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IMPACT REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LANNDHESE TALICE *Executive Director*

Dear Cherished Friends of Family Promise,

As we close another year at Family Promise of Greater Washington County, I reflect not just on our accomplishments but on the future we are building together. Our work isn't about quick fixes—it's about lasting change. Families who come to us in crisis leave with the tools, stability, and support they need to thrive.

Homelessness is more than housing; it's about economic mobility, health equity, and opportunity. To truly break the cycle, we must address root causes. That's why we are committed to holistic solutions that create not just relief, but pathways to independence.

In 2024, we took a transformational step with the grand opening of the Hillsboro House Shelter. But shelter alone isn't enough.

In 2025, we are scaling our impact by:

- Expanding Prevention & Housing Stability Programs through increased investment in rental assistance, financial literacy, and workforce development.
- Strengthening Community Partnerships by collaborating with businesses, policymakers, and advocacy groups to drive systemic change.



- Investing in Organizational Resilience through new fundraising initiatives, expanded volunteer programs, and long-term sustainability planning.

At Family Promise, progress is measured in lives changed. Every family that secures stable housing brings us closer to a future where homelessness is no longer an accepted reality.

Your continued investment fuels this work. Together, we are not just responding to homelessness—we are preventing it. We are changing the system. We are building hope. We invite you to continue this journey with us, one family at a time.

With gratitude and warmth,
Lanndhese Talice

HOME Sweet HILLSBORO

Family Promise of Greater Washington County (FPGWC) is thrilled to announce the grand opening of the newly renovated Hillsboro Family Shelter, a transformative space dedicated to providing emergency shelter and vital services to families experiencing homelessness. This momentous achievement marks a significant milestone in our mission to support families in crisis and help them transition to stable, independent lives.

With the unwavering support of this community, the Hillsboro Family Shelter has undergone a complete renovation to create a safe, welcoming, and fully functional space for families experiencing homelessness. This project would not have been possible without the inspiring commitment of our volunteers, community partners, staff, and generous donors.

Through collective effort and determination, we have transformed this historic facility into a multi-family emergency shelter that will serve some families working hard to get back on their feet.

The journey to this grand opening was not without its challenges. Originally gifted to Family Promise in 1999, the property initially served as a day shelter. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our organization pivoted to motel-based sheltering and began reimagining this space as a permanent, multi-family emergency shelter.



With funding from the American Rescue Plan, the City of Hillsboro's Community Development Block Grant, and generous contributions from partners such as IKEA and Intel, the renovation process took shape. The extensive upgrades included a total kitchen remodel, new appliances, ADA accessibility improvements, security enhancements, and the installation of new flooring, bathrooms, and a laundry facility.

This new facility will provide not just a safe place to sleep, but also wraparound support services including case management, life skills training, and employment assistance. Families who enter our program will receive the resources and guidance needed to regain stability and work towards a brighter future. Our impact speaks for itself: with a 98% success rate in helping families transition to permanent housing, we are committed to breaking the cycle of homelessness. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who played a role in bringing this vision to life. Your generosity and dedication have made a lasting impact on the lives of countless families. As we celebrate this incredible achievement, we invite our community to continue supporting our mission—because together, we are the key to the house that hope built.





ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

A VISION OF HOME FOR ALL

Imagine a 4-year-old boy curled up in the backseat of a car, wrapped in a thin blanket. His mother, exhausted, whispers, “Goodnight, buddy, I love you,” as he clutches his favorite action figure. This heartbreaking reality is all too common in Washington County, Oregon—one that Family Promise of Greater Washington County (FPGWC) is committed to changing.

FPGWC provides sustainable solutions for families experiencing homelessness, addressing both immediate needs and long-term stability. Through a network of civic and faith-based organizations, volunteers, and staff, the organization offers emergency shelter, rental assistance, homelessness prevention, and case management. In 2024 alone, FPGWC helped over 200 families overcome financial instability, health challenges, and domestic violence to secure permanent housing.

Founded in 1995 as the Western Washington County Interfaith Hospitality Network, the organization became Family Promise Washington County in 2012. Recognizing a growing need in Beaverton, Family Promise of Beaverton was established in 2018.

