

## Host Congregations

- ⇒ A New Beginning, WR
- ⇒ Andrew UMC, Kathleen
- ⇒ Centerville UMC
- ⇒ Christ United Methodist, WR
- ⇒ Crossroads UMC, Perry
- ⇒ First Baptist, Watson Blvd, WR
- ⇒ First Christian Church of Perry
- ⇒ First Church of the Nazarene, WR
- ⇒ First United Methodist, WR
- ⇒ Hope Church, WR
- ⇒ Perry United Methodist
- ⇒ Shady Grove Baptist, Byron
- ⇒ Shirley Hills Baptist, WR
- ⇒ Trinity United Methodist, WR
- ⇒ Union Grove Baptist, WR
- ⇒ Warner Robins, CME
- ⇒ The Vine, Perry



## Supporting Congregations

- ✓ All Saints Episcopal, WR
- ✓ Central Baptist, WR
- ✓ Centerpoint, WR
- ✓ Eighth Day, WR
- ✓ Faith Evangelical Lutheran, WR
- ✓ Fellowship Bible Baptist, WR
- ✓ First Baptist, Garmon St, WR
- ✓ Houston Lake Presbyterian, Kathleen
- ✓ Mount Calvary Lutheran, WR
- ✓ New Hope Baptist, Perry
- ✓ Northside Baptist, Centerville
- ✓ Oak Grove Memorial CME, Elko
- ✓ Sacred Heart Catholic, WR
- ✓ Saint Patrick's Catholic, Kathleen
- ✓ The Assembly, WR
- ✓ Westminster Presbyterian, WR
- ✓ Word In Season Ministries, WR



## Groups Partnering with Host Congregations

- ~ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, SEO Chapter
- ~ Grace for Eternity Ministry (Word of Life)

## Family Response:



The best thing about Family Promise is that they are compassionate. The staff and volunteers really do care about the families and enjoy helping them.

Family Promise was a lifesaver for my family. It gave us the support we needed to get through this stressful time.



During our crisis, it was peaceful to come to a church each day and feel protected. Although our home moved weekly, we felt loved and knew we would not be abandoned.



Family Promise helped my family in lots of ways. They provided us with food, transportation, and games to play. Every day a volunteer would come to spend the night so you would have someone to talk to.



# FamilyPromise

of Greater Houston County

Transforming the lives of families because every child deserves a home.



**Our mission** is to help families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

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## Why is Family Promise needed in Houston County?

- ◆ The latest Houston County Board of Education report identified over 300 homeless students. We know from national averages the homeless children population is 50-100% higher due to under reporting, and this number does not include pre-school age children. Thus, we estimate there are 600 homeless children in our county.
- ◆ There has been an 18.8% increase in homeless children in Georgia school systems over the past seven years.
- ◆ It is estimated that 60% of the homeless family population are children; 50% of these children are under the age of six.
- ◆ Of the shelter beds for the homeless in Houston County, none provide for intact families, or mothers with sons over the age of 12 or single fathers with daughters.
- ◆ Nationwide, 80% of families who participate in Family Promise programs find permanent housing; in our program 85% have moved into permanent housing.
- ◆ Parents entering our program are either unemployed or underemployed. By completion of our program, 90% have a sustainable income.

Since opening our doors 170 children now have a home.

Visit our website for further information:  
[familypromisehoustonco.org](http://familypromisehoustonco.org)

## OUR PROGRAM...

**Family Promise of Greater Houston County Inc.**, established in 2013, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization; an affiliate of the national organization founded in 1986.

**Family Promise** recognizes that family homelessness and poverty are complex issues that require comprehensive, innovative solutions. Solving homelessness is not just about housing. Our holistic approach includes five key areas of focus, represented by the points of the star:

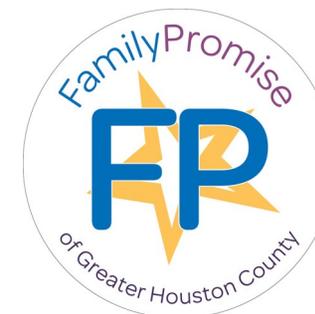
 **SHELTER:** Families are provided with a secure, safe environment at our Day Center and with Host Congregations during evening hours. Volunteers provide compassionate care while meeting the needs of our guests.

 **STABILIZATION:** Our goal is to help families obtain an independent, self-sustainable livelihood; providing success today, creating opportunities for tomorrow, and empowering them to independence.

 **COMMUNITY:** Partnering with local congregations, civic and business groups, and social service agencies in Houston County families are provided with the tools to meet their goals.

 **PREVENTION:** Adult guests receive guidance and counseling from professionals, directing them toward independence. Training includes parenting skills, resume creations, job application completion, work skills, and finance management.

 **PROMISE:** The promise to support families during their most difficult times. The promise to provide the necessary resources to achieve sustainable independence.



## We Invite You To Partner With Us:

**We all agree that every child deserves a home.** When people think of homelessness they don't always think of families, but in reality 35% of the total homeless population in the USA is comprised of families. The most common reasons families become homeless are job loss, family breakup, or an unforeseen expense or crisis. In response Family Promise has developed a comprehensive array of solutions; ending homelessness one family at a time. This proven program offers a rewarding opportunity for volunteers of all faiths, ages, and abilities to be active in supporting, encouraging and transforming lives. Our diversity is our strength. Family Promise of Greater Houston County relies on your donations and volunteerism to assist homeless families from OUR community.



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