



ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2023



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



“We are building a future story with each family.”

- Dawn Epp

Each number in our impact report represents a person, and behind every person is a unique story. Our commitment to delivering customized care has been the cornerstone of our success, allowing us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.

In 2023, Family Promise of Greater Wichita purchased a new building, marking a significant milestone in our journey towards growth and impact. As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the families we serve and for the support and dedication of our team, partners, and volunteers.

The purchase of our new building symbolizes not just a physical expansion, but also a commitment to our vision for the future. It provides us with the space and resources to continue innovating, dreaming, and building a brighter future for each of the families represented in this report and more throughout our community.

As we embark on this new chapter, I am filled with pride and optimism for what lies ahead. Together, we will continue to write a future story filled with hope, compassion, and transformation.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in our mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Epp". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dawn Epp
Executive Director
Family Promise of Greater Wichita

WHO WE ARE

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

Our vision is a stable home and a bright future for every child in our community.

Our Core Values are dignity, relationship, empowerment, integrity, and versatility.



We are a proud member of the Family Promise network.

OUR CORE AREAS OF SERVICE INCLUDE:



EMERGENCY SERVICES

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.



SHELTER SERVICES

For families currently 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.



STABILIZATION SERVICES

For families who have completed case management through Emergency or Shelter Service programs.

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.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023



1,087 individuals served
across all core programs



including 740 children



108 families spared the
trauma of homelessness
through prevention
programs



with an average one-time
cost of only \$267 per
child.



10,250 bed nights
provided by the faith
community and other
community partners.



2,428 individuals served
with at least a referral



BEHIND THE NUMBERS



EACH NUMBER TELLS A STORY

*Names changed for privacy

EMERGENCY SERVICES:

Brad*, a single dad raising two young children on his own, reached out to FPGW for assistance with rent. Brad worked for a major company in Wichita and had been laid off in July.

While Brad was rehired by the same company in August, this temporary loss of income caused him to fall behind on rent and the landlord put an eviction notice on his door.

The FPGW case manager completed a budget with Brad and, once he reestablished his income, he would have more than enough to cover all of his living expenses. With only one month of financial assistance, this family was able to stay in their housing and avoid the trauma of homelessness.

SHELTER SERVICES:

Adea*, a single mother with teenage children, found her family in need of shelter after a long road of tragedy and hardship.

Originally displaced by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Adea's family had spent almost two decades trying to find stability and safety. Through abuse, theft, health issues, and other struggles including unfair and unethical landlord practices and eventual eviction, Adea tried to stay strong for her children.

Seeking shelter with FPGW, Adea found a new strength and support system. Her family is now in transitional housing, reunited with their beloved pet who was fostered during their time in shelter, and see a bright future ahead of them.

STABILIZATION SERVICES:

Ellen*, a recent Shelter Services Graduate, found herself still struggling with transportation issues - a regular occurrence in our community.

FPGW case managers were able to pay for Ellen to go to driving school so that she was able to obtain a driver's license and get a vehicle for her and her large family.

This support - a part of the Keys for Success program - was able to help Ellen eliminate \$500 a month of Lyft/Uber costs, allowing her to invest her money toward eliminating debts and overcoming other barriers in order to take more steps toward sustainable independence.

STRATEGIC GROWTH

In 2022, Family Promise of Greater Wichita laid out a renewed Strategic Plan for the organization, including growth and policy improvements across all key programs. This Strategic Plan also included future plans for a Family Promise Campus in the heart of Wichita, making room for organizational stability and room for the FPGW mission to continue to grow in the way that it extends hope and dignity to families in our community.



A dream realized...A future secured.

In August of 2023, Family Promise of Greater Wichita purchased a building at 1111 N St Francis. This purchase, while sooner than the FPGW team could have dreamed, paved the way for significant improvements to the infrastructure of programs and efforts across our organization.

Over the Fall and Winter months, FPGW partnered with Hutton on small construction projects and with an incredible network of volunteers who helped paint, clean, build, and more. FPGW held a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at this new location after officially moving in January 2024.

Building Highlights

- Purchased and renovated with zero debt for FPGW
- Sweat equity of more than 1,500 volunteer hours before Open House
- Allows for individual spaces for each Guest family and confidential spaces for each staff member to hold case management and partner meetings
- Brings all core FPGW activities under one roof, including graduation celebrations, staff/board meetings, clothes closet, and life skills classes
- Large footprint and extra interior space, allowing room for growth and continued renovation as needed for program expansion
- Located in the heart of the highest poverty ZIP code in the state of Kansas





FAITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

HOST CONGREGATIONS

Colonial Heights Assembly of God
Haysville Christian Church
Haysville United Methodist Church
Hope Mennonite Church
Northridge Friends Church
Pathway Church (Westlink)
Reformation Lutheran Church
Reliance Community Church
Riverside Christian Church
St. Mary Orthodox Christian Church
Tyler Road Southern Baptist Church
West Heights United Methodist Church
West Ridge Community Church

SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS

Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Crossroads Friends Church
First Presbyterian Church Derby
True Life Church
University Friends Church





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EXECUTIVE BOARD

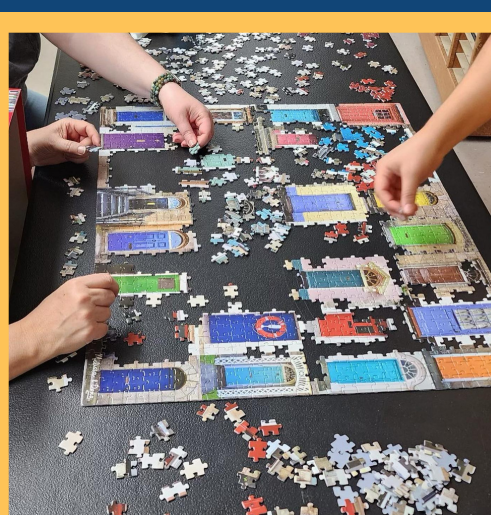
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MEMBERS AT LARGE

Officer Alex Avendano - Wichita Police Department
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STAFF TEAM

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