

2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT



Thank you for being a part of Family Promise of Gallatin Valley! Because of your generosity, your prayers and your time, we have had yet another remarkable year as an organization.

Here at Family Promise, we are blessed to participate in a truly amazing community of people who continue to band together to help end homelessness, one family at a time. Those of you who attended our Celebrity Server event last spring might remember me speaking about how the ultimate solutions to homelessness and many other social problems must be personal. The only way we can truly lift people up and out of the cycles of poverty is by knowing the people we serve and compassionately guiding them through their unique challenges in relationship and community.

The journey out of homelessness into stability takes our families down a winding road full of obstacles and challenges. It's never easy. Many of the things we work together to help them overcome would be enough to pull any of us off course. Our families are resilient. Our families are committed. Through every challenge, they have a community of support, and through this community they are able to overcome.

Thank you for being this community.

I have witnessed so many of you stand up for our friends, our family. I have watched you make them a part of yours as you host them in your churches. I have seen you do so many incredible things to support them afterward when they still have tremendous obstacles, challenges and tragedy. On top of all of that, you have given generously to

create pathways for our families to obtain stable housing and exit the cycle of poverty.

I am astounded by your faithfulness as you support each one of our families. I hope that as you look through this past year's annual report that you see the reasons why I celebrate everything you have done for Family Promise of Gallatin Valley. I also believe you will see clearly the tremendous need to continue the work we are doing together.

With Sincerest Gratitude,



Matt Hudak, Board President



BECAUSE OF YOUR INVESTMENT



28 families received the help they needed, when they needed it. These families' lives were transformed and their journey towards self-sustainability have been realized through shelter, aftercare, and transitional housing programs only Family Promise can provide.

Our focus is to create lasting solutions for those families who are willing to work hard to improve their situation.

Thank you for your support, be it time, financial support, dropping off supplies, or offering guidance and encouragement to families.



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

After completing an intake with our Case Manager, families begin the daily routine in our IHN shelter program where they stay in one church for a week, then move on to the next church, and so on. Families can stay within the rotational shelter program up to 90 days. During this time, they are required to work full time, begin budgeting and paying off debts, and meet with the Case Manager weekly.

A typical day in the shelter program is not an easy routine. A normal day starts around 6:00 am, as families need to wake their children, get dressed, and leave the church by 7:30 am to go to work, school, or back to the Day Center. Here at the Day Center parents can job search and meet with the Case Manager, kids can catch the school bus, and families can have a little piece of normalcy. By 3:30 pm kids are back from school and families are getting ready to go back to the host church for dinner by 5:30.

When a family joins our shelter program, they must quickly adjust to life at Family Promise. They balance work and school schedules with case management appointments and meals at the church, all while searching for a home. They are able to do this with the support of our host and supporting congregations, and the volunteers who provide over 18,500 hours of service annually. By having such a large network of dedicated volunteers, families are enveloped by caring individuals who work tirelessly to ensure their success.



2,458
MEALS SERVED &
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



19
CHILDREN WERE SHELTERED



2
NEW PARTNER CHURCHES
(BEDROCK & MOSAIC CHAPEL)



71
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
(IN DAYS)



700+
VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED
MEALS & COMPANIONSHIP



107
NEW VOLUNTEERS TRAINED



60
% OF FAMILIES WERE
2 PARENT FAMILIES



MOVING MOUNTAINS AFTER CARE

As families get closer to graduating from the IHN program, they may experience anxiety as well as excitement. The anticipation of being in their own home, with their own bed to sleep in, is rivaled by the fear of falling back on hard times and not having the safety net of staff and volunteers.

Our Moving Mountains Aftercare is dedicated to providing support and the safety net that families need. Whether it's assisting with housing applications or finding a mental health counselor, Family Promise is committed to assist and navigate hurdles families face in their journey to self-sufficiency and independence.

We remain focused on helping families engage in the local community and celebrate their successes and achievements.



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FAMILY CELEBRATED THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER



14

PARENTS ENTERED BUDGETING CLASSES



5

PARENTS RECEIVED PROMOTIONS & RAISES AT WORK



6

KIDS MAINTAINED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



1

DAD IS CURRENTLY PURSUING A COLLEGE DEGREE



1

MOM COMPLETELY PAID OFF HER DEBT

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



7

FAMILIES IN
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

2

FAMILIES MOVED INTO
PERMANENT HOUSING

1

ADDITIONAL UNIT ADDED THIS
YEAR (CANTERBURY HOUSE)

Our Transitional Housing program began with one small apartment below the Day Center and has transformed into seven units strong providing a place where graduated families can call home. The Gallatin Valley's housing market is tight, and even the most successful families in town need to be at the top of their game to find a rental. Families need to prove stable income, good credit scores and good rental histories. Unfortunately, many of our families lack all these important attributes. This is where our Transitional Housing program makes all the difference in our families' lives. Transitional housing provides families with the opportunity to stay in our housing for up to two years while following a graduated rental plan. They start off by paying a below market rate, with rental increases every six months over the length of their stay. This gives families the opportunity to establish savings, pay off debts and improve their credit, while creating a positive rental history.

Family Promise continues to take significant advances to offer more transitional housing in the future.



DID YOU KNOW?

In 2018, HUD's Point-in-Time survey identified 1,052 households as homeless or in transitional housing in the state of Montana. Of those households, 239 were individual children under the age of 18. Family Promise of Gallatin Valley alone assisted 19 children, 12 of which were under the age of 5 years old by providing shelter and stability.



