

IMPACT REPORT



2024

Dear Friends and Supporters,

2024 was a year of **incredible growth, deepening impact, and continued commitment** to serving families facing homelessness with dignity and holistic care. Our focus remains on serving families intensively and sustainably, leading to **strong long-term success rates**. Even when families face new challenges, we continue to walk alongside them, providing the support they need to stay housed and move forward.

Last year, we served 343 families, including 933 children—each one met with compassion, tangible support, and a path to stability (not to mention the community to support families who encounter hurdles and barriers on that path). **We saw a 25.5% increase in total individuals served** compared to the previous year, despite the challenges of rising housing costs and economic uncertainty. Our model continues to prove that **community-driven solutions work**.

Because of your support—including volunteers who gave 21,620 hours of their time, as well as individuals, congregations, and businesses who rallied together behind this mission—**families not only found homes but built futures with stability and hope**.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to strengthening our holistic approach, expanding housing stabilization programs, and deepening our partnerships with community members and local leaders. **The need is great, but together, we can continue to make a lasting difference.**

Thank you for being part of this journey with us.
Your generosity and belief in this mission are changing lives every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Epp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Dawn Epp, Executive Director



OUR PROMISE: Community Impact

The Need

- ★ The average rent for a two bedroom apartment in Wichita, KS is \$1,004 per month, which equals **\$12,048** per year. A single parent working full time at minimum wage in Wichita earns only **\$15,080** per year.
- ★ Family Promise of Greater Wichita receives an average of **200 calls per month** from families experiencing housing insecurity. These families are seeking support to avoid or exit homelessness.

1,965

Children in USD 259
don't have a
permanent residence

The Impact We Made Together

- ★ In 2024, our transformative programs brought **343 families** hope and helped **933 children**.
- ★ FPGW Volunteers gave **21,620 collective hours** of their time to provide support for families.

1,372

individuals
impacted

A PROMISING STRATEGY FOR ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS



OUR PROMISE: Focused Support



Family homelessness comes with unique challenges that require specialized solutions.

Parents facing homelessness must navigate overwhelming barriers like finding affordable housing, securing reliable transportation, maintaining employment, and accessing affordable childcare—all while trying to keep their family safe and stable. At Family Promise of Greater Wichita, we understand these challenges and provide targeted support to help families overcome them. Here's how we walk alongside families on their journey to lasting stability:

- ★ **ADVOCATING** and mediating for families navigating complex challenges and programs
 - ★ **PREVENTING** evictions with financial assistance and partnership
 - ★ **SECURING** housing for families experiencing homelessness
 - ★ **ENSURING** families have support while addressing root causes of housing insecurity
-
- ★ **CONNECTING** families to long-term assistance and vital resources
 - ★ **PARTNERING** with landlords to help families find stable housing
 - ★ **COLLABORATING** with other organizations to expand options and enhance support
 - ★ **SUPPORTING** families through their housing search and move-in process
-
- ★ **PROVIDING** hands-on guidance from shelter to permanent housing
 - ★ **PERSONALIZING** plans for long-term stability and independence
 - ★ **OFFERING** crisis intervention and in-home case management
 - ★ **LEVERAGING** local, regional, and national resources for lasting family success



OUR PROGRAMS:

Homelessness *Prevention*



The Promise to help prevent children from experiencing homelessness.

Ending family homelessness isn't just about providing shelter—it's also about preventing families from losing their homes in the first place. Every day, we see how a sudden job loss, medical crisis, or unexpected expense can push a family into homelessness.

By offering proactive support—like rental assistance, financial coaching, and community resources—we can stop these crises from becoming catastrophes. Prevention isn't just compassionate; it's the most effective way to keep families housed and ensure that children grow up with stability, security, and hope.

Hope for Families Experiencing Housing Insecurity

Families at risk of either losing their home or having to enter a shelter, who are in a position to attain stability with a little bit of assistance and support, are met with tangible assistance, case management, and opportunities for future community with Family Promise of Greater Wichita.

2024 SUMMARY

202

Families avoided homelessness

\$139,090

Rental assistance paid to keep those families housed

\$254

the one-time cost per child to avoid homelessness

An FPGW Family Advocate had the honor of saying 'yes' to a single dad who qualified for rental assistance while doing everything he could to stay afloat.

Overcome with relief, dad broke down in tears, and the Advocate, moved by his gratitude, joined him in happy tears, saying, "Now you're making me cry!"

OUR PROGRAMS:

Crisis Intervention



The Promise to offer support and community during times of uncertainty and hardship.

When a family experiences homelessness, they need more than just a place to sleep—they need support, community, and a path forward. Through our shelter services program, Family Promise of Greater Wichita provides safe, temporary housing while helping families regain stability.

