



# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



Family Promise<sup>®</sup>  
of the Mid-Willamette Valley  
*Interfaith Hospitality Network*

# Director's Message



This May, we will celebrate our 20th year of collaboratively serving families experiencing homelessness. Those early years were a time of trailblazing; of forging paths of change that became the foundation of our work today. In 1999, the idea of homeless families sleeping in their place of worship was radical and new to many congregants. Ideas like this can be met with resistance, but gradually, we embraced this new idea and grew a community where those with resources and those in need join hands and delight in the blessings they provide to one and other.

It's heartbreaking that no matter how many lives are changed or how big of a network we build, the tragedy of family homelessness continues in the Mid-Valley. The economy and housing market in our community continue to change in ways that often leave behind our neighbors who are most in need. We realize the work we have done so far has made a dramatic impact on the families we serve, but understand it's not enough. We need to be a leader on creative endeavors that further move the needle to end homelessness in our community.

As we move into our third decade of service, we see that the core of what we do, the Interfaith Hospitality Network program, is not the singular answer for all families in need of a safe place to sleep at night. When you dig into our annual report, you'll see your part in upgrading our community initiatives to include homeless prevention, long-term financial planning, ongoing follow-up case management, and expansion to transitional housing programs. These new and innovative programs complement and supplement the invaluable services already offered through the Interfaith Hospitality Network to better serve the changing dynamics of our community.

As we evolve and expand, I continue to be most thankful for people like you and the 2,000 other supporters of Family Promise. Your work dramatically changes lives and the impact you have on those you serve is immeasurable. You and the others who give your time, energy, and hospitality are the reason we are able to grow and do our best to ensure that every child has a place to call home.

T.J. Putman - Executive Director

# INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

**91%**  
**SUCCESS**  
**RATE**

THE CORE OF WHAT WE DO IS THE INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK. Nineteen congregations are Host Congregations, housing families nightly for a week at a time on a rotating schedule, providing meals and gracious hospitality. Twenty-three other congregations help support this effort or contribute to the program through financial support, partnering with host churches, and making other in-kind donations.

## FAMILY IMPACT

*The night before joining our Interfaith Hospitality Network program, Tamara and her children Quinn and Makenzie slept in their car. It was the first time the family had experienced homelessness and the nights in their car left them feeling scared and uncertain. On the family's first night sleeping in a church, Tamara was nearly in tears, knowing she and her children were safe. Tamara did not have family around, so feeling the hospitality of all the volunteers in the network gave her hope and renewed her spirits. It had been a while since she had felt that much support and encouragement.*



*It was actually a volunteer at a church who told Tamara about an apartment she had seen for rent. The very next day, she made her way to the office and turned in an application on the spot. The day Tamara was accepted, she and her children were elated! She was able to move out of the Network and into a home in just over 30 days. Since moving in, she has found employment and the kids have become best friends with their new neighbors.*



**CONGREGATIONS  
HELPED FAMILIES**



**13,167  
MEALS SERVED**



# Homeless Prevention





HOMELESS PREVENTION IS THERE TO ASSIST FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT YET BECOME HOMELESS BUT ARE IN CRISIS. This program provides one-time financial assistance to families who are facing circumstances that prevent them from paying their rent. This program seeks to intervene before a family falls into the cycle of homelessness.

#### **FAMILY IMPACT**

*After his spouse unexpectedly left, Miguel was left as the sole provider for his two young children. Miguel was employed full time at a bank, but moving so abruptly to a single income left him short for rent. He had always had a steady job, so holding a 72 hour eviction notice in his hand was a new and terrifying experience. Not knowing what to do, Miguel reached out.*

*For less than \$400, Miguel and his children were able to sleep soundly at night, knowing their home would remain their home. We provided that assistance to Miguel a year ago as the first recipient of the program, and he and his children are still housed. Keeping a family out of homelessness with a one-time step in is not only cost effective; it's also the best way to keep children out of extreme poverty. Last year, the average cost to keep a family housed was just \$324 per household, and 100% of families served were able to maintain their home after a year.*

# Fresh Start





THE FRESH START RENTAL PROGRAM PROVIDES TEMPORARY RENTAL ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE THE FAMILIES WE SERVE ARE ABLE TO MOVE INTO THEIR OWN HOME, AND STAY THERE. Families take ownership of their future by finding a home they can afford long-term. Family Promise provides supportive services along with temporary rental assistance to break the cycle of homelessness and give families a 'fresh start.' In 2018, we expanded this program to provide support for refugee families and added a transitional housing component.

