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Summer 2013

#### Smooth Waters





Summertime is my favorite season! To me, it means floating rivers, fishing the lakes, and admiring the sailboats. My enjoyment of those activities, however, strongly depends on the water conditions of the day. Our guests have come in to our program exhausted from fighting the turbulent

waters and not always staying afloat. Those who have graduated our program left us with a strong wind in their sails as they went on to live their sustainable independent life. Here are just some of their stories about the calmer waters they now navigate:

- ⇒ Shipshape: Joelene, Richard, and their 3 children, are still going strong! They recently successfully budgeted a summer vacation back to Montana and purchased a vehicle. They are well on their way to living debt-free!
- ☆ Smooth Sailing: Paul, Tracey, and their two kids, are enjoying their new home.
- The boat's not rocking: Julie and her 3 kids are settling into their new 4-bedroom house.
- ⇒ Sailing along: Tiffany and her two girls are building their dream home!

#### Wind in the Sails

We are proud to receive so much local support. Without the help of our wonderful volunteers, congregations, and donors we would be taking on water. Thank you for keeping us sailing along!

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Our new ED, Abbie Chermack joined us in June! "I am very excited to be taking the helm of this wonderful organization and to work with such an amazing crew!"

## **Executive Director**

Abbie Chermack

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- \$ 10 washes a car load of dirty laundry



# **Newly On Board**

We are pleased to announce that St. John's Lutheran Church has joined the Family Promise team, our 29th congregation! We are excited to have them on board!