

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2025

 **Family
Promise**
of the Mid-Willamette Valley



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This year reminded me what truly makes Family Promise strong.

Earlier this year, I experienced a health issue that required me to take medical leave. While I stayed connected to the organization, I was not able to be present in the ways I am used to. Stepping back for health reasons was difficult, but it revealed the strength of the people and systems that carry this mission forward every day.

During that time, our staff continued the work with care and dedication. Families were supported, programs remained steady, and children continued to have safe places to sleep. The consistency and compassion shown by staff ensured stability for families, even during a moment of uncertainty behind the scenes.

Our Board of Directors also stepped in quickly with leadership and support. Board members provided clear

guidance and steady oversight, reinforcing the strength of our governance and their deep commitment to families with children.

Because of this shared leadership, Family Promise did not slow down. This year, we served more families and children than ever before. As you read through the highlights in this report, you will see what that collective effort made possible. Each number represents a real family, a parent working toward stability, and a child sleeping in a bed of their own.

This work only happens because you walk alongside us and alongside families during moments of uncertainty. Your support makes safety, dignity, and hope possible.

I returned to my role with deep gratitude. Thank you for believing in Family Promise and for being part of a community that shows up when it matters most.

— T.J. Putman
Executive Director

This impact is possible because you walk alongside families when it matters most.

ABOUT FamilyPromise

of the Mid-Willamette Valley

Family Promise exists because every child deserves a safe place to sleep and every parent deserves the chance to build a stable future. When families face the fear and uncertainty of losing their home, Family Promise steps in with practical help, steady support, and hope.

Through shelter, housing support, and ongoing guidance, Family Promise walks alongside families as they move from crisis to stability. Parents are met with respect and encouragement. Children are given safety, routine, and the chance to simply be kids. Each family's path is different, but the goal is always the same. A place to call home and the tools to stay there.

This work is possible because you choose to care. Volunteers open doors, donors provide resources, and community partners stand ready to help.

Together, your generosity creates real change, not just for one night, but for the long term.

Thanks to you, families are not defined by hardship. They are defined by strength, resilience, and the promise of a better future.

A **stable home** is the foundation for a **brighter future.**



2025
IMPACT
AT A
GLANCE



137
CHILDREN HAD
EMERGENCY
SHELTER

238
CHILDREN
AVOIDED
HOMELESSNESS


27
CHILDREN STAYED
OUT OF SHELTER

288
CHILDREN MOVED
TOWARD LASTING
HOUSING

 8
Congregations
hosted families

 482
Volunteers
helped families

 20,375
Nights of shelter
provided

 99.1%
Families
stayed housed.

 23
Pets got to stay
with their family

 258
Children avoided
homelessness

 764
People Served
in all programs

PREVENTION/DIVERSION

Eviction prevention and shelter diversion are among the most effective ways to address the crisis of family homelessness, which has long-term repercussions for children. By preventing this traumatic experience, families can focus on their immediate needs - housing and stability. Our Prevention Program provides families with the support and resources they need to remain in their homes while overcoming the challenges that threaten their housing security. In addition, shelter diversion services help families who have lost housing quickly regain stability and independence.

We are housed today because someone chose to help us.

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Children avoided homelessness

WHEN HOME WAS NOT LOST

Before connecting with Family Promise, life felt grim and uncertain for this family. Each night ended with the same heavy question hanging in the air. Would they be able to stay in their home, or would tomorrow bring an eviction notice that changed everything? Back due rent had piled up after an unexpected setback, and the threat of eviction made every day feel fragile. The fear of losing their home weighed on both the parents and their children.

Then, at exactly the right moment, they reached out for help. They called Family Promise and were connected quickly, before the situation became a crisis. Within days, they were surrounded by people who listened and acted with care. Being around the team regularly brought relief during a stressful time. Volunteers and staff offered steady support, reassurance, and practical help that made the family feel seen rather than judged.



The moment things began to change came when their caseworker stepped in with a plan. With help addressing the back due rent and clear communication with their landlord, the eviction was stopped. The family was able to stay in their home, keeping their children in familiar rooms and routines. What felt impossible only weeks earlier suddenly felt manageable.

Today, the family remains housed because of Family Promise. They stayed in their home through the holidays and were able to celebrate together without the fear of displacement.



SHELTER

Traditional shelters, which often separate family members by age or gender, can exacerbate the trauma of homelessness. At Family Promise, our Shelter Program is more than just a roof overhead. It's the first step to a new beginning. We prioritize keeping families together, which is critical for healing and long-term success. Through safe shelter, nutritious meals, and extensive case management, we help families lay the groundwork to rebuild their lives with hope and resilience.

60
FAMILIES HELPED
WITH SHELTER

SMART USE OF RESOURCES

By keeping families together and focused on stability from the start, time spent in shelter is shorter and outcomes are stronger. Support is targeted to what families actually need, reducing repeated crises and costly emergency responses. When parents can work, children can stay in school, and families can move quickly toward housing, dollars go further.



Before connecting with Family Promise, life was unstable and exhausting. The family moved from place to place, trying to get through each day. They were separated for a time. One parent stayed with two older children at an overnight shelter, while the younger children stayed elsewhere with family. There was simply no room for everyone to be together. It was winter, the nights were cold, and the uncertainty made everything harder.

The biggest barriers were work and transportation. At the time, a night shift job at McDonald's was the only option. Buses did not run during those hours, so getting to work meant paying for a taxi with the little money available. Eventually, the cost became impossible. Missed shifts led to losing the job, and the path forward felt even less clear.

