



## Representing!

Karen Hanson and Mary Litwiller (left to right) have been supporting Promise Council for years and we are lucky they are devoted to helping children succeed! Recently they represented the Promise Council at the Not-For-Profit fair held at State Farm Insurance Companies. Thank you both for sharing information about us and what we do.

Karen is PC Board Treasurer  
Mary is co-chair BJHS PC



## BJHS Caring Adults Respond

*Recently, the BJHS Promise Council was made aware of a BJHS student who is in critical need of assistance. Our group of Caring Adults quickly donated \$1,300. We have used those donations to pay a month's rent, and purchase gift cards for groceries and gas. Please read about the family's situation from a BJHS social worker.*

On Sunday the daughter woke up screaming and shaking, she was babbling things that did not make sense and was trying to look in the walls of their home. Mom took her to the hospital and they transported the daughter to Children's Hospital in Peoria. That night, she could no longer speak, walk, or even communicate. She has been diagnosed with autoimmune encephalitis.

Right now, the daughter is in an induced coma. The doctors are saying that this is going to be a long process. She will have to learn to walk and talk all over again.

The mom is worried about gas, groceries and rent. She has two other children, one in junior high and one in elementary school I gave mom the gift certificates, two hope packs, and hygiene items from the Promise Council. She was on her way to the hospital when I saw her and was very grateful for all of them. She is feeling very overwhelmed and was tearful when I met with her. Mom says she often looks at her daughter and wills her to get

up and tell mom that she's ready to go home.

The student is now on a paralytic which sedates her and completely paralyzes her. This is due to the tracheostomy she received.

*The Promise Council continues to get updates on the student's condition and support the family as they find other resources. If you would like to donate to this family, please click the red donate button below. and select BJHS as the school in the drop-down menu.*

DONATE

## Amazing Community Partners



Mondo's Mission is a non-profit organization which carries on Monte Rink's legacy of support to the Bloomington-Normal community.

They recently kicked off their non-profit by selecting the BJHS and BHS Promise Councils, and other local non-profits as the first charities they support! We are excited and humbled to have been selected. You can see more about their kick-off golf event to raise money and find out more about them at their Facebook page. [Mondo's Mission](#)



*milestones*  
SMART LEARNING. BETTER FUTURE.



The Bloomington Pub Club Rotary is teaming up with Oakdale Promise Council and Milestone Learning Center to provide 100 Thanksgiving dinners for 100 families!

They are hosting a golf outing to raise money and are incredible thankful for Hy-Vee who is their Turkey and Grocery Partner!

## Time to Celebrate!



**HyVee.**  
Reusable Bag Program



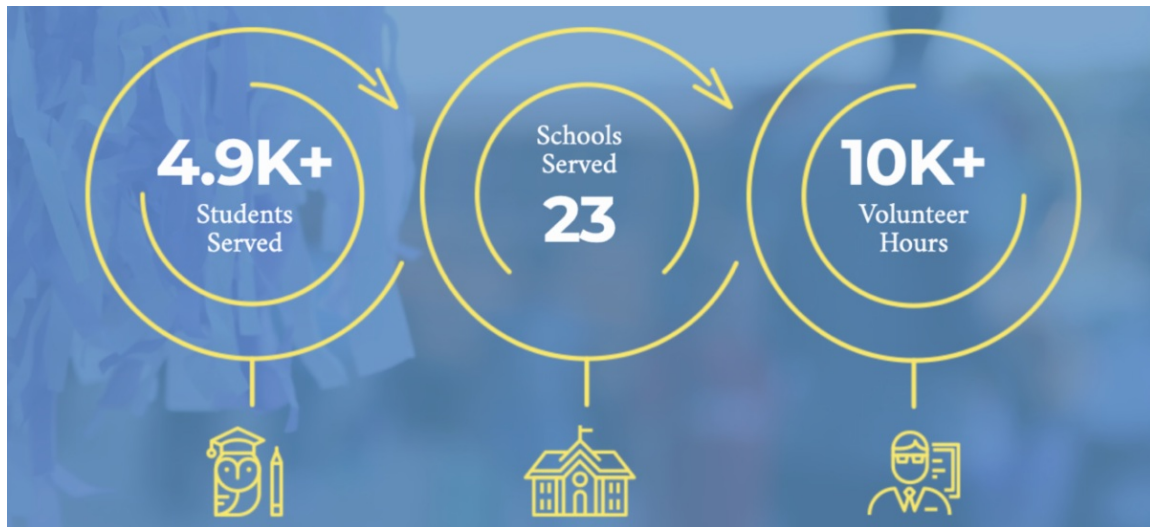
Thank you! Last month, shoppers and supporters at Hy-Vee raised \$59 for Promise Council.

You can continue to support Promise Council all year by directing \$\$1 to Promise Council at any time by using the Giving Tag attached to the reusable red "My Heart" Bag purchased at any Hy-Vee location.

# Message From The Board

**Children need caring adults who are actively involved in their lives. They need a healthy start, safe places, an efficient education, and opportunities to help others.**

Thanks to all of you, we have been able to bring these 5 promises to nearly 5000 students over a span of 13 years. Promise Council continues to make a positive difference one day at a time in each of our 23 schools. Our army of caring adults has grown to over 10,000 since we began. Let's all vow to keep spreading the word to make sure the support never stops!



Volunteer!

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