

## Partnering Congregations

- \* All Saints Episcopal, WR
- \* The Well, Centerville
- \* Christ United Methodist, WR
- \* Crossroads Church, Perry
- \* Fellowship Bible Baptist, WR
- \* First Christian Church of Perry
- \* First United Methodist, WR
- \* Hope Church, WR
- \* Mount Calvary Lutheran, WR
- \* New Hope Baptist, Perry
- \* Perry Methodist Church
- \* Reach Nazarene Church
- \* The Grove Church, Perry
- \* Trinity United Methodist, WR
- \* Union Grove Baptist, WR
- \* Warner Robins, CME
- \* Word In Season Ministries, WR
- \* The Vine Church, Perry



## Program Requirement Information

- Families must show proof of residency in Houston County for at least six months
- Family Promise is not a crisis facility; it is a 90 day program that serves homeless families, assisting them in becoming self-sufficient again
- Families must have children under the age of 18 to be accepted into the program
- Families are required to work
- Families must pass a criminal background history and drug screening before being admitted in the program
- Families graduating from the 90 day shelter program may qualify for temporary transitional housing, if needed
- We do not accept families experiencing family violence or substance abuse



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 700 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.
- ◆ 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.

## 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 Facility. 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, 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 United States 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.



**SHARE THE PROMISE**



## DID YOU KNOW...

**Since opening our doors in 2013, we have served over 700 children and their families in Houston County.**



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