### FAMILY IMPACT

*When Liam and Crystal came to us, they were experiencing a lot of firsts. The couple was facing homelessness for the first time, looking for their first rental and getting ready to have their first baby. The young couple had both come from histories of instability, often bouncing around to different foster families, but they were determined to give their child a better life. They came to us hopeful that with our assistance, they could find a home before their baby arrived.*

*Liam and Crystal worked incredibly hard, applying for apartment after apartment until they finally were accepted to a home of their own. About a month later, they had their baby. Liam and Crystal were elated that they were able to bring home their baby into a safe, stable home because of our Fresh Start Rental Program.*



## Additional Programs

**1,765**  
**HELPED**  
**WITH INITIAL**  
**RESPONSE**

**THE INITIAL RESPONSE PROGRAM** provides an immediate response for families, regardless of whether they are a good fit for our program. We are available to help them through the crisis of what to do next by leveraging resources in our faith community or referring them to appropriate community services. We also work collaboratively to provide motel rooms so that a family never has to sleep outside when the weather threatens their safety.



**249**  
**NIGHTS OF**  
**SHELTER**  
**FOR PETS**

**PETS WITH A PROMISE** is a partnership that created an on-site facility for homeless families to keep their pets while working toward a sustainable home. The family is involved with caring for their pet and able to keep their family – including four-legged members – together during this difficult time.

**49**  
**WEEKLY**  
**CLASSES**

**LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM** is a weekly class with regular case management and follow-up meetings. We empower adult guests with the knowledge and skills to set goals and make great life choices. Our classes include: Parenting, Budgeting, CPR/First Aid, How to be a Good Tenant, Credit Counseling, Conflict Resolution and Self-Care.



## PROVIDE A MEAL

If you like to cook or eat out, we need people who can prepare or purchase a meal for up to 14 people each night.



## SLEEP IN CHURCH

Share your amazing talents sleeping by staying overnight with our guest families (in your own private area) from 8:30 PM to 6AM.



## WORK PROJECTS

We always have projects that require someone who can do fun things like paint, landscape, or perform minor maintenance projects.



## GROUPS

Hands-on activities provide meaningful engagement for groups! It makes a difference in the lives of homeless children and their families. Whether you're a group of 3 or 300, we have an opportunity for you.



## PLAYTIME

Whether you're an adult or kid, we need people who like to play! We need volunteers to provide hospitality for a couple hours by doing fun things with our guests.

# Get Involved

Come make a dramatic difference in the life of a homeless child and their family, and see a change in yourself!

Families are the core of our program and we have opportunities for people of any age or skillset! If you can eat, play, cook, sleep or be hospitable, we have you covered! Your work with Family Promise meets the urgent need in our community and is desperately needed! Check out some of the opportunities and what might be a good fit. Having served thousands of volunteers, both individuals and groups, over the last 19 years, you're in good hands.

