

“We are the face

of homelessness.

It could happen to anybody.

I've worked all my life.

I've been to college.

It happens sometimes

and it doesn't have anything

to do with who you are.”

- Family Promise Parent

Almost 40% of Kent County's
homeless population is families

Most of these families are just like ours,
but they haven't been able to overcome a
difficult situation such as job loss, medical
condition or fleeing an abusive situation.
That's where Family Promise – Interfaith
Hospitality Network can help.

“When I grow up,
I want to help kids
find a home.”

- Family Promise-IHN child, age 4



Assisting families facing a housing crisis

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We lost our
home but my
mommy told me
not to be afraid



Family Promise
will help us



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Family Promise-Interfaith Hospitality Network helps families in a housing crisis find a permanent place to live. By providing families with emergency housing, family advocacy and case management services, we help parents create a stable environment for their children.



It feels like home

From the moment a family enters our doors, they're filled with hope. They see a cozy apartment with a living room, kitchen and private bathroom. Kids are laughing as they play together. A mother prints her resume for an upcoming job interview while a father looks online for a new home for his family. Seeing this fills desperate parents with hope for a brighter future for themselves and their children.

I want to stay with my mommy and daddy

When a family loses its home, it is common for fathers to be separated from their families or older boys to be separated from their mothers.

Family Promise-IHN is one of two organizations in Grand Rapids that keeps families together during a housing crisis. With the help of 24 congregations and many volunteers, we're able to provide families with private bedrooms, meals, activities and community relationships seven nights a week. This allows families to regain their strength so they can overcome the issues that led to homelessness.



My family loves our new home

Even after families leave Family Promise-IHN, we remain in touch with them. We listen to their needs and connect them with community resources that will help meet those needs. By helping families establish these connections, we're creating a foundation for a long-term support network. This helps parents and their children see potential in themselves so they can be successful. This is the reason over 93% of our families have found permanent housing and 91% have maintained their independent housing for one year.

Since 1997, Family Promise of Grand Rapids has served over 1,400 children and 800 families through Interfaith Hospitality Network.



How to help families like mine



There are so many ways for you, your family, your church and your organization to help families at Family Promise-IHN.

We depend on the generosity of volunteers and donors to keep our ministry alive. Whatever way you can help, big or small, makes a difference in the lives of homeless children and their parents.

Make a financial gift

To help families facing a housing crisis, please consider making a financial gift to Family Promise. Visit www.FamilyPromiseGR.org/Donate to donate online or mail your gift to Family Promise of Grand Rapids.

Volunteer

- Make a meal
- Sleep overnight at a host site
- Play with kids
- Read books to children
- Do laundry
- Help families move
- Edit résumés

Donate

- Hygiene products: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.
- Baby products: formula, bottles, pacifiers, diapers, wipes, etc.
- Clothing: socks, undergarments, t-shirts
- Bus tickets or gas cards
- Gift cards for essentials: Walmart, Meijer, Family Dollar
- Medicine and first aid supplies
- New or gently used furniture and household products



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