

# Family Promise

of Gallatin Valley

IMPACT REPORT  
2024-2025



*Family Promise helps make family homelessness rare, short-lived, and —when it can't be prevented— a one-time experience.*



For the past two decades, Family Promise of Gallatin Valley has provided comprehensive support to children and families experiencing housing insecurity. Our work is centered on creating stability through emergency shelter, transitional and workforce housing, prevention services, early learning opportunities, and long-term solutions that strengthen both families and the broader community.

Thousands of children and families have accessed housing, education, and supportive services through our programs. Families who once faced homelessness have gone on to secure employment, achieve financial independence, and build lasting stability. These outcomes reflect not only the resilience of the families we serve, but also the impact of staff, volunteers, and a community that has chosen to invest in long-term solutions to housing insecurity.

As we recognize this milestone, we remain focused on the ongoing and urgent need for housing solutions and childcare in our community. The progress of the past twenty years underscores what can be achieved when families, our neighbors, are given the resources and support to succeed.



Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our reach, enhancing our services, and continuing to ensure that every child and family has the opportunity for safe housing and long-term stability.

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### OPERATION HOLIDAY

spreads joy and hope across the Gallatin Valley by partnering with the community to provide gifts, warm clothing, and essentials to children and families in need.

**302 FAMILIES • 908 CHILDREN**

### KICK-OFF SUMMER CARNIVAL

welcomes children and families for a free day of crafts, snacks, and fun while raising awareness for our mission to support local families in need.

**92 FAMILIES • 178 CHILDREN**

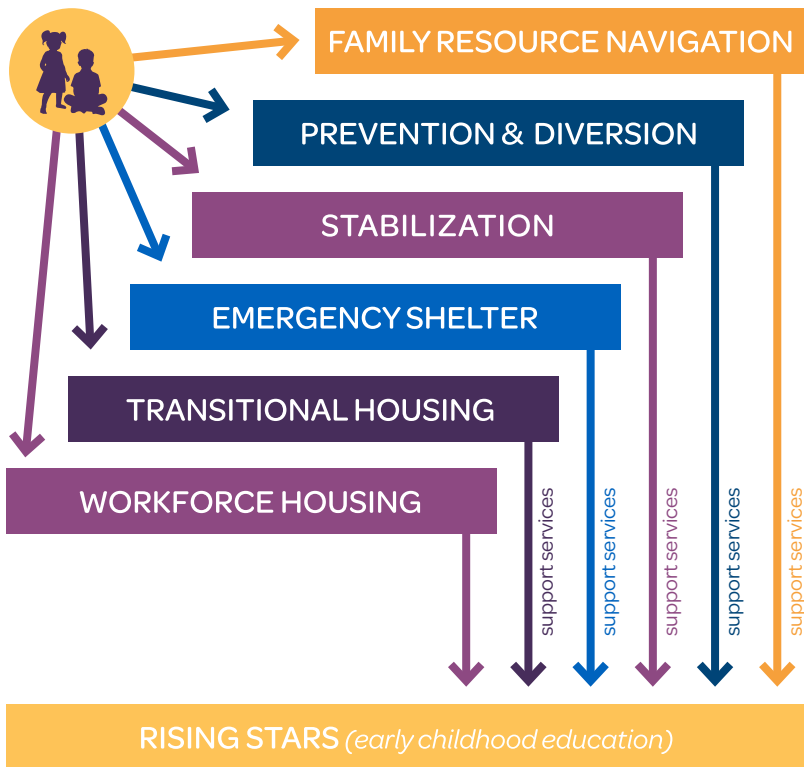
### WWAMI PEDIATRIC HEALTH FAIR

in partnership with FPGV offers a free community opportunity for kids birth-18 to receive well child care, immunizations, nutrition support and access to community resources.

**30 FAMILIES • 60 CHILDREN**

## Family Promise Housing Continuum

Families are able to enter based on their unique situation



**Family Promise's mission is to empower families experiencing housing insecurities to secure a safe, affordable home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future for their children.**

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**"Every family deserves the chance to be successful. At Family Promise, we work every day to ensure families have access to safe housing, supportive services, quality child care, and a pathway to long-term stability. With the help of our community, we turn crisis into opportunity—creating stronger families, brighter futures, and a more connected, resilient community for everyone."**

*Tori Sproles, Board President*



**88% of families who completed our shelter program remained housed 12 months later.**

### Emergency Shelter Outcomes

Average Days in Shelter: **95 days**

**83%** of families saved money

**29%** of families received mental health services

**62%** of families were connected with health care services

**93%** of families had reliable transportation

Your support makes a real difference for families facing housing instability. It helps cover immediate needs –like diapers, transportation, and emergency shelter–while also supporting programs that give families a chance at longer-term stability, such as housing assistance, job readiness, and childcare.

