

Family Promise of Roane County

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Who We Are:

Family Promise envisions a nation in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future.

What began as a local initiative in Summit, NJ, has become a national movement that involves 200,000 volunteers in 200+ communities in 43 states.

Our volunteers provide hospitality, companionship, and most importantly community.



What We Do:



- Family Promise is the nation's leading organization working to prevent and end family homelessness.
- Our holistic, community-based approach to helping families achieve stability makes us unique.
- Over 200 Family Promise Affiliates, located throughout the country, do this by providing prevention services before families reach crisis, shelter when they become homeless, and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to ensure they remain independent.
- Our Aspiration is to change the lives of 1 million children by 2030.

Why We Do It:

- There is a severe shortage of affordable housing in America, exacerbated by rising rents and stagnant wages.
- With little or no safety net, one unforeseen expense or emergency can lead to family homelessness.
- We envision a nation where every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future.





Our belief at
Family Promise
is "No Child
Should Be
Homeless."



We exist to help families avoid homelessness and/or to keep them together through homelessness.





How does
Family Promise
keep families
together?



Prevention Services



We help with transportation to keep participant's employed (i.e. gas cards, mechanical and maintenance services, automobile acquisition, and occasionally automobile loan payments).



We provide rental assistance up to three months in arrears.



We provide utility services to keep families from facing foreclosure or eviction due to lack of utilities.



We also provide meal services and laundry services.



Divergent Services

- We help families that are facing foreclosure and eviction find new homes to avoid actual homelessness (i.e. shelter churches, rented homes, motel stays).
- We provide job search services.



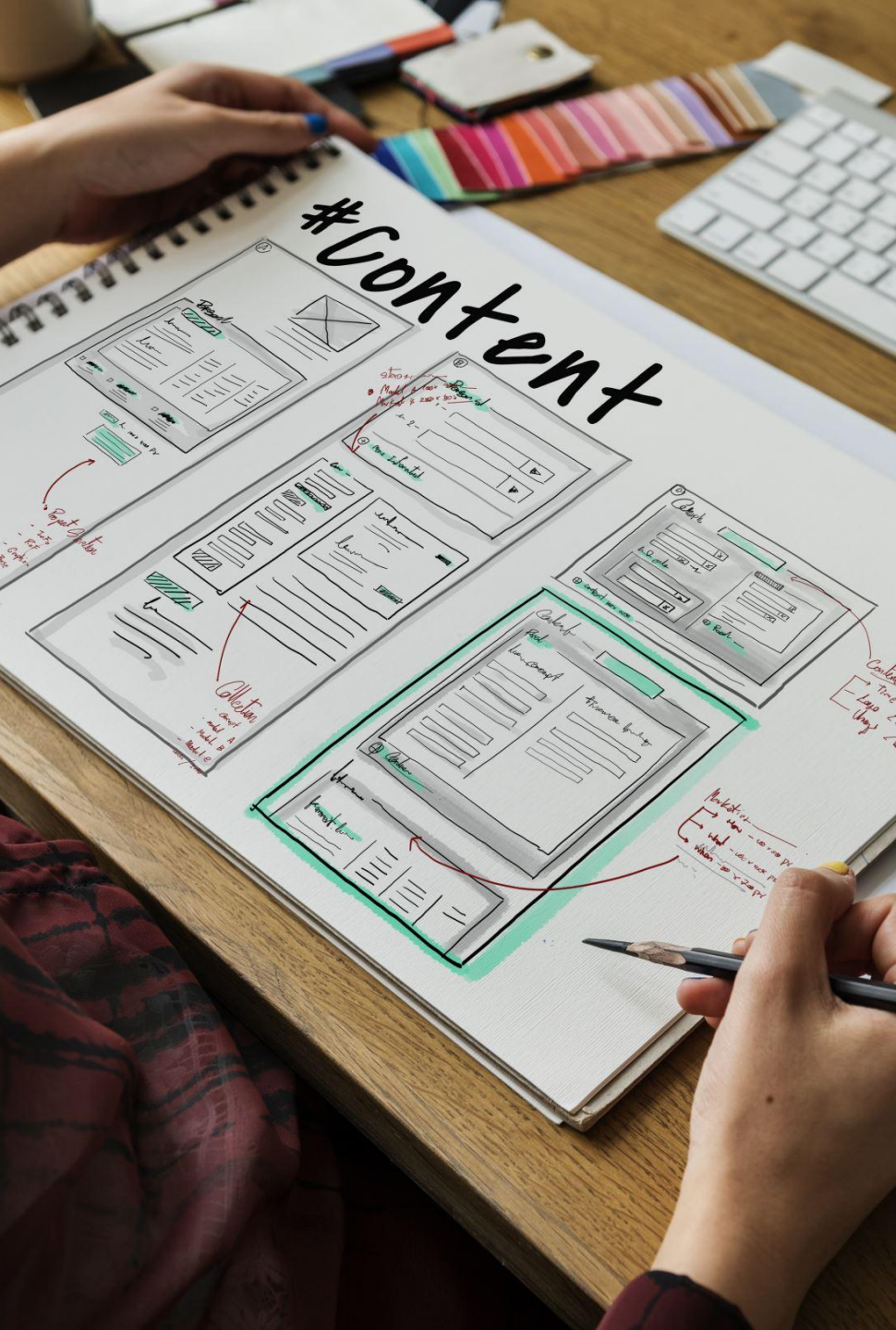
Intervention Services

- We provide shelter services either through our program or help them locate a service through a partnership agency.
- We help them apply for new housing.
- We help them with budgeting, job searches, food and nutrition services, or whatever is needed to help them get and maintain a home.



