

IMPACT REPORT 2020-2021







Ending Family Homelessness, One Family At A Time

When you think of the internet for homework, a bed to stay in when your kid is home sick from school, or a microwave to warm up leftovers; these are little acts throughout your life that you sometimes don't give thought about.

With the absence of a home, **these little life acts disappear**. This is a reality for far too many families.

1 in 30 children in America experience homelessness and it is happening right here in the Gallatin Valley.

The sheer number of families in crisis in our community has been alarming this past year. More families are sleeping in tents, RVs, in hotels, tripled up with other families, and even sleeping under the underpass.

Each family's journey to homelessness is different, but one thing remains certain, **it does not discriminate** and continues to be one of our nation's most misunderstood social problems.

Our holistic response to family homelessness empowers families and engages the community. We provide the opportunity for families to start a new path to self-sustainability.

Our most powerful tool we have in the fight against family homelessness in the Gallatin Valley is the **absolute resilience of committed families** who are invested in ensuring their children can have the future they deserve.

Their futures are not defined by the loss of a home. We are inspired by their hard work every day.

Christel Chviilcek, Executive Director

Lori Hart, Board of Directors Co-Chair

EMERGENCY SHELTER

The core of Family Promise: Ensuring children are homeless no more

SHELTER IMPACT

New Programming this year: Stepping Stones Program increased our shelter capacity from 7 families to 19 families

- 186% Increase in families served
 - 40 Families sheltered
- 8,984 Total bed nights
 - 81 Average days in shelter for graduated families
 - 90 % of families exited with employment
 - 50 % of families secured affordable housing
 - 20 % of families moved in with relatives
 - **30** % of families moved to another shelter outside Montana
 - **14** Individuals received ongoing mental health support through Family Promise
 - 5 Individuals received their Driver's License
 - **100** % of children were enrolled and actively participating in public school



PREVENTION

Our prevention model is based on a combination of case management, opportunity, and community involvement through two programs:



Eviction Prevention

Assist families in the mediation of evictions, provide rental and utility assistance, case management, and divert families from shelter



Families Served



Children Served

Help Us Move In (HUMI)

Assist with finding housing quickly by providing move-in expenses



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Families Served



\$203

Average amount spent per child to end family homelessness



29

Children Served

STABILIZATION



STABILIZATION IMPACT NUMBERS

Transitional Housing Program

- 11 Families in transitional housing
- 4 Graduated into affordable housing
- 2 Families became homeowners
- 2 New transitional housing units added





Graduate Support Program

75 % started a retirement fund

100 % had 2-3 months of income in savings

100 % made and followed a budget

100 % increased their credit score with 75% of them at 650 or higher

5 individuals received mental health services through Family Promise



"The people at Family Promise are mind-blowingly incredible and everyone resembled angels. They supported my family and I couldn't be more grateful for all the positive help and feedback. It was important to hear from others that I was a good dad and that I was doing well in a difficult time."

- Alex Driscoll

OUR IMPACT

BECAUSE OF YOU

- 19 Families Prevented from Homelessness
- **40** Families Sheltered
 - 11 Families Housed in Transitional Housing
 - **3** Families in Graduate Support
- 73 Total Families Served



"I looked at things clearer. I saw my life differently, learned to look at life in many colors and be very happy. My life was a dark cause. Thanks to Family Promise for their support and everything they helped my family with. God bless all the people who are part of Family Promise - thank you, thank you for all your support. I am very grateful and my words are short compared to what my heart feels."

- Lorena



102 adults served



155 children served



4 in-utero served



Total individuals served



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OUR IMPACT



700+ volunteers provided meals, companionship, labor, & program

support



congregations provided meals and volunteers





COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

Tools for Schools



300 children were provided school supplies

Service Navigation



324 individuals connected to community services



INCOME



FINANCIALS

- Individual & Business Contributions \$285,302
- Events \$45,333
- Congregations \$23,275
- Grants/Foundations \$435,044
 - In Kind \$318,628
- Investment/Other \$16,930
- Rental Income \$44,399
- Restricted for Capital Assets \$1,907,569

EXPENSES



- Program Expenses \$597,558
 - Fundraising Expenses \$90,553
 - Administrative Expenses \$30,971

Total Expenses

\$719,083

Total

Income

\$3,076,480

OUR TEAM

Board of Directors

Ken Gibson, Board Co-Chair Lori Hart, Board Co-Chair Kelley Dowdell, Board Vice Chair Rick Landers, Board Treasurer Roxanne Klingensmith, Board Secretary Matt Hudak, Immediate Past President Kevin Thane, Member at Large Stephanie E. Siegel, Member at Large Brett Fagan, Member at Large Tara Wolfe, Member at Large Anna Edwards, Member at Large

Staff

Christel Chvilicek, Executive Director
Jill Yoder, Development and Volunteer Manager
Kylie Kaufman, Program Support Specialist
Zachary Wangler, Family Case Manager
Hanna Vergo, Shelter Manager
Elliot Brown, Program Assistant
Merrilee Glover, Accountant

Host and Partner Churches

Bozeman United Methodist Church Christ the King Lutheran Church Bozeman Church of Christ First Baptist Church of Bozeman **First Lutheran Church** First Presbyterian Church **Holy Rosary Catholic Church Hope Lutheran Church Journey Church** Mt. Ellis Seventh Day Adventist **Pilgrim Congregational Church** St. James Episcopal Church Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints **Congregation Beth Shalom Evangelical Free Church Grand Avenue Christian Church Peace Lutheran Church Resurrection University Catholic Parish Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Bozeman Bedrock Church Mosaic Chapel**



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