



Family Promise

Baldwin County

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ANNUAL REPORT

2019





Donor Highlight

For the past two years Family Promise has been blessed to be supported by the Black Hats Society of Foley with their annual witches ride event. In 2019, we received \$8,000 from the Black Hats Society of Foley.

Everyone is a few unlucky breaks away from homelessness. It is an emotionally charged issue with many misconceptions. However, we can all agree that children are blameless victims in this crisis and every child deserves a chance to grow and succeed in life. Together, I believe we can break this cycle. With the support of civic and community clubs like the Foley Black Hat's Society, we are able to continue providing help for these families.



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Family Success

These babies love their pajamas they received for Christmas.

Ashleigh and her two babies were "couch surfin" when they found Family Promise. Life has gotten more stable after Family Promise helped their mom find a new home for the family.

Ashleigh's story is one of the thousands that begins at Family Promise each year. Every story is a gift, and these gifts are made possible by supporters of Family Promise. Your support provides families like Ashleigh's with the tools and resources to regain stability and achieve lasting independence.



24

Host & Support
Congregations



214

Referrals/CM



45 Days

Average Length of Stay



78

Individuals served
through our IHN



10,764

MEALS PROVIDED



Over 600

VOLUNTEERS



47

Children served in shelter program

OUR
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



United Way
of Baldwin County



CHRIST THE KING
CATHOLIC CHURCH
DAPHNE, ALABAMA



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, 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.

Our network here in Baldwin County is a safety net for the families in our community who are experiencing homelessness and need help to get back on their feet. We appreciate the help of the many volunteers who make this model work in our community.

Warmly,



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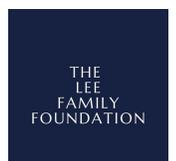
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GULF SHORES FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

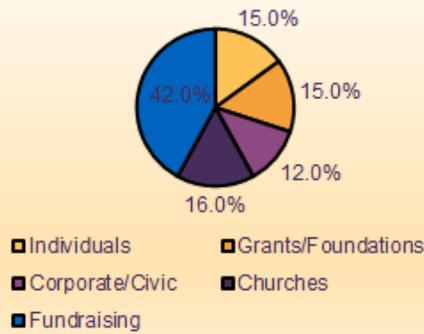
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UNITY OF GULF SHORES

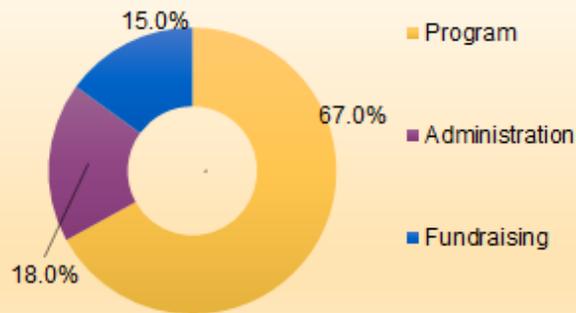


2019 Financial Overview

Funding



Expenses



Programs

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. Affiliates 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. We are working toward developing a diversion program to address these issues and were able to help several families in 2019 from becoming homeless.

SHELTER

Hospitality is a powerful word and it is at the heart of the Family Promise shelter program. This innovative model—using existing space like congregations and volunteers motivated by compassion—since opening, has helped over 200 children and adults in our community with shelter and case management services. Working with community resources, we provide comprehensive and targeted services, including extensive case management, at one-third the cost of traditional shelter. Furthermore, we are able to serve families of all compositions, being the only shelter program in Baldwin County for children and their families. In 2019, we served over 129 individuals at some capacity, and 53% were children.

STABILIZATION

Workforce development. Partners in Housing. Financial capability. Health and wellness. Homelessness has many causes and housing stability involves many solutions. 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 provides. The result is families no longer at risk of homelessness. But even more importantly, in particular through programs our national affiliate have launched for tenancy preparation, micro-entrepreneurship, and virtual career pathway training, FPBC plans to 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.

Envisioning a community 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.