Our unique rotation model brings together a network of faith communities and volunteers who open their doors and hearts, offering meals, encouragement, and a true sense of belonging. This collaborative effort surrounds families with the support they need to move beyond crisis, rebuild their lives, and step into a future filled with hope and stability.

Hope for Families Experiencing Homelessness

Each family that seeks shelter with FPGW enters the flagship Rotation Program. Families with longer term barriers might eventually move into Bridge to Housing - a static shelter model - to make room for additional families in Rotation and be empowered to clear final hurdles to housing.

2024 SUMMARY

37

Families exited homelessness

130

Average days in shelter

“I enjoyed going to all of the different churches and meeting all the different people because sometimes you don’t know there’s so many amazing people in the world.”

-FPGW Shelter Graduate

OUR PROGRAMS:

Stability and Support



The Promise to continue with families on the road to stability.

Housing is just the beginning. At Family Promise of Greater Wichita, we know that long-term relationships and ongoing support are key to lasting stability.

Our stabilization program ensures that families have a trusted place to turn—even after they've secured housing—because life's challenges don't stop once they have a roof over their heads.

Through case management, financial coaching, peer support, and community connections, we walk alongside families for the long haul. Our proven model works because it's built on what every family needs: hope, encouragement, and a strong support system to lean on when life gets tough.

Hope for a Brighter Future

Ongoing support and community are offered to every family and their children. Shelter Graduates facing extra barriers to affordable housing might utilize the Almost Home transitional housing program as an opportunity for future sustainability.

2024 SUMMARY

72%

of Family Promise families have stayed in contact with our organization. Of those,

92%

are still stably housed.

"I'm just glad that after I leave, I will always have support.
Family Promise stays family."
-FPGW Shelter Graduate

OUR PROMISE: Changing the Story for Families


These stories from 2024 highlight the transformative impact of Family Promise's programs and the continued importance of collaboration, support, and small interventions in helping families achieve lasting stability.

One Shelter family found an **unconventional housing solution**, overcoming the typical barriers families face in securing stable housing. Through a partnership with several other agencies, FPGW was able to connect this family with positive living arrangements and a support system. This not only helped put a roof over their heads, but also sparked a meaningful conversation about the importance of working together to find innovative solutions for families experiencing homelessness. Their journey highlights how **collaboration can be a game-changer** for vulnerable families seeking stability.

A motivated mother with a **steady job** faced significant challenges in becoming stable. Though she had a good work ethic and was doing her best, **high transportation costs**—primarily spent on LYFT rides to daycare and work—were draining her finances. After a brief stay in our Rotation Shelter, she was able to move into our Bridge to Housing (BTH) program, where she began saving money and took a big step toward independence. With support from Family Promise, she received a “Keys for Success” vehicle, dramatically changing her ability to manage her life and work. This story is a testament to how **small interventions can lead to big, life-changing shifts** for families in need.

Sometimes, **the road to stability requires more than just a roof over your head**—it demands guidance and a holistic approach to overcoming barriers. One mom came to us through our rental assistance prevention program, seeking not just housing support but help with navigating the challenges holding her back. Over seven months of case management, we were able to help her **secure better employment, move out of a substandard living situation, and access resources to meet her family's needs**. With the support of our community partners, her children received clothing and she was able to furnish her new home with essential items. The most important change, however, was the newfound peace of mind she gained, allowing her to focus on her children and secure autism services for her son. **She is proud of her progress, and we are proud of her resilience and determination.**

For families who graduate from our shelter program, we know that **continued support is crucial to long-term success**. After reintegrating with her son and graduating from shelter, one mom received support for her phlebotomy class, which set her on the path to employment. Two and a half years later, she is still employed and stably housed. Recently, **a small misunderstanding about a utility bill put her at risk of eviction**, but with a \$100 intervention, we were able to prevent her from losing her home. This story demonstrates the **power of extended support and how a small gesture can make a world of difference in maintaining housing stability**.



OUR FINANCIAL PROMISE

At Family Promise of Greater Wichita, we manage our efforts with integrity and a deep commitment to the families we serve. Thanks to the growing support of our community, we invest more in families each year—tackling big challenges with bold action and unwavering hope.

While we work tirelessly to meet the needs of today, we also plan for the future, ensuring that Family Promise will always be here to walk alongside families in crisis. Every dollar entrusted to us is used to strengthen programs that create lasting stability and bring us closer to a future where no child experiences homelessness in Wichita.

True impact is measured in decades, not just a year.

