



ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of the Midlands, established in late 2014, is part of a national network of 6,000 congregations and organizations with 180,000 volunteers.

Mission: To help families who are experiencing situational homelessness achieve sustainable independence by providing

- temporary shelter in participating houses of worship in the Midlands,
- support services for budgeting, job and life skills,
- transportation,
- assistance in securing/maintaining permanent housing, and
- resources and referrals. We have assisted an additional 1,556-plus families and individuals who did not join our program, either by providing support to enable them to remain independent or by referring them to other nonprofits in the Midlands.

Sixteen congregations take turns housing three families or 14 people for one week, approximately once a quarter. They provide volunteers, meals and a welcoming atmosphere by transforming classrooms and other areas into comfortable living and sleeping spaces for our families. Sixteen support congregations provide volunteers and other resources.

WAYS TO SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE

Here are several ways you can support our mission:

Pray for the families we serve, for the volunteers who serve them, and for the staff and board members who coordinate the program.

Help us identify new host and support congregations from a variety of faith-based traditions to enable us to serve more families.

Attend and support "Night of Promise" Annual Gala, April 25, 2020, at 701 Whaley. Come enjoy a night of music, dancing and silent auction. Corporate sponsorship's available.

Participate in donor opportunities, such as Family Promise Giving Day in the fall, and Midlands Gives Online Giving, in the spring, www.midlandsgives.org.



Become a donor or sponsor. Please visit our website (below) for a list of donors; to make a donation; or to become a sponsor for our "Night of Promise."

Put us in touch with families who can use our services.

Get involved and learn more about Family Promise! Contact Executive Director Jeff Armstrong.



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This year in America, more than 2.5 million children & their parents will experience homelessness.

CHANGING LIVES FOR BETTER FUTURES

What our families say:

When I came into Family Promise of the Midlands, I had a job. A good job where I had worked for 25 years. But during that time, many things changed. I lost my husband and his income. I had unexpected surgery and was out of work for three months. I declared bankruptcy so that I could save my house – even that backfired when I got behind on payments and received the foreclosure letter. For the first three weeks after losing the house, my grandson and I lived in a hotel – and then my money ran out. With over a week until payday, I had nowhere to go. My supervisor suggested I call Family Promise. Within days of the call, my grandson and I were welcomed into our first church. I was at a point in my life where I had nowhere else to turn, and the Family Promise staff and volunteers opened up their arms to us, and let us in where we could feel safe and secure as we began to rebuild our lives and go out and live in the real world again. – L.G., former guest

The thought of being displaced was something I had never imagined. I was confident that having several degrees would provide a life of financial security. Then, the company I worked for went out of business. I was soon hired by another company. My daughter and I moved into a new home. Two weeks later I was devastated, hurt and confused when this second company went belly up. I continued to find work, but the pay was never on time and my hours were unpredictable. Eventually, these dynamics led to an eviction. My life improved and I felt an overflow of God’s blessings when we entered Family Promise. My caseworker encouraged me to not settle below my skill set and to aim high. I eventually was hired as a full-time clinician with benefits. There were positive changes in my daughter. She was exposed to creativity, developed patience and her confidence grew. She built friendships to last a lifetime. I miss the volunteers and their delicious meals and smiling faces, and I will never forget the love, kindness and life-changing experiences I had in this program. – T.S., former guest

FAMILY PROMISE STAFF

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HOST CONGREGATIONS

Ashland United Methodist Church
 Bethel United Methodist Church
 Eastminster Presbyterian Church
 Ebenezer Lutheran Church
 Forest Lake Presbyterian Church
 Northminster Presbyterian Church
 Redeemer Lutheran Church
 Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church
 Shandon Presbyterian Church
 Saint Andrews Lutheran Church
 St. John’s Episcopal Church
 St. Martin’s In-the-Fields Episcopal Church
 Saint Mary’s Episcopal Church
 Trenholm Road United Methodist Church
 Trinity United Methodist Church, Blythewood
 Trinity Presbyterian Church

SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS

Blythewood Presbyterian Church
 Christ the King Lutheran Church
 Church of the Cross Episcopal Church
 Francis Burns United Methodist Church
 Gill Creek Baptist Church
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
 Greenlawn Baptist Church
 Living Springs Lutheran Church
 McGregor Presbyterian Church
 Mount Hebron United Methodist Church
 Pine Grove AME
 Shandon United Methodist Church
 St. Andrews Baptist Church
 St. Peter’s Roman Catholic Church
 Virginia Wingard United Methodist Church
 Westminster Presbyterian Church