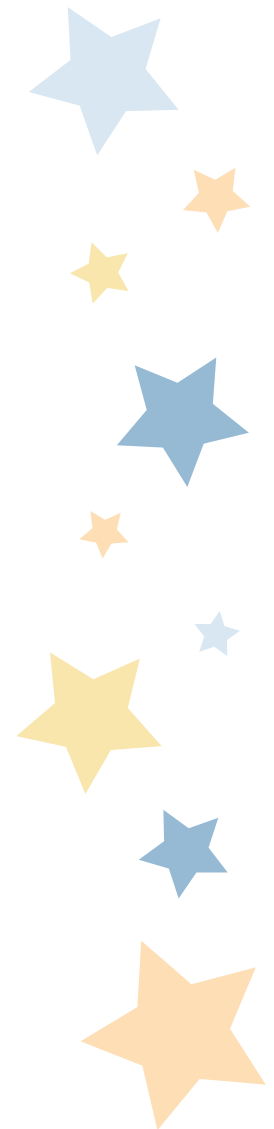
By May 1, 2021, these two organizations merged to form Family Promise of Greater Washington County, expanding services for children and families experiencing homelessness. Beaverton remains one of Oregon's hardest-hit areas for student homelessness, underscoring the critical importance of FPGWC's work.

Unlike many homelessness services that exclude families with children, FPGWC prioritizes their needs. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, donors, and staff, children can sleep in a safe home rather than on the streets. Supporters help families move into new homes, organize holiday donations, and foster dignity and community for those in crisis.

FPGWC tackles both immediate and systemic causes of homelessness. The Regional Long-Term Rental Assistance (RLRA) program offers up to 10 years of support, ensuring lasting stability.

Family homelessness in Washington County has risen by 53% since 2021, yet FPGWC remains steadfast in its mission. Your partnership is an investment in transformative change. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering, or advocacy, your support breaks the cycle of homelessness and strengthens the community.

Will you continue this journey to end family homelessness? Together, we can create lasting impact—one family at a time. Thank you for your generosity.



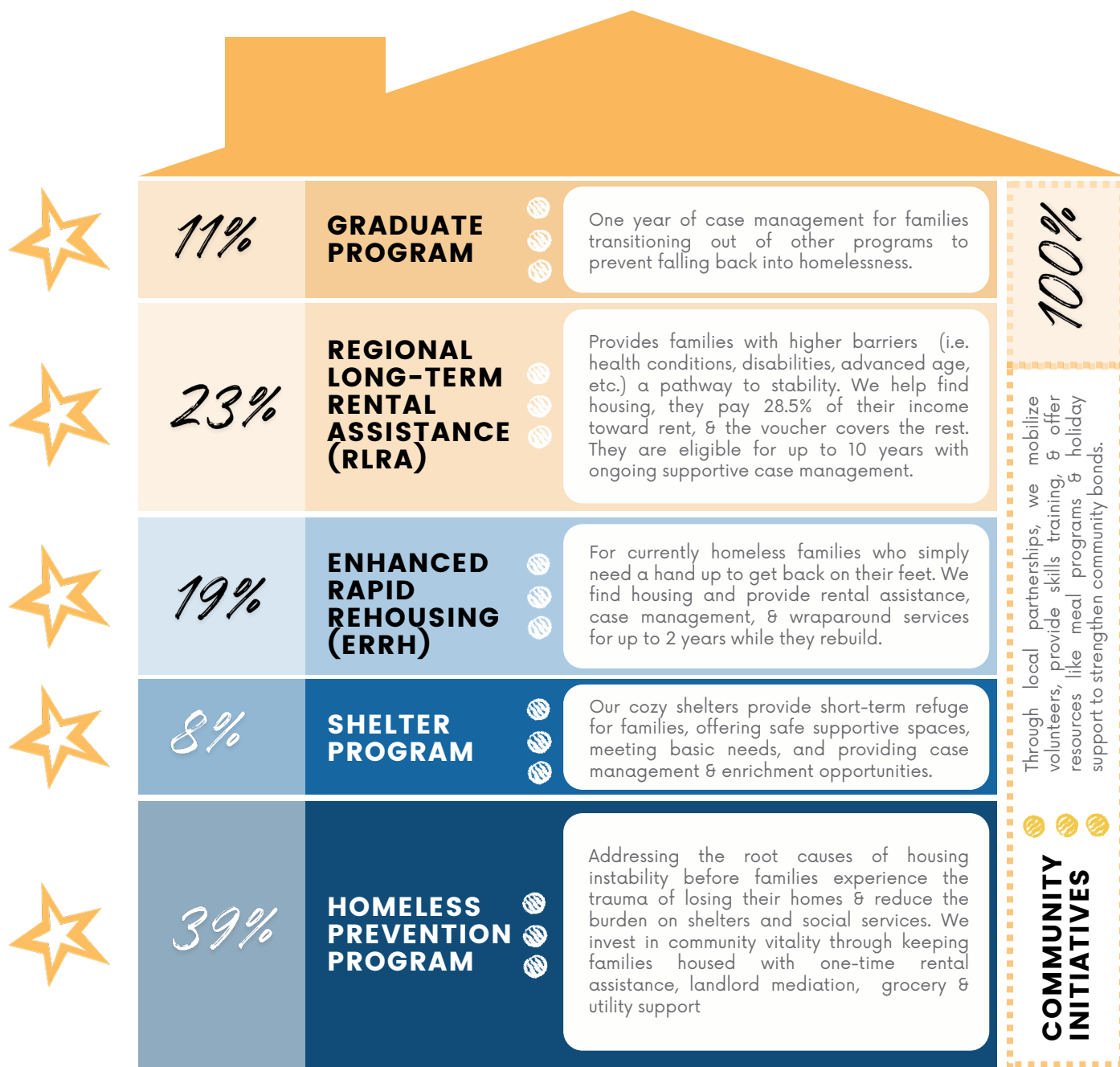
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PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Family Promise of Greater Washington County offers a comprehensive range of programs designed to end family homelessness & promote long-term stability. Each initiative described on page 4 addresses critical needs, combining immediate relief with sustained support.

