



# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

## 2023



“...I hope and believe that we can pave the way for stable, thriving families amid adversity through collaboration, funding, education, and innovative approaches.”

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of our community in addressing family homelessness in the Coastal Empire. Together, we have accomplished remarkable milestones and made significant strides in our mission to provide help, hope, and hospitality to those in need.

Since assuming the role of Executive Director in 2020, I have been privileged to witness the growth and impact of Family Promise of the Coastal Empire firsthand. Despite the challenges posed by the rising cost of living, particularly in housing, our organization has remained steadfast in our commitment to serving housing-insecure families in Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham counties.

As we embark on our third year as a unified organization covering over 2000 square miles, I am proud to report that our programs and initiatives continue to thrive. Our foundation, rooted in community and faith, serves as a beacon of hope for families facing homelessness. Through top-notch programs, training workshops, and unwavering support, we empower individuals to overcome obstacles and build a brighter future for themselves and their children.

I am continually inspired by the outpouring of support from our community. Whether through volunteering, engaging on social media, or offering words of encouragement, each act of kindness contributes to our collective efforts in uplifting families in need. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Looking ahead, I am confident that with your continued support, prayers, and donations, we will continue to pave the way for stable, thriving families amid adversity. Together, we can create a future where every family has a place to call home and the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Family Promise of the Coastal Empire. Your support is truly transformative and makes a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve.

### With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katrina Bostick". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Katrina Bostick, Executive Director  
Family Promise of the Coastal Empire

# ABOUT FAMILY PROMISE

Established in 1997, Family Promise of the Coastal Empire, formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Coastal Empire, stands as the premier regional nonprofit dedicated to addressing the pressing issue of family homelessness. Encompassing over 2,000 square miles across four counties (Bryan, Chatham, Effingham, and Liberty), our organization employs an innovative approach to combating homelessness by addressing a comprehensive range of factors contributing to poverty and housing insecurity. Through our programs, we prioritize keeping families intact while offering holistic services and support to help them secure and maintain housing, access vital resources, and achieve sustainable independence. Since our inception, we have proudly assisted over 10,000 individuals in our community.



## OUR AREAS OF SERVICE INCLUDE:



### PREVENTION PROGRAM

Prevention stands as a crucial strategy in combating the crisis of family homelessness. In 2023 alone, over 500 children and parents were shielded from the harrowing experience of homelessness, all thanks to Family Promise's proactive prevention program Pathway to Stability: Keeping Families Housed. This vital initiative offers essential resources such as case management, landlord mediation, and rental assistance, aiming to maintain housing stability for families and enable them to progress unhindered. Since its inception in 2016, Pathway to Stability: Keeping Families Housed has provided assistance to more than 4,000 families and households throughout the region, benefiting over 6,500 children in the process.



### SHORT-TERM HOUSING

Ensuring families stay together during times of housing crisis is paramount for long-term stability. Unlike traditional shelters that often separate family members, Family Promise provides safe, secure shelter where families can remain united as they strive for independence. With a housing success rate of approximately 87 percent, our short-term housing program has helped thousands of families transition to stable housing. In 2023 alone, we provided emergency short-term housing to 130 individuals, nearly 40 percent of whom included children under age six.



### STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Upon exiting Family Promise, families not only acquire the essential skills and resources for sustained success but also gain access to a dependable support network for as long as they require it. Our post-program support services are personalized to meet the unique needs and aspirations of each family. We provide assistance in various areas including housing stability, employment, education, transportation, community engagement, and health disparities. Additionally, we help families identify additional resources as needed. This ongoing support empowers them to achieve their goals, address the underlying causes of poverty, and attain self-sufficiency, fostering generational change.



## OUR IMPACT IN 2023



**716**  
individuals served



**303**  
families served



**243**  
households spared the trauma of homelessness through prevention/shelter programs



**130**  
individuals sheltered



**127**  
individual served through stabilization programs



**313**  
individuals served through prevention programs

# BEHIND THE NUMBERS



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## Meet The Moore Family

Their story began with a devastating house fire that left them displaced. While they found temporary shelter, the Moores needed more than just a place to stay; they needed a guiding hand through uncharted territory. Despite both parents being gainfully employed, connecting the necessary dots to secure permanent housing seemed insurmountable.

In their time of need, a referral from their church family opened the door to Family Promise. Our dedicated staff, led by Ms. Heather, sprang into action, offering unwavering support. The Moores had various challenges, from underemployment to childcare barriers - potential pitfalls that could have led to homelessness. Yet, with our staff walking alongside them, the family navigated these challenges and successfully connected the dots, securing permanent housing.