# 2018 By The Numbers



FAMILIES  
GRADUATED IHN



FAMILIES  
NO LONGER  
HOMELESS



79%

of the families could  
not be helped at  
other shelters



659

furniture items  
delivered

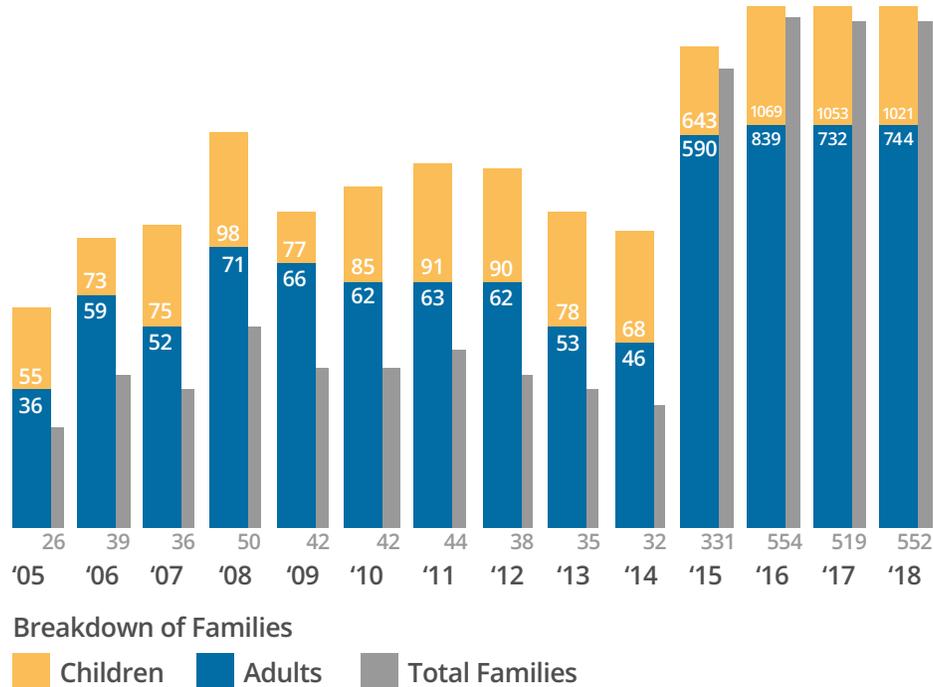


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nights of  
shelter

# The Last Several Years

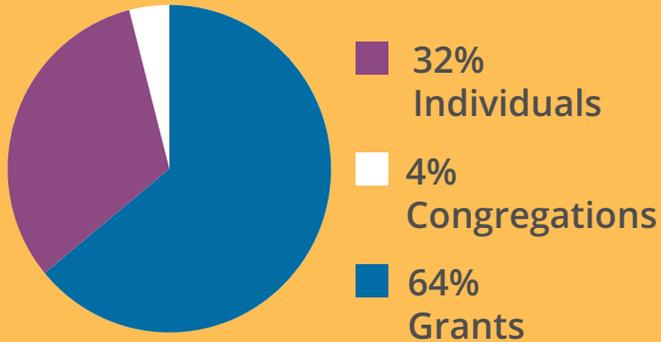
In 2015 and 2016 we added our Initial Response Program which provides emergency support, access to resources and case management for homeless families with children.



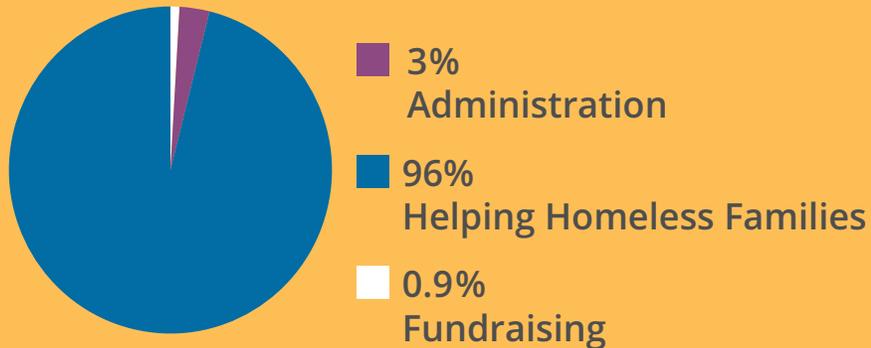
# Funding *in 2018*



## HOW WE'RE FUNDED



## HOW FUNDING IS USED



## Wish List

### BASIC NEEDS

- Plastic ziploc baggies
- Saran wrap and foil
- Diapers (sizes 4 & 5)
- Diaper Wipes
- Silverware & other small kitchen items
- New underwear (men's, women's & children's)

### FURNITURE NEEDS

- Twin beds
- Dressers
- Tables

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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T.J. Putman



## HOSTING CONGREGATIONS

First Christian Church  
*Holy Cross Lutheran*  
Our Savior's Lutheran  
*Queen of Peace Catholic Parish*  
St. Mark Lutheran  
*Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem*  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
*St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Parish*  
St. Edward Catholic Church  
*Salem First Presbyterian Church*  
Salem First Free Methodist Church  
*St. Paul's Episcopal Church*  
St. Joseph Catholic

*First United Methodist Church*  
First Congregational United  
Church of Christ  
*Christ's Church Monmouth*

## SUPPORTING CONGREGATIONS

Salem Alliance Church  
*First Church of Christ, Scientist*  
Calvary Baptist Church of Salem  
*Peace Lutheran Church*  
Temple Beth Sholom  
*Unity Church*  
Prince of Peace  
*Salem Mennonite Church*  
St. Timothy's Episcopal

## SOMA Church

St. John's Lutheran  
The Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-Day Saints:  
*Battlecreek, Brush Hills, Chapman Hill,  
Cooper Hollow, Eola Hills, Glen Creek*  
Monmouth 1st, Monmouth 3rd,  
Oakdale, and Perrydale wards  
*St. Hilda's Episcopal Church*  
St. Edward's Episcopal Church  
*Dallas First Presbyterian*  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
*Trinity Covenant Church*  
First Baptist Church of Independence



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We are congregations practicing hospitality to stand together against homelessness and to see lives changed; including our own.

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