While it may have been true 5 years ago that our primary offering was our family shelter, in recent years FPGWC has profoundly expanded our scope of services, meeting the unique needs of every family experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. While our family shelter locations in Beaverton & Hillsboro are still a pillar program offering, we also believe in working toward a community where families don't end up needing emergency shelter in the first place. As such, we now offer a variety of additional programs to meet the diverse range of needs our families face, allowing us to serve more families in Washington County and fight the root causes of homelessness more holistically.

Together, these programs and services have helped to provide a holistic approach to ending family homelessness, ensuring every child and parent can experience the dignity and stability of a secure home.





MEET OUR CLIENTS

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FROM GRIEF TO HOPE

WHITNEY'S JOURNEY OF RESILIENCE AND RENEWAL

When Whitney Rhodes came to Family Promise of Greater Washington County, she carried not only the burden of homelessness but also the grief of losing a loved one. This heartbreak left her and her three-year-old son without a stable home. Despite her pain, Whitney arrived determined to rebuild her life.

With support from Family Promise's Shelter in Beaverton, she took her first step forward, gaining acceptance into the Washington County Housing Authority's Enhanced Rapid Rehousing program. Securing a home was a major

milestone, but Whitney didn't stop there. She worked tirelessly to create a stable future for herself and her son.

Now in her own home, Whitney is focused on maintaining stability and building a strong foundation. Her resilience and determination are inspiring, demonstrating the strength it takes to rise from life's hardest moments.

Whitney's story is proof that, with support and perseverance, challenges can be overcome. As a case manager, I see firsthand that our clients are no different from the rest of us. They have faced life's hardest blows—loss, grief, and circumstances beyond their control. Homelessness isn't their identity; it's just a chapter in their story.

What sets them apart is their resilience, courage, and hope. Their journeys remind us that while anyone can fall, it's the act of rising again that defines us. These stories inspire others to believe, rebuild, and keep moving forward. With your support, we can continue walking alongside families like Whitney's, turning challenges into triumphs and ensuring everyone has a place to call home.





A HAND UP

JENNA'S STORY OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Jenna, a single mother of two, faced a crisis when she had to take time off work to care for her ailing mother. Falling behind on rent, she was suddenly at risk of eviction. Determined to keep her family safe, she applied for a rental assistance program, hoping to regain stability.

Thanks to the program's swift response, Jenna received clear guidance on the process. Just four days after submitting her application, she was approved. The program covered her overdue rent, preventing eviction and allowing her family to stay in their home.

With housing stability restored, Jenna could focus on her family's well-being and future. She is now pursuing career opportunities, creating a financial plan, and working toward lasting security for her children.

Jenna's story highlights the life-changing impact of timely housing support. By addressing her immediate crisis, the program became a stepping stone toward long-term stability. Families like Jenna's show how critical rental assistance is in helping people regain their footing.

Your support ensures that families facing temporary hardships can stay housed, rebuild, and contribute to their communities. Together, we can empower more families to overcome challenges and create brighter futures.