Every gift contributes to practical, tangible help for families in crisis. It doesn't solve every problem, but it can ease the hardest moments and give families a real shot at rebuilding their lives.

**1,019**  
Families served

**2,297**  
Children served

**53,170**  
Bed nights provided

**3,084%**  
Increase in families  
served since 2019



## FAMILY RESOURCE NAVIGATION

Homelessness can often be prevented by linking families to community resources, helping them create a new budget, or providing essential items like food, diapers, or gas cards.

These early interventions address immediate needs and empower families to regain stability. By connecting families with support before a crisis escalates, we reduce the risk of homelessness and help maintain family unity. If a solution cannot be found through these efforts, families are referred to one of our housing programs, ensuring they have a safe place to turn and continued support on their path to stability.

**“The online courses that were offered to me helped me really see my budget and finances for the first time. It was the first time I really looked at my finances and saw how they were impacting my family.”**

**224 Families • 513 Individuals**



**A year later, 87% of families were still stably housed.**

## 91 Families • 173 Children

Family Promise's Prevention and Diversion Programs identify families at the earliest signs of housing instability and provide targeted, high-impact interventions to keep them housed. By addressing immediate needs through financial assistance, case management, and community connections, the programs use fewer resources per family than long-term shelter programs and serve more households efficiently. The flexible design allows us to adapt to different family circumstances and scale across communities, offering a sustainable, cost-effective strategy to reduce homelessness.

Homeless prevention has broader social and economic benefits that include improving public health, reducing crime rates, enhancing workforce participation and ultimately saving taxpayer money through decreased reliance on emergency services.



**“When [I got the call] saying that we got approved I was literally in tears. It was such a weight lifted off my shoulders and to be able to finally have that security that we have a place to bring our little ones to is such an amazing feeling. After so many denials it was great, but... if it wasn't for all your help and the leads you both would send me I would have probably never found this place!! So thank you from both my husband and I!”**



**“My Family Support Worker pointed me toward the resources I needed, and the staff were always kind and helpful.”**

**“I think providing sound care during early childhood is the key to preventing many of our society’s woes. I knew this was going to be an ideal volunteer opportunity for myself. And I was right! I volunteer once a week in the kitchen to help provide a nutritious breakfast and lunch for children from infancy to age 5 years. The kitchen staff and teachers are caring, kind and fun to be around. It is impressive to see them interact with the children.”**





*Graduated support services*

## **57 Families • 111 Children**

Stabilization Programs offer ongoing support to help families maintain housing and lower the risk of returning to homelessness. We remain connected as families transition out of Prevention, Diversion, or Housing services. These programs also assist families in addressing secondary challenges, including financial pressures, employment obstacles, mental health concerns, and past debts, helping them build a stronger foundation for long-term stability.

We are committed to supporting the advancement of individuals in our community who are working towards a brighter future. Thanks to a generous donor, we are proud to offer scholarships to Gallatin College as part of our mission to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. This scholarship is designed to help students who are motivated to further their education and skills, offering an opportunity to build a foundation for long-term success.

## **A Journey Home Campus**

*Opened in July 2025, the new emergency family space offers individual living quarters for eight families, shared living spaces, quiet study rooms, and four kitchen stations.*

## 26 Families • 49 Children

Family Promise's Shelter Program offers temporary housing paired with individualized, trauma-informed, person-centered case management to guide families from homelessness to independent living. We support pregnant individuals, families with children under 18, and a wide range of family structures, providing immediate safety and care to those at risk of exposure to the elements.



Housing insecurity and homelessness harm entire families, but children bear a disproportionate long-term burden, especially in health, education, development and safety. Children experiencing homelessness:

- **have 4x the rate of asthma**
- **have 5x more stomach problems**
- **are 3x more likely to attempt suicide**
- **are 4x more likely to drop out of school**
- **encounter developmental delays at 4x the rate of other kids**

**"I don't know where I would be without Family Promise. The support and kindness and respectful listening meant everything."**



What was your favorite experience at Family Promise of Gallatin Valley?