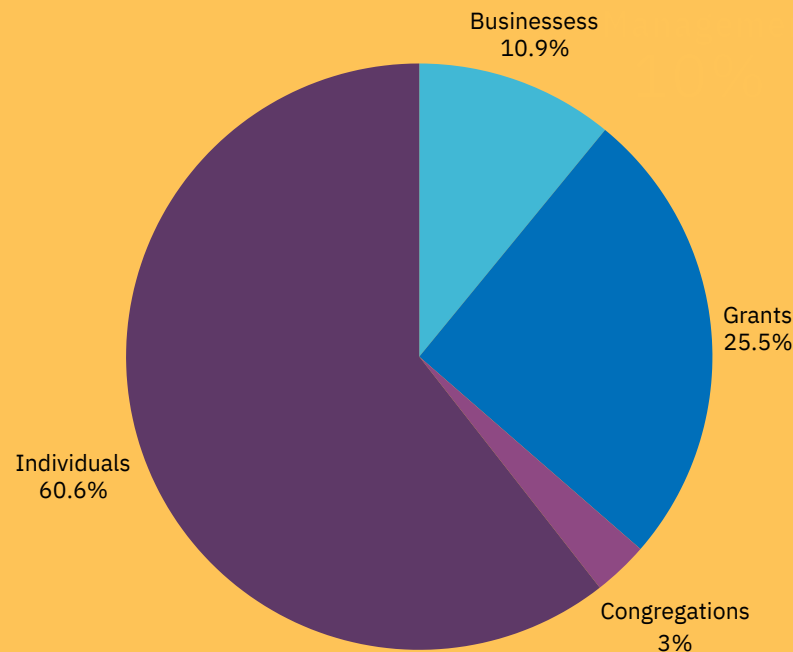
We don't believe in quick fixes—we believe in lasting change. That's why we go beyond temporary solutions, working alongside families to address the root causes of their housing crisis and build a foundation for long-term stability. The most powerful way to create lasting impact is by investing in people, equipping them with the tools and support they need to thrive.

But real, systemic change takes even deeper commitment. By advocating for solutions, strengthening our programs, expanding our reach, and empowering a dedicated team, we can transform lives and strengthen our community for generations to come.

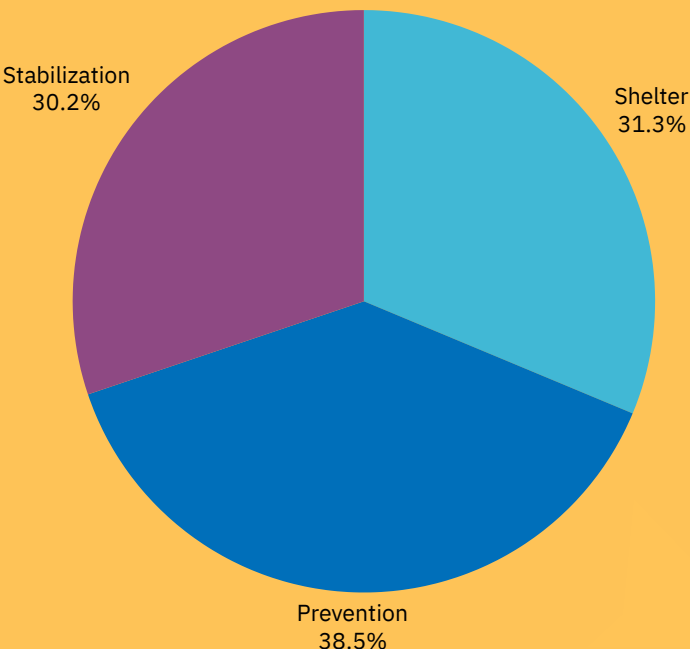
Thank you for believing in this work. We will always honor the trust you place in us—this is our **promise** to you.



REVENUE



EXPENSES



HOW YOU CAN HELP US

Keep the Promise



Volunteer

We offer individual, group, corporate, and family volunteering opportunities. These may be long-term, short-term, and one-time activities, and can even include child-friendly opportunities.

Some examples are:

- ★ Preparing a shelter space or home to welcome a family
- ★ Serving a meal or helping celebrate a graduation or birthday
- ★ Teaching financial literacy, resume-writing or interview prep
- ★ Hosting a donation drive of Wish List / Top Needs items
- ★ Joining a committee or team to support FPGW's mission
- ★ Participating in a "Done-in-a-Day" service project like gardening or organizing donations



Donate

- ★ Give through our website or by mailing a check
- ★ Donate from our Wish List / Top Needs
- ★ Gift your vehicle or part of your stock portfolio
- ★ Include Family Promise in your estate planning
- ★ Share your professional or personal expertise to help families and individuals in need



Matching Gifts

- ★ Select Family Promise as the recipient of your employer's matching gift program or ask your employer to add us to their list of approved organizations



Engage

- ★ Attend or sponsor a fundraising event
- ★ Join our Board of Directors or a board committee
- ★ Visit for a tour



Stay Connected

- ★ Join our email list
- ★ Like and follow us on social media and share our content

www.FamilyPromiseWichita.org

THANK YOU!