While staying in shelter, things began to shift. A caseworker shared a list of local temp agencies, and calls were made one after another. That effort paid off with a connection to Petite Staffing. Soon after, a job offer came through while the family was staying at the motel shelter. It was a turning point. The shelter provided more than a roof. It provided peace of mind. Being able to leave for work knowing the children were safe made all the difference. The job started at \$17.15 an hour. With time and a change in management, that wage grew to more than \$22 an hour.

Today, the family is stable and together in a three bedroom duplex. Rent is paid, food is budgeted carefully, and routines feel possible again. Looking ahead, there is hope for graduation, for growth, and for a future the children will one day understand was built with love. The family wants you to know this. Your support gave them hope, a chance to work, and the belief that a better life was possible.

I want my kids
to know I did
everything I
could for them.

STABILIZATION

One of the toughest challenges families face today is a shortage of affordable housing. A child’s future begins at home, yet millions of families find themselves unable to secure a safe, affordable home connected to essential community resources. Family Promise’s Housing Program provides stable solutions for families facing homelessness. Through initiatives such as rapid rehousing, master leasing, refurbishing vacant properties, and other innovative approaches, Family Promise expands the availability of affordable housing in communities nationwide, ensuring families have a place to call home.



You gave me hope that I could make our lives better.

161
FAMILIES STAYED
HOUSED LAST YEAR

A PLACE TO BREATHE

Before connecting with Family Promise, life felt overwhelming and crowded. She and her children were staying with family in a three bedroom home shared by eleven people. They slept in the living room, were woken early each morning, and had no privacy or space to rest. Tension was constant, and even small moments turned into conflict. After leaving a domestic violence situation, she needed a safe place to heal and regain stability, but it felt impossible. She worried deeply about how the stress and uncertainty were affecting her children.

At the same time, she was working toward reunifying with her youngest child, who has very high needs. Balancing appointments, services, and daily care left her emotionally drained. Transportation and income were major barriers. Reliable childcare was hard to find, and housing requirements felt out of reach.

She was referred to Family Promise through community partners while seeking safe housing. From the first intake, she felt heard and supported, not judged. What helped most was having consistent people she could rely on. Caseworkers and mentors walked alongside her, offering guidance, encouragement, and someone to talk to when things felt heavy. Stable temporary housing gave her space to breathe and begin building routines. Support navigating her children’s needs and reunification steps helped her stay organized and grounded.

The turning point came as her confidence grew. She began to feel capable caring for her youngest child’s needs. Progress toward reunification brought hope. Daily life felt calmer, her children began to settle, and situations that once felt impossible became manageable. She was no longer doing it alone.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are at the heart of Family Promise. They show up with kindness, consistency, and care when families need it most. By offering time, skills, and presence, volunteers help parents regain stability and children feel safe. Every meal served, conversation shared, and shift covered strengthens families and builds a community where hope and belonging grow for everyone involved together here.

482
VOLUNTEERS HELPED
FAMILIES

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Mat Nyquist’s life has long been shaped by service. Over the years, he has given his time in many ways, from delivering Meals on Wheels to serving on church council. For decades, Family Promise has been one of the places where that commitment has taken root. Mat has served as a board member, a church coordinator, and an overnight host, quietly showing up whenever he was needed. Even after surviving colon and pancreatic cancer, Mat continues to find joy in life and purpose in helping others.

Mat became involved with Family Promise in 2005, encouraged by Pastor Doug Dobson. He went on to serve on the board of trustees, including two years as president, and coordinated volunteers at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He spent countless nights as an overnight host, often wearing his favorite shirt that read, “My pastor likes it when I sleep in church.” In the early days of the program, Mat remembers stopping downtown early in the morning to talk through ideas for improving services, driven by the belief that families deserved better solutions.

Family Promise resonated deeply with Mat because of its comprehensive approach. He appreciated that it served whole families and responded to trauma with care and dignity. With a background in behavioral therapy and years of work as a counselor, Mat brought professional insight alongside his faith. Family Promise became a way to put that faith into action, offering support beyond what his work alone could provide.

One memory continues to guide him. Years ago, during a heavy downpour, Mat saw a mother pushing a shopping cart filled with everything she owned while trying to protect her children from traffic. There was nothing he could do in that moment, but when the program later formed, he found a way to help families like hers. Over time, Mat has seen lives change, including volunteers who grew in compassion as they built real relationships. For Mat, Family Promise transforms lives on both sides of the door.



Family Promise
is how I put my
faith in action.



FINANCIAL REPORT

OUR 2025 TEAM



REVENUE		EXPENSES	
Government	\$XXX	Program	\$XXX
Foundations	\$XXX	Fundraising	\$XXX
Events & Fundraising	\$XXX	Administration	\$XXX
Individuals	\$XXX		\$XXX
In-kind	\$XXX		
Civic Groups & Congregations	\$XXX	TOTAL	
Corporations	\$XXX		
TOTAL	\$XXX		

KEY FAMILY PROMISE STAFF

Executive Director	T.J. Putman
Director of Family Services	Lindsay Savage
Program Manager	Doug Odell
Family Case Manager	Kailey Ogden-Sanchez
Family Cse Manager	Joseph Miletta

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dwayne Hilty, *Chair*
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We give because every family deserves a safe place to land and a real chance to rebuild.



BECAUSE EVERY CHILD DESERVES A PLACE TO CALL HOME

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