416

INDIVIDUALS NETWORKED
WITH COMMUNITY RESOURCES

SERVICE NAVIGATION

Family Promise is oftentimes the first call families make when facing homelessness. Whether it's a loss of a job, a medical emergency, or a notice of eviction, families reach out for advice and need help navigating community resources.

As an experienced community member, our Case Manager is able to problem solve with compassion for each individual that contacts Family Promise. Regardless of whether a family is homeless, in jeopardy of losing their home, or just struggling financially, our Case Manager works to connect them with the help they need.



IN MEMORIAL

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley is picking up the pieces after our beloved Chance passed away in a drowning accident while camping with family late this summer. Our staff, volunteers, families and the rest of the community were shaken for the second time in 2 ½ years with news that we had lost yet another child to a drowning. While we will never know why Chance was taken from us, what I do know for sure, is the imprint he left on our hearts. The look of his utmost excitement when he asked me to come out not once, but at least four times, to watch him after he learned to ride his bike without training wheels. His look of pride as he showed me his new shoes and jeans for his upcoming first day of Kindergarten and the look of sincerity as he handed me a plastic ring and asked me to marry him. Chance was a child of love, of innocence and of promise. While our hearts are broken, we will carry his legacy in the upcoming work we do with families.

What many of you may not know is how trauma so intensely affects the brain and its ability to reason, cope and handle emotions, not only during the grieving period, but well into the future. Did you also know homelessness is very much considered a traumatic experience? We have some exciting program expansion coming in the next year to include mental health, trainings on trauma and grief and some new relationships to ensure our families get to enjoy what our community has to offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kara Meier



OTHER PROGRAMS



TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS



750

NOTEBOOKS
COLLECTED



250

STUDENTS IN GALLATIN
COUNTY WERE EQUIPPED
WITH SCHOOLS SUPPLIES &
BACKPACKS



5000+

CRAYONS
DISTRIBUTED

WHEELS TO WORK



4

VEHICLES DONATED
TO FAMILIES



100

PERCENT OF FAMILIES
ABLE TO GET CURRENT ON
VEHICLE REGISTRATION
AND INSURANCE



1

DAD GOT HIS
DRIVER'S LICENSE

GET INVOLVED



DONATE A VEHICLE

We are looking for good,
reliable vehicles to
provide our families with
transportation to work,
school, and other activities.



ADOPT A FAMILY

Help make the holidays a little
brighter by adopting one of
our families for Christmas. No
beard required.



PROVIDE A MEAL

If you like to cook or like to
eat out, we need people
who can provide a meal for
up to 4 families each night.



WORK PROJECTS

We always have projects that
require painting, landscaping,
or minor maintenance.



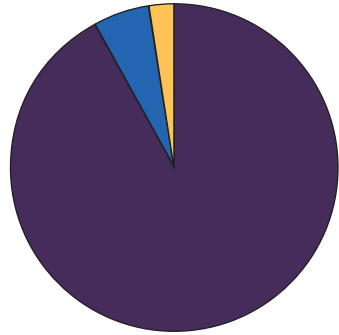
GROUPS

Hands-on activities provide
meaningful engagement for
groups! Whether you're a
group of 3 or 300, we have an
opportunity for you.

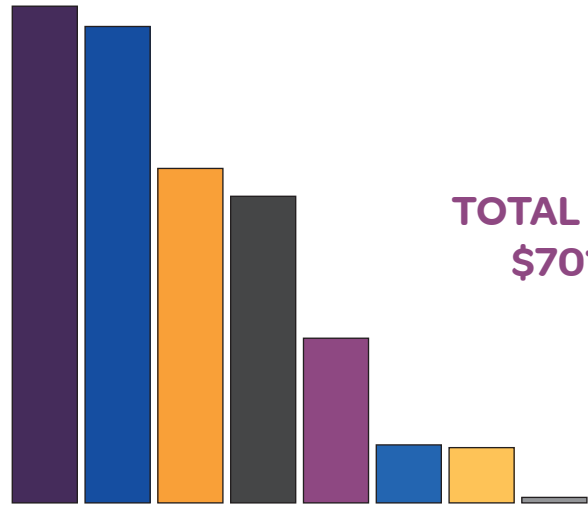
FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2018-2019



TOTAL EXPENSES
\$453,427



- PROGRAM
\$417,122
- ADMINISTRATION
\$25,043
- FUNDRAISING
\$11,262



TOTAL INCOME
\$701,047

- INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$183,303
- RESTRICTED FOR CAPITALIZED ASSETS
\$175,818
- GRANTS/FOUNDATIONS
\$123,483
- INVESTMENTS & OTHER
\$113,217
- EVENTS
\$60,886
- CONGREGATIONS
\$21,588
- RENTAL INCOME
\$20,550
- JULIANA'S FUND
\$2,202

WISH LIST

Diapers
Diaper Wipes
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

Detergent
Dish Soap
Towels
Cleaning Supplies



OUR TEAM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MERRILEE GLOVER, ACCOUNTANT

HOSTING CONGREGATIONS

BOZEMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOZEMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOZEMAN

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOURNEY CHURCH

MT. ELLIS - SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

BEDROCK CHURCH

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS BOZEMAN WARD

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS BELGRADE WARD

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF BOZEMAN

GRAND AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MOSAIC CHAPEL

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC PARISH

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF BOZEMAN



OUR MISSION:

**We Empower Homeless Families with Children to Achieve Self-sufficiency
through Partnerships, Services, and Advocacy**

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