Stabilization

- Money Management and Budgeting Classes
- Food Preparation and Conservation Classes
- Household Maintenance and Management Classes
- Personal Hygiene and Maintenance Classes
- Individualized Case Management
- Food Assistance Information
- Preparation for Seasonal Changes/Expenses
- Transportation Needs
- Life Skills
- Parenting Classes
- Workforce Development
- Tutoring for GED and College Prep



Ready Day 1

- We have a job training program that we call "Ready Day 1," where we teach job readiness – whether it be hygiene, professional apparel, laundry services, resume writing, basic job skills, professional communication, etc.
- We partner with employment agencies, temp-to-hire companies, local adult education and post-secondary training entities, etc. to get our guests ready.
- We work with various local companies to secure employment for our guests.

How many
homeless children
are there in
Roane County?



There are
approximately
450 homeless
children in
Roane County.

- Approximately 200 are school age.
- Approximately 250 are younger than school age.



Numbers Served in 2022:



Total Served:

- Total Number of Individuals Served: 207
- Total Number of Families Served: 79

Prevention Program:

- Total Number of Individuals Served: 29
- Total Families Served: 8
- Number of Children Under 18: 18

Diversion Program:

- Total Number of Individuals Served: 13
- Total Number of Families Served: 4
- Number of Children Under 18: 8

Shelter Program:

- Total Number of Individuals Served: 19
- Total Number of Families Served: 5
- Number of Children Under 18: 10

Community Service (help with transportation, food, diapers, extended case management, etc.):

- Total Number of Individuals Served: 146
- Total Number of Families Served: 62
- Number of Children Under 18: 93

How can you
help?



Help Families:

- Family Mentoring - Partner with a family for a long-term peer relationship to ensure they will be able to stay in housing and meet their goals
- Homework Help - Work with children in the program, helping them learn and excel at school
- Make a Meal - Provide hot, nutritious food for children and families who may not otherwise have a nourishing meal



Share Your Skills:



- Career Readiness - Empower families for success by helping with resumes, interview skills, and identifying career pathways.
- Financial Literacy - Help families build the base for sustainability by teaching skills like budgeting and credit repair.
- Good Tenancy - Give families support and guidance as they move into housing.
- Health and Wellness - Participate in programs that address mental, physical, and spiritual health, and wellness for families.
- Technology - Empower families with computer and technology skills, thus allowing them to advance at work and at home.

Support Our Efforts



- Day Center Admin - Provide office support at Family Promise day centers so staff can serve more families.
- Fundraising Events - Plan, support, and participate in events to raise awareness and funding for families.
- Public Relations - Use your skills to help share our mission and raise awareness about family homelessness through print communications and social media.
- Supply Drives - Gather essentials like diapers, household items, and school supplies.
- Repair and Renew - Refurbish, renovate, upkeep, and gardening projects around Day Center and new homes for families.

Volunteer Virtually:



- Share your talents with Family Promise families. You could teach a fitness, healthy eating, or crafting class online
- Career Coaching - Use your professional skills to help someone prep for their job search. This could include reviewing resumes, practicing interviewing, and setting up LinkedIn profiles
- Professional Development - Lead a Grow with Google workshop. Google provides the content; you present and assist adult learners
- Leadership - Guide an Affiliate to success by joining its board or a committee. Affiliates need experts in a variety of areas such as finance, technology, HR, and fundraising
- Virtual Tutoring - Dedicate your time to helping a child or an adult learner. This could include one-on-one or group tutoring, homework help, and mentoring



Become a
Financial
Supporter.





Join Our Meal
Rotation.





Host a
fundraiser.





Raise
Awareness.






Open your
church or
organization to
a hurting
family.





Provide
necessities.



Share about us at
work or with
your civic
organization.





Mindfully seek
your own way
to support us.





Get Involved – Your Time is Important!

Family Promise provides online training for all program volunteers.

<https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/7WNHptj>





Donate Online at
www.familypromiseroane.org.

Acts of
compassion
have the
power to
change the
lives of
families.



- Discover the wide range of volunteer opportunities at Family Promise – from serving meals, to providing financial literacy training, to assisting with fundraising events. There is something for everyone!
- Volunteers play an essential role in helping families experiencing homelessness attain sustainable independence. Please take a moment to complete this form so we can help you find your ideal volunteer opportunity!



Making Room in the Inn

“Each time we make room for strangers, we chip away at the fear and isolation and heartbreak in our world. We also get to participate in something that is life giving, both to us and the people we welcome.” - *Volunteer from Family Promise*

Interested in helping?

Contact us:

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“Without this program I would not be where I am today. I am employed, I can provide my own transportation, my children and I have our own apartment, and I am independent.”
- *Guest of Family Promise*