

# Family Promise

of Bell County 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



## MOVING FORWARD

This past year has been defined by our growing capacity to serve families experiencing homelessness in Bell County. In January the Promise House opened, expanding our service level for the community. 304 children and parents were helped this year, while that number was only 57 in 2020. Our team works hard with parents in the 90 day program, providing a hand up, not a handout, empowering families to achieve goals that lead to safe housing and self-sustainability. While hundreds of volunteers provide meals every weekend, our team works with the parents to address six major goals: addressing traumatic experiences, ensuring that children are in school/childcare, gaining reliable transportation, attaining full-time employment, achieving financial stability, and acquiring safe, sustainable housing. Upon program graduation, guest families receive a \$750 savings match. With the Promise House at full capacity, we plan to begin building the Promise Homes (above, right) in 2024. The eight transitional homes, estimated to cost \$1.9 million, will more than double the number of families served onsite and will provide an interim step of housing independence for families achieving all program goals.

**Empowering families experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence through a community based response**

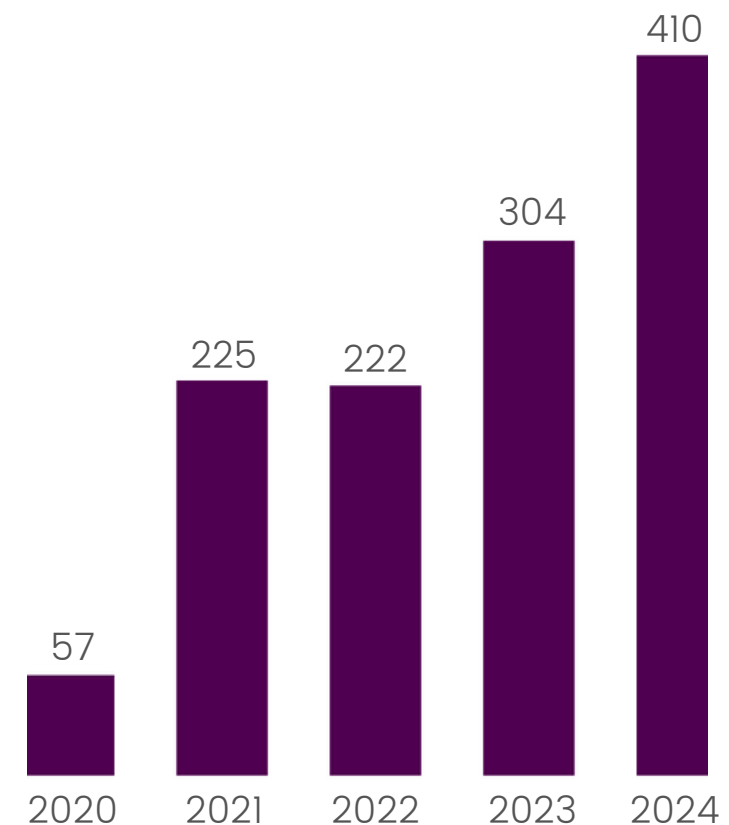
## 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

  
5,621  
Safe shelter nights

  
208  
Children served

  
304  
People served

  
285  
People housed



"My son and I were in a very unsafe situation until we found Family Promise. They took us in when we had nowhere to go and completely surpassed my expectations about how they would help us. I was feeling really down about our situation and didn't know what to do, but the entire team and all the volunteers were filled with so much kindness. At first, I was just thankful to be safe and to have a place for us to breathe, but they helped us get a car, our own home (which is really close to my work and my son's school), and even gave us a savings match when we graduated from the program. I have tears of joy as I write this." ~ Helen



"At a time when I felt alone and was homeless with my six children, Family Promise saved our lives. Not only was Family Promise a safe haven for my children, they provided us with a home and allowed me to be the best version of myself. The resources, support, direction, and tools their team provided were tremendously helpful. Everyone's encouraging smiles were always comforting, and knowing I could count on them for support to help figure out the next steps was the best experience a woman in my shoes could ask for. Some of my most difficult life decisions were made at Family Promise, and I'm forever grateful." ~ Jammee

In 2021, after achieving all her program goals, Rebecca and her daughter graduated from Family Promise. She has received multiple raises at her job during the past two years, and joined the Board of Directors this fall.

"When I graduated from Family promise, I was able to have the support and help with decisions I'd been struggling with. They helped me find my direction and helped my daughter to trust people again. Our lives are so different now and we're doing really well. Being on the board is a new experience, and I love our mission to help families move forward in life. I love Family Promise and am glad to be able to give back!" ~ Rebecca



"We were homeless with our newborn baby and teenager. Finding Family Promise was such a blessing because we were not separated. We stayed together and grew together as a family. The staff was always there, helping us when we needed it, and even pushed us when we needed that too. Their team was a huge help when it came to our kids, even getting them into summer programs so we could both work. The volunteers who came twice a week provided meals and spent time with us too, and it really showed that they cared about us. We're inspired to keep going and we feel like we have a big support system now." ~ Anna & Thomas

## SCAN TO DONATE

When you support Family Promise, you support hard-working families move from homelessness to self-sustainability. Donors more than 70 ½ years old making direct contributions from an IRA have the opportunity to receive a special tax advantage without the need to itemize deductions. Contact your tax advisor or Family Promise for more details.



# YOUR GIFT, OUR PROMISE

Help us change the lives of children and parents experiencing homelessness in our community



\$20,000

Sponsors one bedroom for the entire year, moving four families from homelessness to self-sustainability



\$5,000

Sponsors one family experiencing homelessness with 90 days of safe shelter and accountability



\$1,250

Sponsors one child experiencing homelessness with 90 days of safe shelter and parental support



\$750

Provides a guest family with a savings match upon program graduation



\$500

Supplies emergency needs for a guest family when first entering the Promise House

All contributions are 100% tax deductible. Learn more online  
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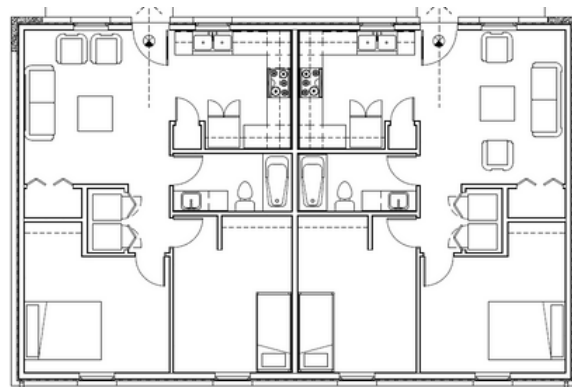


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H O M E S



### Eight Transitional Homes

Increases the number of families served onsite from 7 to 15  
 Short-term housing for families achieving all program goals  
 \$1.9 million project | Spring 2024 – Summer 2025




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#### Increased Capacity

114% more children & parents served in the Guest Shelter, 31% more children & parents served overall



#### Total Investment

\$1.9 million builds 8 transitional homes (\$150,000 each) and completes the entire campus



#### Home Sizes

Each 800 sqft home includes two bedrooms, kitchenette, small living, bathroom, and laundry



#### Continued Services

Parents receive continued case management, and children still play on playground & basketball court



#### Family Success

Families live in the Promise Homes temporarily before graduating into their own homes, long-term