**"A warm home for my children with stability."**

**"It was definitely a load off! I am super thankful that there is such a place like Family Promise that can help people like me - single parents just trying to make it work."**

**"Family Promise helped my family by encouraging us to keep goals and how to make realistic steps."**



**Zaira**

*Family Services Manager*

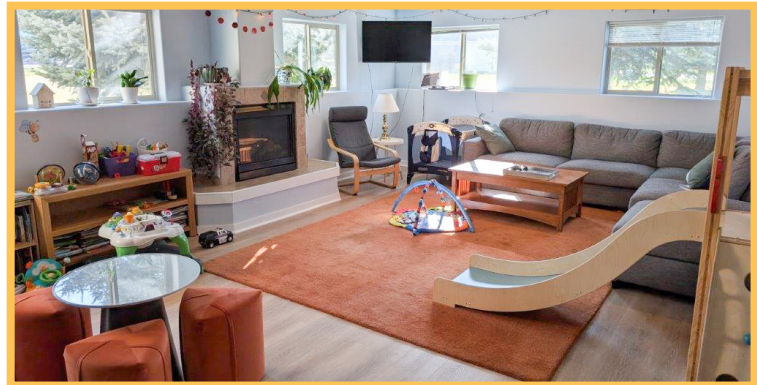
*\*Transitional Housing* **18 Families • 41 Children**  
*Workforce Housing* **9 Families • 21 Children**

Supportive housing ensures families and individuals have access to safe, affordable homes. By keeping housing costs within reach, it prevents displacement, reduces financial strain, and creates a stable foundation for families to focus on work, education, and well-being.

Community plays a vital role for families living at A Journey Home. Beyond the immediate security of housing, connection with others fosters a sense of belonging, stability, and hope. Volunteers, staff, and fellow families create networks of support that reduce isolation and open doors to resources—from childcare to employment opportunities. Strong community support helps families rebuild stability and move forward with confidence.

*\*Rent begins at \$500 per month and gradually increases every three months. Any amount paid beyond the initial \$500 is placed into a savings account, which is returned to the family when they exit the program.*

Pictured: A Journey Home  
Campus Community Room





## RISING STARS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**136** *children served*

**95** *families served*

**235** *scholarships awarded*

**\$166,549** *scholarship dollars awarded*

**45,292** *healthy meals provided*

**6** *employees received free childcare\**

**142** *MSU students observed as part of early childhood education coursework*

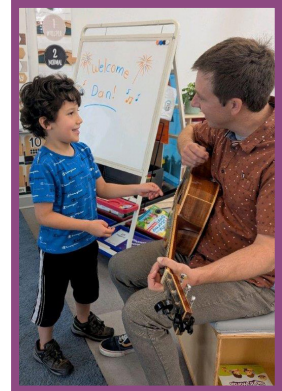
**“Because of Family Promise’s childcare benefit, I can do the work I love without sacrificing half my paycheck. It’s given me the chance to create a better future for my son, improve our home, and start saving for him and his future.” - RS Parent**

*\*Family Promise provides free childcare to employees to ease the financial burden of childcare. This benefit helps attract and retain dedicated educators while reinforcing our commitment to supporting families—both in the classroom and among our staff.*



Rising Stars Early Learning Center offers affordable, high-quality early education that supports children's developmental growth. By providing reliable care, families can participate in the workforce, enhance their ability to support their household, and engage in the local economy.

Through hands-on experiences, community partners help Rising Stars children thrive - academically, socially, and emotionally - while building trust and meaningful connections. Local businesses, nonprofits, and volunteers bring unique expertise and opportunities— such as literacy programs, STEM activities, arts, and cultural enrichment—that expand learning beyond the classroom. These partnerships not only prepare children for long-term educational success but also strengthen family engagement and create lasting connections between Rising Stars students and the wider community.



*Guests include Smiles Across Montana, WWAMI, Bookmobile, Fire Fighters, Occupational and Physical Therapists, MSU students, guest readers and musicians, and community helpers.*



**It costs more than five times as much to shelter a family for a year as it does to prevent homelessness in the first place.**



## 215 volunteers completed 1,930 hours

*\$61,374 in value - \$31.80 National Value per hour*

Volunteers are the heart of everything we do. For 20 years, they have prepared meals, offered companionship, read stories, provided care and encouragement, helped rehabilitate apartments, and spent time with children at Rising Stars. Family Promise provides a variety of meaningful opportunities for volunteers to use their skills to make a lasting impact.



