

EAGLE SCOUT HELPS OUT FAMILY PROMISE

STAFF REPORT

Family Promise recently opened its new Day Center in the heart of Evanston thanks to some generous Wilmette community volunteers who donated their time and talent.

The new location, which offers expanded space and services for guests of Family Promise, a local not-for-profit organization that helps families with young children who are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless, was in need of some renovation.

When local Boy Scout Sam Shepard, of Troop 9 in Wilmette, heard of Family Promise's need he offered to help with the renovation as his Eagle Scout Project.

Shepard, with support from his father Aaron, members of his troop and other volunteers, rebuilt and painted walls for the shower, bath and laundry areas. Additionally, Shepard raised more than \$1,600 in cash for the project plus an additional \$300 in Home Depot coupons that he used for materials.

The new facility provides an expanded area for guests to use computers for



Volunteers (left to right) Matthew DeLeo, Sam Shepard, Aaron Shepard, Joe Pinkerton and Matthew Canel stop for a photo while helping build Family Promise's new location in Evanston. PHOTO SUBMITTED

job and housing searches, expanded washrooms for men and women, additional space for families to read and play together, space for training, office

space for administrative staff and volunteers, and access to additional areas in the building including a multi-purpose room/gym for children's recreation.

FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS