

## Host Congregations

- ⇒ Andrew UMC, Kathleen
- ⇒ Centerville UMC
- ⇒ Christ Chapel, WR
- ⇒ 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
- ⇒ Northside Baptist, Centerville
- ⇒ Perry United Methodist
- ⇒ Shady Grove Baptist, Byron
- ⇒ Shirley Hills Baptist, WR
- ⇒ Trinity United Methodist, WR
- ⇒ Union Grove Baptist, WR
- ⇒ The Vine, Perry



## Supporting Congregations

- ✓ Central Baptist, WR
- ✓ Faith Evangelical Lutheran, WR
- ✓ Fellowship Bible Baptist, WR
- ✓ First Baptist, Garmon St, WR
- ✓ First Christian, Centerville
- ✓ First Christian (Disciples), WR
- ✓ Houston Lake Presbyterian, Kathleen
- ✓ Mount Calvary Lutheran, WR
- ✓ New Hope Baptist, Perry
- ✓ Oak Grove Memorial CME, Elko
- ✓ Sacred Heart Catholic, WR
- ✓ Saint Patrick's Catholic, Kathleen
- ✓ The Assembly, WR
- ✓ Warner Robins CME
- ✓ Westminster Presbyterian, WR
- ✓ Word In Seasons Ministry, WR



## Groups Partnering with Host Congregations

- ~ Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, SEO Chapter
- ~ Grace for Eternity Ministry (Word of Life)
- ~ Masonic Lodge #207

## 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. Parent, age 29

Family Promise was a lifesaver for me and my family. It gave me the support I needed to get through this stressful time in my life. Parent, age 35

During our crisis, it was peaceful to come to a church and feel protected. Although our home moved weekly, we felt loved and that we would not be abandoned until I was able to secure a permanent job and affordable housing. Parent, age 26



Family Promise helped my family in lots of ways. They provided us with food, transportation, and games to play. Every day a member of the church would come to spend the night so you would have someone to talk to. Child, age 11



Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained Angels without knowing it.  
Hebrews 13:2



## A Community Response to Homeless Families



**Our mission is to support homeless families** by mobilizing congregations and partnering with social service agencies in order to help these families obtain an independent, self-sustainable livelihood.

**"Ending Homelessness, One Family at a Time"**

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## WHY IS FAMILY PROMISE NEEDED?

- ◆ The latest Houston County BOE 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 over 600 homeless children in Houston County.
- ◆ There has been an 18.8% increase in homeless children in Georgia school systems over the past seven years.
- ◆ Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population, representing 40% of all homeless people.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Families entering our program are either unemployed or underemployed. By completion, 90% have a sustainable income and a savings account.
- ◆ A Program proven through 203 affiliates in 43 states. Georgia has 17 affiliates.

Since opening our doors  
135 children now have a home.

## OUR PROGRAM...

**Family Promise of Greater Houston County Inc. (FPGHC)** is a nonprofit 501(c)(3), nondenominational organization for families in transition and part of a national organization founded in 1986, formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network. Formed locally in 2013 our program provides shelter, meals, and support services to families without homes through a network of local congregations.

### Four Basic Components to the Program

**1. Creating Quality Care:** Host congregations provide care allowing our guests to focus on the future in dignity while supported with love and compassion. Three to four times a year congregations lend their support for one week at a time to ensure the needs of our guests are met. Transportation is provided by volunteer drivers with the FPGHC van. All volunteers are trained to offer the level of assistance and support crucial to the effectiveness of the program.

**2. Creating Capabilities:** FPGHC provides our adult guests and young children access to our Day Center where they spend their time while the school age children attend classes. Here adult guests receive guidance and counseling from a professional social worker. This training includes parenting skills, budgeting, job skills, resume creation, and job application completion.

**3. Transitioning to Self-Sustainment:** Our goal is to help families obtain an independent, self-sustainable livelihood. Our extensive network of support in Houston County enables our guests to use a wide variety of resources to re-establish themselves as thriving members of the community.

**4. Fund Raising:** The organization is financed through donations, grants, and fundraising events. We hope you can join us in this worthwhile mission.



## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

A father is kept from working because of an injury. A mother loses her job. A family is forced from their home by fire or natural disaster. Affordable healthcare and housing is almost impossible to find. These are the reasons families now make up 40% of the homeless population.

In response, the Family Promise Network brings various faith communities together to help families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity. FPGHC is a collaborative partnership of congregations, civic and business groups, and social service agencies helping families with infants, toddlers, and children in our schools who are facing homelessness. This proven hospitality program offers a rewarding opportunity for volunteers of all faiths, ages, and abilities to be active in encouraging and transforming lives.



### How You Can Partner with Us...

Family Promise of Greater Houston County relies on donations and volunteers to assist families from OUR community. Visit our website to view our current list of needs or to make an on-line donation. Direct financial support is always welcome and all contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Family Promise is Member # 90951 of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Can you offer a few hours each month as a volunteer? Let us know how you may be able to assist us in our mission.

*Thank you for serving!*

I was a stranger and you welcomed me.  
Matthew 25:35