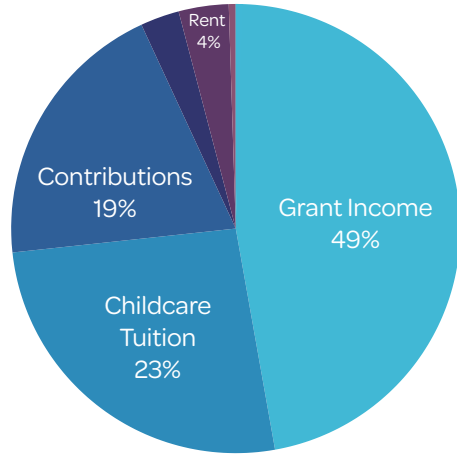
**“We have the best volunteers! These people do so much, they share their expertise with staff and disseminate information in a way that is really impactful not only for our programs but for our staff and the families we serve. It is hard to fully express that gratitude.”**

**Jaclyn LeBlanc**

*Family Promise of Gallatin Valley  
Volunteer Coordinator*

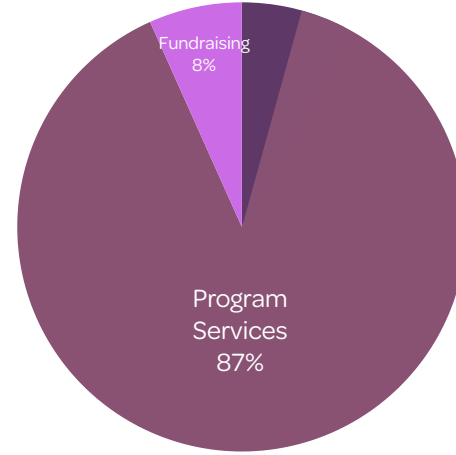


## TOTAL INCOME \$5,192,716



- Grant Income \$2,513,859
- Childcare Tuition \$1,181,027
- Contributions \$969,661
- In-Kind Donations \$120,792
- Rental Income \$237,877
- Special Events/Fundraisers \$161,922

## TOTAL EXPENSES \$4,222,983



- Program Services \$3,660,958
- Fundraising \$366,646
- Administrative Services \$195,379

*\*Audited financial statements for FY2024-FY2025 are in process and will be available upon completion on our website.*

**Make a One-Time or Recurring Gift** Give a gift today or schedule a monthly donation to sustain our work throughout the year. Pay by:

- Check: Family Promise, 1603 Tschache Lane, Bozeman, MT 59715
- Online: [familypromisegv.org](http://familypromisegv.org)
- Scan the QR Code to give:
- Phone: (406)-582-7388



**Multi-Year Pledge** One of the most impactful ways you can support Family Promise is through a multi-year pledge. Allow FP to plan and grow with confidence. It multiplies your impact by providing sustained resources that can fund long-term programs and create lasting change.

**Corporate Sponsorship** Your corporate sponsorship drives meaningful change and showcases your commitment to our community. Select the sponsorship level that's right for you and join us in building brighter futures together.

**Employee Matching** Multiply the impact of individual donations by inviting your employer to contribute additional funds, effectively doubling the support for programs and families.

**Leave a Legacy** Include Family Promise in your planned giving, ensuring your continued support for generations.

**Endowments** FP has a small endowment, and the need for additional support is ongoing. Continuing to build our endowment ensures long-term stability.

**Strategic Giving** A Qualified Charitable Distribution lets donors age 70½ or older give directly from their IRA, satisfying required withdrawals while potentially reducing taxable income.

**Donor Advised Funds** A donor-advised fund lets you make a charitable contribution, receive an immediate tax benefit, and recommend grants over time.

**Stocks** Donating appreciated stocks allows you to support a cause while potentially avoiding capital gains taxes and receiving a tax deduction for the full market value. Please provide your name and address so we may acknowledge your gift and provide you with a tax receipt.

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## HOUSING IS A BASIC NEED.

Safe, stable shelter is as essential to human survival and well-being as food, water, and healthcare. Housing provides protection, safety, and a foundation for both physical and mental health. With secure housing, children can maintain consistent routines and thrive in school, while adults are able to focus on employment and supporting their families. In contrast, unstable housing is linked to chronic illness, stress, and developmental delays in children, preventing families from meeting even their most basic needs.

Housing insecurity and homelessness harm entire families, but children bear the greatest burden—affecting their health, education, development, and safety. Without intervention, these challenges often extend into adulthood, influencing long-term outcomes in health, employment, and relationships.

Babies and toddlers are among the most vulnerable Americans, facing some of the highest rates of eviction and housing instability, and poses a serious threat to their early development and overall well-being. During these crucial formative years, a lack of stable housing can disrupt a child's physical health, emotional security, and cognitive growth. Without a safe and consistent environment, young children face setbacks that can impact their education and future success. Supporting families with young children is essential to breaking the cycle of poverty and ensuring every child has the chance to grow and thrive in a stable, nurturing home.

**Housing is the anchor for stability, opportunity, and a stronger future.**