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2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

As summer winds down and we approach the colder months, I would like to reflect on our work at Family Promise of Wake County. I'll soon be in my third year with this great organization. Even in my short time with Family Promise, I have witnessed and been a part of such a strong community. This community is comprised of dedicated staff, an amazing board, supportive congregations, passionate individuals, hard-working volunteers, complementary partner agencies, and many other influencers. This community comes together to serve and support families during the traumatic experience of homelessness. Because of the enormous support we receive from our extended community, our small staff is able to assist so many more families exit homelessness annually.

In addition to the families' stories inside, one of my favorite stories from the past year is about a single dad who was featured in one of our previous annual newsletters. Even after successfully graduating from our programs, we maintained contact with him through our Aftercare Program. At one point, he contacted us seeking assistance for a family member.

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Meet the Sasser-Weikert Family

Jessica Sasser knew life could be hard long before her family became homeless.

Both of her young sons spent months in the hospital as newborns while doctors worked to correct their congenital heart defects. Her partner, Chris Weikert, suffers from debilitating back problems. When the family lived in Hyde County, she worked full-time as an in-home caregiver and seasonally loading and unloading fishing boats at the dock.

When she lost her primary job, the family knew homelessness was imminent, so they set out to find a way they could all stay together.

“A lot of places were going to separate us and put the boys with Chris and me by myself,” she said. “We found Family Promise on Google. If you put in ‘keeping families together in shelters,’ Family Promise comes up.”

The family moved to Wake County, arriving the week before Christmas of last year, and spent nine weeks in Family Promise’s church-based Emergency Shelter Program before moving into the Transitional Housing Program. Within days of arriving, Jessica had a job in Apex as food coordinator at a mini-mart. Her boys, now 12 and 7, are happily in school, and she works a shift that gets her home in time to cook dinner favorites, like tacos or pork chops and mashed potatoes.

Jessica said the support they have received from Family Promise staff and volunteers since their arrival has made them feel cared for and safe, everything from being able to do laundry at the Family Promise day center to the warmth of reception from the church hosts.

“That really helped our family,” she said. “You don’t plan to become homeless. It was a shock. Everyone here has made it so that you are able to find work, you are able to have resources you didn’t know were there. They are here to help you.”

“If you try, they try.”

Jessica and Chris are saving money to eventually move into their own apartment closer to her work; meanwhile, they continue to participate in Family Promise trainings to help them build stability and security for their entire family.

“You have a safety net when you leave here,” Jessica said. “You still have your resources, you still have your case manager, all those are still there for you.”



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Meet the Hueston-Denkins Family

Two weeks after Tenesha Hueston and LeVar Denkins moved into the Family Promise Emergency Shelter Program with their five young children, Tenesha's kidneys began to fail. Over the last four months, that has meant dialysis three times a week in addition to a two-week hospital stay to stabilize her health. Tenesha credits the staff of Family Promise with going above and beyond the call to help her family, not just with housing but with the challenges of her illness.

"These people are amazing," she said. "Not only are they helping us with housing, they are helping us get everything together."

Training and resources available through Family Promise have translated into assistance with budgeting, health needs, transportation, and food.

"Everybody goes out of their way to help you get where you're going as long as they see you're doing what you need to," she said.

Tenesha's health has been poor since the birth of her now two-year-old, and she is unable to work. LeVar works long hours as a sous chef. When homelessness loomed, their first priority was to stay together as a family.

"We wouldn't make it apart," she said. "There are not many organizations out there that will help the entire family, but we are thankful."

Days when she has dialysis are hard, starting at 4:30 in the morning for her, followed by four hours at the treatment center near Garner.

Her children, who are 9, 8, 6, and 4 along with the two-year-old, know when mom isn't feeling well and try to help out.

"My kids are troopers. We're a family of troopers," she said.

The three-bedroom apartment they currently occupy in Family Promise's Transitional Housing Program is a great size for the family but not affordable for them in Raleigh. Once they are financially stable, Tenesha said they hope to look for something similar but outside the city.

"That's our goal, and they are helping us work toward that," she said.



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Volunteer Spotlight: *The Brewer Kids' Hot Cocoa Stand*

Mary Kathryn Brewer sits in the middle of three generations of Family Promise supporters.

Her parents were early proponents, volunteers, and board members of Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network, as Family Promise was known at its beginning.