Faith Community Partnerships & Volunteer Network

Our **partner congregations** and **incredible network of volunteers** help ensure families have a **safe place to stay, nourishing meals, and a sense of community**. Their generosity goes beyond meeting basic needs—it **combats relational poverty** by surrounding families with **hope, connection, and support** during a challenging time.

We are **deeply grateful** for the unwavering **kindness and hospitality** of our partner congregations and volunteers. **Your commitment makes a lasting difference!**

ROTATION HOST CONGREGATIONS:

- Haysville Christian Church
- Haysville United Methodist Church
- Hope Mennonite Church
- Northridge Friends Church
- Pathway Church
- Reformation Lutheran Church
- Reliance Community Church
- Riverside Christian Church
- St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church
- Tyler Road Southern Baptist Church
- University Friends Church
- West Heights United Methodist Church
- West Ridge Community Church

ROTATION SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS:

- Aldersgate United Methodist
- Central Community Church
- Crossroads Friends Church
- First Presbyterian Church - Derby
- North Heights Christian Church
- True Life Church

ADDITIONAL PARTNER CONGREGATIONS:

- College Hill United Methodist Church
- Cross Road Fellowship Bible Church
- Covenant Presbyterian Church
- East Heights United Methodist Church
- First United Methodist Church
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
- New Life Covenant Church
- Ridgepoint Church
- South Rock Christian Church



2024

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Connor Cross
Syndeo HRO

VICE PRESIDENT

Alan Corliss
INTRUST Wealth

SECRETARY

Norma Mitchell
American Red Cross

Camera McCafferty
Syndeo HRO

TREASURER

Heather Petty
Jajo

GOVERNANCE

Tayler Miles
Community Volunteer

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Officer Alex Avendano
Wichita Police Department

Christina Beard
Professional Engineering Consultants

Clemente Bobadilla-Reyes
JP Morgan & Chase

Stephenie Higgins
FPGW Graduate, Community Volunteer

Corinne Horsch
Koch

Jenn Lopez
Wichita State University

Tiara Metan
Discover H.E.R. Purpose

Jessica Timm
Patterson Legal Group

Officer Nate Schwiethale
*WPD Homeless Outreach Team
Board Advisor*

You Can Make a Difference Too

Are you inspired to use your passion, skills, and expertise in the fight against homelessness?
As we continue to grow, we are actively seeking candidates to serve on our Board of Directors.

Our Board Members are:

- ★ DIVERSE with unique perspectives and life experiences
- ★ EMPATHETIC in understanding the impact of homelessness
- ★ PASSIONATE about making change in their community
- ★ STRONG ADVOCATES and the voice for the voiceless

You will help us:

- ★ ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY EVENTS
- ★ EXPAND OUR NETWORK
- ★ IMPACT LIVES
- ★ SHAPE THE FUTURE
- ★ SUPPORT OUR MEANINGFUL MISSION

Inspired?

Join us to collaborate with a diverse group of passionate business and community leaders, all working toward a brighter future. If interested, please contact the Family Promise team at office@familypromisewichita.org.



MISSION

Family Promise of Greater Wichita empowers families with children to overcome homelessness and housing insecurity through a holistic approach, community involvement, and sustainable solutions.

VISION

A stable home and bright future for every child in our community.

VALUES

In every step we take and decision we make, Family Promise of Greater Wichita will prioritize the following values:

Dignity + Relationship + Empowerment + Integrity + Versatility



WHO WE ARE

Family Promise of Greater Wichita has been serving local families since 2016, providing shelter, support, and solutions to end family homelessness.

As part of a nationwide network of Family Promise affiliates, we are connected to the nation's foremost organization addressing the crisis of family homelessness.

Through prevention, shelter, and stabilization programs, we walk alongside families on their journey to lasting stability—because every child deserves a home and a future filled with hope.

We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and our work is made possible through the generosity of our community.



**Family homelessness
is an urgent but often unseen
crisis in our community.**

**At Family Promise of Greater
Wichita, we believe every child
deserves a place to call home.
Through prevention, shelter, and
stabilization programs, we walk
alongside families on their journey
from crisis to stability.**

**Together, we can
end family homelessness—
one family, one promise at a time.**