide updated information regarding any additional changes to our operations as we observe the FSSA and CDC guidance.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Andrea Takase, Director



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A note from a parent:

Hello fellow Promisetown families,

I hope everyone is doing as well as they can be under these current difficult circumstances. I know it has been a tough time for me and my family, although my kids are still thinking of this as a fun adventure I think! My wife and I are trying to balance working from home and also watching over and entertaining our kids. While I'm grateful for the opportunity to spend more time with my family, the last few days have also given me a deeper appreciation for everything that the amazing people at Promisetown do for our kids every day. My daughter is 6 years old and is now in kindergarten. Promisetown was her second home from the time she was about 3 months old until this past fall. My son is 18 months old and is currently terrorizing the nursery at Promisetown.

When my wife and I were trying to find daycare for our daughter, we discovered Promisetown totally by accident. We live in the Greenbriar neighborhood (right at 86th and Ditch), and "settled" for the closest place we could find that was accepting new families. I feel so incredibly fortunate that we stumbled upon Promisetown. What we found was an education and faith-based facility that prepared our daughter emotionally, spiritually, and academically for the next step, which is kindergarten. My friends and relatives have always commented to us how polite and intelligent our daughter is. I wish I could believe that all these wonderful compliments were exclusively due to great parenting, but I know the truth! Promisetown was enormously influential in her development. Now that my son is going through the Promisetown daycare and pre-K program, I know he is in great hands and will also develop into a well-rounded boy.

I love Promisetown. But that's also what makes this current situation with school closings and quarantines so scary. I have spoken with Andrea, and I know that Andrea, Pastor Andrew and Sandra Hunt are making every effort and exploring every resource to ensure Promisetown's continued success. But we the Promisetown parents may be the greatest resource available. If Promisetown is forced to close for an extended period of time, the dedicated staff and educators may be forced to make an impossible decision: neglect bills, rent, and other expenses in the hope that Promisetown will re-open soon, or seek employment elsewhere and leave Promisetown behind.

There is currently no indication that daycare facilities will be forced to close. Regardless, I think it's best to be prepared for any possible new developments. My wife and I plan to continue financially supporting Promisetown even in the event of a forced closure. I want my son to have a place to return to when this terrible virus passes (and I whole-heartedly believe *this too shall pass*). I want him to have the same experience that my daughter did, and in order for that to happen, the staff and educators need to be able to support themselves during a shutdown. I know these aren't easy commitments to make as parents, but I hope that many of you feel the same way that I do, that the investment is worth it!

Thanks and God Bless,
Joe Bauer