More recently, she and her four children have used an annual tradition to raise money for Family Promise. Each December for eight years, the family has sold cocoa for a few hours from the driveway of their Raleigh home with the proceeds going to a local nonprofit. For the first three years, WIHN was the beneficiary, and Family Promise was the fortunate recipient this past year.

Mary Kathryn, her 12-year-old twins, Kate and Jack, 10-year-old Gracie, and 8-year-old Sam, draw in neighbors, school friends, and even the children's principal for a day always timed a week or two before Christmas. Folks donate what they can, with some contributions coming in online or by mail.

"We just say give what you want," Mary Kathryn said. She estimates the family has raised between \$14,000 and \$15,000 total for various local groups.

The cocoa itself is a delicious concoction slow cooked with milk and cream, then topped with marshmallows, whipped cream, and chocolate shavings.

The cocoa stand has a special meaning for her family. They enjoy the chance to work together on the project each year, and it has helped her children stay connected with what's important.

"I started it when they were little, and they were so focused on Santa. They were kind of losing the meaning of Christmas," she said. "They have learned that Christmas isn't about them and gifts. It's about compassion. They can make a difference in people's lives."

From the Executive Director

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Through casual conversation, we were able to determine that he, too, was on the verge of losing his housing and planned to move his family into a hotel that weekend. He was too proud to admit his need for our assistance once again. After speaking with him, we invited him back to our Transitional Housing Program – no questions asked – and were able to provide him with some additional stability to get him back on his feet. He graciously accepted, picked up his keys, and moved right in, avoiding another traumatic incident of homelessness for his family.

I know that you will enjoy the highlights featured in this Annual Report. I hope that you will commit to continuing to support Family Promise of Wake County, but I also challenge you to share our mission and our stories with others close to you. We cannot continue to increase our success rates without growing our community of support. Please help us spread the good works of Family Promise and encourage others to get involved. I cannot express enough gratitude to this community.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community.

Sincerely,
Danielle T. Butler, LCSW
Executive Director

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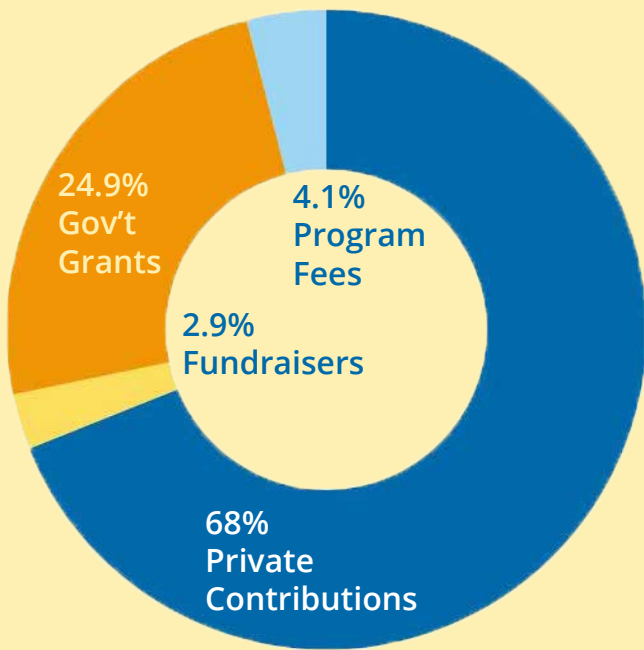
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RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Restarting Rapid Rehousing, which moves qualified families experiencing homelessness directly into permanent housing while still providing case management services to ensure families remain housed.
- Mentoring eight interns pursuing degrees in social work from local universities in 2017.
- Hiring a new team member, Ka'tiera Truett (2017), and promoting case manager Alissa Pritchett to lead case manager so we can continue to execute our programs as efficiently as possible
- Revamping our aftercare program to better meet our families' needs as they transition to permanent housing

OUR FUNDING SOURCES (2017)

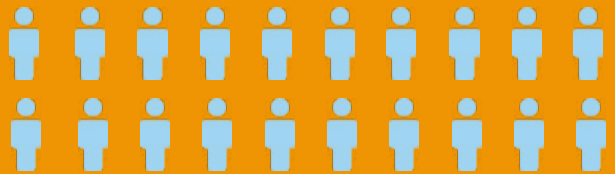


FAMILIES SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITIONED (2017)

From Emergency Shelter to Transitional or Permanent Housing



From Transitional Housing to Permanent Housing (Double the number from 2016!)



Successfully Remain in Rapid Rehousing



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- 88%** Program
- 8%** Management
- 4%** Fundraising

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