JEDI'S JOURNEY TO STABILITY

A STORY OF RESILIENCE AND SUPPORT

Jedi McGregor's journey to stability began amidst a series of unforeseen challenges. After leaving an abusive marriage, she found refuge renting a basement room—only to lose it when her friend needed emergency surgery. Soon after, her mother's financial struggles forced the sale of her home, leaving Jedi and her child without a place to stay. They lived in an RV for months, moving between state parks and

motels, but the financial strain made stability impossible. Realizing she needed help, Jedi turned to Family Promise of Greater Washington County, where she finally found the support to rebuild her life.

At Family Promise, Jedi worked with a case manager to address barriers that had kept her from securing housing. Despite immense hardships—escaping abuse, supporting a sick friend, and enduring housing instability—her resilience never wavered. Her long-standing commitment to sobriety, maintained for nearly eight years, played a crucial role in her success.

With Family Promise's support, Jedi saved money, regained independence, and after four months, moved into permanent housing. Now, she is focused on financial security and providing a stable future for her child.

Jedi's journey is a testament to the power of community and the impact of compassionate support. Families like hers prove that with guidance and determination, even the most daunting challenges can be overcome. Your support makes stories like Jedi's possible, ensuring a brighter future for all.



LOOKING AHEAD

A VISION FOR 2025

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REIMAGINING THE FAMILY SAFETY NET

A 2025 CALL TO ACTION

As we look ahead to 2025, Family Promise of Greater Washington County remains steadfast in our mission to support families experiencing homelessness. But today, more than ever, we need the help of our incredible FPGWC community; we need YOU! Across the nation and here in Oregon, the landscape of housing support is shifting. Government funds that once provided a critical safety net are increasingly uncertain, and programs that sustain the vulnerable families we serve (such as our Rapid Rehousing program) are facing funding gaps that will directly affect our work on the ground.

Federal housing assistance programs, including many of the programs that FPGWC receives funding through, are slated for significant budget shortfalls in 2025. For some of this funding, there is lingering uncertainty. For other funding programs though, including some of those that help to make FPGWC programs possible, 2025 cuts are a certainty. For these programs, it is not a question of if or even when cuts will occur, directly affecting the work we do on the ground. While reasons for these shifts vary, some of the most significant contributors are:

- Pandemic-era federal housing supports have ended



- Changes in Federal policy and budget priorities away from housing assistance & homelessness support services
- Budget shortfall, high levels of competing need, and shifts in housing strategy on State and local levels

With impending cuts and rapid administrative changes in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, thousands of families across the country could lose rental assistance, increasing the strain on local shelters and housing programs. Meanwhile, in Oregon, despite the state's ongoing commitment to addressing homelessness, local agencies like us are bracing for funding reductions and limit critical rental assistance programs.

However, even in the midst of swirling uncertainty, FPGWC refuses to let these challenges deter us. As one of only a handful of family-specific shelter and housing service nonprofits in Washington County, we must continue showing up for the children, parents, and caretakers in our community. That's why, rather than becoming paralyzed by fear, we are launching bold initiatives in 2025 to strengthen our support network and serve even more families in need. Our Journey to 50 commitment aims to permanently and sustainably house 50 new families, providing them with the stability they deserve. We are expanding our volunteer programs, enhancing our Beaverton & Hillsboro House Shelters, and ensuring financial sustainability through new collaborative fundraising efforts. Additionally, our staff's continued investment in technical assistance and capacity building will allow us to refine our programs and strengthen our impact for years to come, even as government funding may ebb and flow.

But, we cannot do this alone.!

In this moment of uncertainty, your generosity and dedication are more vital than ever. With your support—whether through volunteering, financial contributions, or advocacy—we can ensure that families in Washington County do not fall through the cracks. Together, we can build a future where every family has a place to call home.

Join us in making 2025 a year of transformation. Stand with us. Give with us. Build hope with us. Because when a family finds a home, our entire community grows stronger.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION &

donate today!

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Help a family move in

Participate in a fundraiser

Donate cans & bottles

Teach a special skill

Volunteer at special events

Donate cash and gift cards

Join the shelter meal train

Shelter cleanup

Sponsor a family

Follow us on social media

BECOME A 'PROMISE PROTECTOR!'

One of the most important ways that **YOU** can support struggling families who are working hard to get back on their feet is by **SCHEDULING A MONTHLY DONATION IN ANY AMOUNT!**

Help us protect the promise of a brighter future and a place to call home for every child and family in Washington County.

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THANK YOU!

*Our incredible and committed Board Members & Volunteers make
it possible to do the work of providing a sense of hope and
offering a hand up to families in crisis, together.*

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