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Our Vision

A community where every working family has a stable home and the means to create a better life.

Our Mission

Empower homeless working families to become self-sufficient by providing temporary housing and personalized support.

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Our Promise — Empowering Homeless Working Families to Become Self-sufficient

Low wages and a lack of affordable housing is a disastrous combination that is driving family homelessness.

Family Promise is the only organization in Bergen County solely dedicated to providing shelter and support to working families who become homeless. Since 1986, we have sheltered thousands of adults and children, adapting to their changing needs by creating programs to help them reach their goal of true independence.

Our Promise to Families

Shelter Programs

Programs range from temporary shelter to ongoing support as families transition to permanent housing.

Family Promise Network

Homeless working families with dependent children are sheltered overnight at local congregations, with volunteers providing encouragement and meals in a safe, welcoming environment. With the help of family case managers, families explore the issues that contributed to their homelessness and create a plan to address them.

New Leaf/New Life

Families needing additional time to address their personal, financial, and employment goals live in apartments subsidized by Family Promise. Close contact with family case managers is maintained as families assume a more independent living situation.

Home to Stay

Families leaving our sheltering programs are afforded continued case management, volunteer support, and limited financial assistance for a period of one year, as needed.

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Support Services

Steps to Success

Family Promise provides help with job training and educational advancement, giving parents the tools to compete for better paying jobs. Childcare and transportation subsidies remove common barriers to successful employment.

Financial Fitness

Financial literacy workshops equip families with the information necessary for effective money management. Budgeting, repairing and building credit, savings, tax preparation and insurance are covered.

Personal Empowerment

Families grow in knowledge and confidence by attending regularly scheduled workshops on a variety of topics. Examples include workplace readiness, health and wellness, positive parenting, and youth and adult literacy.

Camp Lots-of-Fun

Thirty children, ages 5 through 12, who are part of the Family Promise programs enjoy a two-week summer camp offering fun and attention in a restorative environment.



"Family Promise gave me hope. Now I know that I have the skills and confidence I need. My children and I will never be homeless again."

—Mother in Family Promise Network



"Family Promise helped us understand that just because we fell didn't mean we couldn't get up."

—Graduate of New Leaf/New Life

Our Promise to the Community

Hunger Relief

Walk-in Dinner

Every night of the year, volunteers from local congregations, businesses, organizations, and schools purchase, prepare, and serve dinner to approximately 125 people in need. Since the program's inception in 1991, Family Promise volunteers have served over 1.1 million meals.

Raising Awareness

Youth Council for the Homeless

Open to Bergen County high school students, this dynamic group meets monthly to organize ways to help those who are homeless. In turn, this program builds awareness of homelessness in the community.