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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

2019



Directors Letter

Every life we change has a story.

These stories can be intense, difficult, and heartbreaking. When we hear them, we know the very real costs of homelessness.

But these stories are also transformative, providing us the roadmap and the inspiration to bring about a change in how America understands—and acts on—family homelessness.

Homelessness takes many forms: families with children doubling up with relatives, sleeping in their cars, paying for motel stays, and living in shelter. Tragically, the number of children and families experiencing homelessness is not abating. In its most recent report, the Department of Education identified 1.3 million children who were homeless at some point over the course of the school year. That does not include more than one million pre-K children, who are too young to be counted.

The implications of this are enormous. A child's future begins at home, and allowing this disruption and deprivation is not only disastrous on a human level, it is short-sighted and self-destructive as a national policy.

Warmly,



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Donor Highlights

"I learned about Family Promise from my daughter, Sarah, who has been involved through her church for many years. What you do is unique and incredibly important especially during these difficult days. I wish you well and hope my small contribution helps." ~Pam

"The work you all do is very near and dear to my heart. It's important to me. I have always had a heart for children and families. I am hoping someday to be able to volunteer and be a part of many great organizations we have in our community. In the meantime, we are blessed to be able to help in this way. I hope God blesses the donations given to you all. I also hope the families know it is through Jesus and He loves them." ~Christa

In-Kind Support

Including volunteer hours, meals, goods, shelter, transportation, etc.:

\$427,448



276

Families Served



88%

Families We Served Find Permanent Housing



10,000+

Meals Provided



1,200+

Volunteers



60 Days Shelter

Average Length of Stay



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Family Success

"Family Promise helped us get on our feet when every other charity turned us away. We were always treated with dignity, respect and kindness. God worked through this program and all of the people involved to help us be sustainable again. Family Promise isn't just a charity that helps family's with housing crisis. It's a place of encouragement for the discouraged single mom or two parent households. Thank you so much for helping us♥ Shandi"

"We struggled to make ends meet even though we are both well educated and hard working. We moved from place to place and we found ourselves with only one car, paying for hotels and eventually sleeping in our car and paying for showers at a truck stop. Working as a traveling orthodontist's assistant I was making money but not enough to support my family's needs. We were only surviving and hiding.

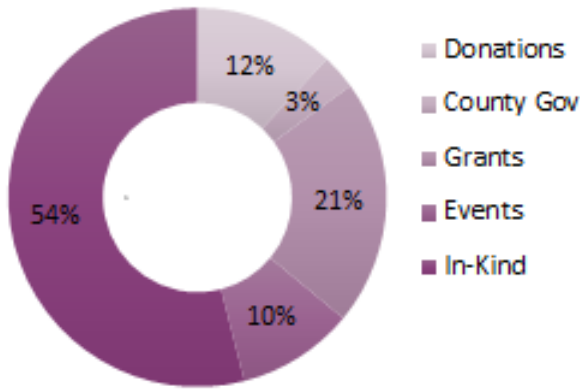
While in the FPSSC Program, I was able to complete my X-Ray certifications with FPSSC financial assistance and get a better paying job. My husband found a great job close to our daughter's school. Within 90 days we left FPSSC for our own rental in Venice, which is close to school and work. A car was donated to us through a FPSSC connection, so we no longer have a car payment."

STATS ON SERVICES TO HOUSE FAMILIES

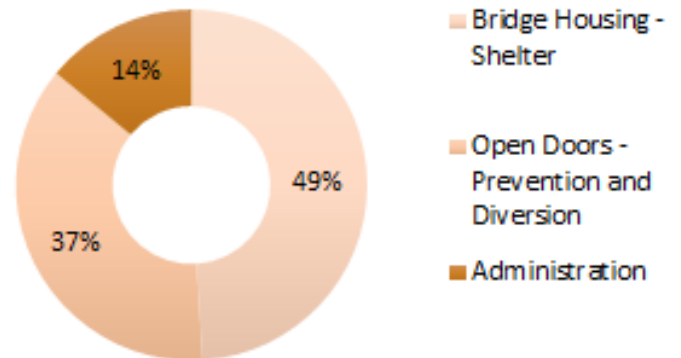
174 Families; including 476 individuals, 262 of those were children

2019 Financial Overview

Income



Expenses



Programs

DIVERSION & PREVENTION

Forty percent of Americans are just one unexpected \$400 expense from financial distress. Preventing families from spiraling into homelessness is an essential part of the Family Promise mission. We offer a variety of strategies to ensure the people we serve do not fall into the cycle of housing instability that can devastate families and alter the course of children's lives. These include administering formal diversion programs with government funding, providing rental assistance and landlord mediation, and community-based approaches that keep families housed.

SHELTER

Hospitality is a powerful word and it is at the heart of the Family Promise shelter program. Across this country, communities offer hospitality to families through Family Promise Affiliates. This innovative model—using existing space like congregations and volunteers motivated by compassion—has helped hundreds of thousands of children and adults in our 200+ Affiliates nationwide. Working with community resources, Family Promise Affiliates provide comprehensive and targeted services, including extensive case management, at one-third the cost of traditional shelter. Furthermore, Affiliates are able to serve families of all compositions, often providing their only shelter option in a community.

STABILIZATION

Workforce development. Partners in Housing. Financial capability. Health and wellness. Homelessness has many causes and housing stability involves many solutions. Family Promise Affiliates have developed and implemented more than 1,000 different programs that address every aspect of stabilization. Our goal is not simply getting families into housing; it is keeping them in housing. Key to this is identifying needs specific to the local community and tapping into the diverse resources our volunteer pool and partnerships provide. The result is families no longer at risk of homelessness. But even more importantly, in particular through programs we have launched for tenancy preparation, micro-entrepreneurship, and virtual career pathway training, Affiliates create the basis for security and stability that separates families from poverty and allows them and their children to aspire to the future every child deserves.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS THE ANSWER

Of Sarasota County households with children, 37% or 10,393, are struggling to meet basic living expenses, which is defined by the United Way's ALICE report as requiring \$56,520 in annual income for a family of four. Single parents are hit especially hard, with over 60% not meeting this basic survival budget threshold.

Envisioning a nation where every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future.

We help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

Investing in our community



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

~Margaret Mead

Help families unlock the door to safe, permanent housing which is the gateway to a brighter and better future for all the children we serve. By giving of your time, talents and treasure to Family Promise of South Sarasota County, you are ensuring that homelessness for children is rare, brief and non-recurring.



FOR OUR CHILDREN - Monthly Giving Program

Family homelessness knows no season. Please consider joining other For Our Children monthly donors with a recurring monthly gift to give children in need the promise of

home all year long. Simply go to our website, www.familypromisessc.org, click on donate and chose to make it a recurring gift. Making this commitment allows Family Promise of South Sarasota County to properly plan for future growth to better meet the needs of homeless and at-risk children and families. Members will be recognized in our annual report, newsletter, website and event programs.



Legacy/Planned Giving & Endowment Giving

Make a difference, change lives forever! With a Lifetime

Charitable Gift, After-Life Gift and/or Endowment Gift, you can help fund the work of FPSSC because you know just how much good is possible!



Funding for Property & Property Donations

Affordable housing is the answer to the homeless families

issue. By donating a home or funding to purchase a home, you will be helping us to create affordable housing for our local working families.

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