Reflecting on this transformative experience, Mrs. Moore expressed gratitude, saying, “I knew that shelter was an option, but because we had family, we felt it was better for us to save that space for a family that didn’t. Ms. Heather guided us through this crisis like we were family, and for that, I’m forever grateful.”

Family Promise’s diversion program played a crucial role, offering a temporary solution and comprehensive case management during their temporary stay while living with family. The Moores, like many families in our community, were able to weave together the threads of family and community support, ultimately triumphing over adversity.

Their story is a testament to the remarkable impact of our community coming together to uplift one another.

# BEHIND THE NUMBERS



“My time at Family Promise gave me hope and made me feel not alone. I didn’t know these kinds of programs even existed until I needed it. I’m so grateful for everything Family Promise has given me and my family to get back on my feet and provide the stability my children needed.”



## Meet The Medina Family

The Medina family’s story began with a desperate need for housing stability. After spending over 30 days living in their vehicles, they turned to the Family Promise Short-term housing program for support. Though they were part of our local community, an unexpected and substantial rent increase from \$1,750 to \$2,350 left them without a stable home. During that challenging month, the family experienced significant setbacks, with the mother losing her job, the children missing school, and the mother grappling with a growing sense of despair.

However, hope and transformation were on the horizon. In just three short days of entering the program, the mother secured a job that she genuinely loved, and the children returned to school, attending daily.

Ms. Medina was a force of determination, securing employment and childcare for her one-year-old within another three days. With the unwavering support of her Family Support Coordinator, the family found a new residence within just seven days of entering the program. By day nine, they triumphantly crossed the threshold into their new apartment.

The Medina family’s story is a testament to the power of community support and resilience in the face of adversity. They have not only found stability but have rekindled their hope for a brighter future, thanks to the assistance of Family Promise.



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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SPONSORS

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## FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

### REVENUE

Individuals	<b>\$327,735.55</b>
Churches	<b>\$93,409.56</b>
Fund Raisers	<b>\$4,189.06</b>
Corporate	<b>\$71,914.58</b>
Non-Profit Grants	<b>\$163,094.14</b>
Government	<b>\$178,529.90</b>
Other	<b>\$74,225.10</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$913,097.89</b>

### EXPENSES

Grants	<b>\$117,501.07</b>
Fund Raising	<b>\$11,061.98</b>
Management/ General	<b>\$806,830.16</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$935,393.21</b>





# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

PROGRAM IMPACT REPORT		PREVENTION PROGRAM*	DIVERSION PROGRAM	EMERGENCY SHORT-TERM HOUSING (IHN)	HOUSING STABILIZATION PROGRAM - AFTERCARE	TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM
DEMOGRAPHICS	Asian	6	0	0	0	0
	Biracial or Multiracial	37	12	12	13	0
	Black or African American	175	56	89	85	28
	Hispanic/Latino	9	8	5	9	10
	Non-Hispanic	304	79	125	118	42
	Native American or Alaska Native	3	0	0	0	0
	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
	White	92	19	29	29	10
	Other	**	0	0	0	14
FAMILY TYPES	Number of family units/households served	126	21	52	27	12
	Two-parent families (with children)	13	0	12	12	6
	Female-headed single parent families (with children)	71	15	31	12	6
	Male-headed single parent families (with children)	8	6	9	3	0
	Other/Undisclosed single parent families (with children)	**	0	0	**	**
	Family without children	34	**	**	**	**
	Average Family Size	2.48	4.14	2.5	4.7	4.33
	For how many of these families, was this their first encounter with homelessness?	**	17	35	**	**
INDIVIDUALS SERVED	Number of individuals served	313	87	130	127	**
	Number of Adults Served	129	21	44	47	18
	Total number of children (individuals under 18 years old)	184	66	86	80	34
	Number of children 5 and under	**	**	42	**	**


\*excluding UWCE Displacement Fund


**UNITED WAY OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE**  
Displacement Fund


 **\$129,089**  
DISBURSED

**113**  
APPLICATIONS PROCESSED 

**65**  
APPLICATIONS APPROVED

**167** TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED   
including

 **76 ADULTS**  
**93 CHILDREN**  
**65 FAMILIES**

 **53** COMPLETED FPCE NEW BEGINNINGS/  
CREDIT COUNSELING CONSUMER

**716**  
INDIVIDUALS SERVED 

 **303**  
FAMILIES SERVED

**52** IN THE SHELTER PROGRAM  **191** IN THE PREVENTION PROGRAM

**1,500** HOMELESS PREVENTION  **375** SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY HOUSING APPLICATIONS PROCESSED IN 2023

# VOLUNTEERS

From initiatives aimed at preventing homelessness to providing emergency shelter and supporting families through post-program stabilization, we stand alongside families at every stage of their journey toward lasting independence. However, none of this would be possible without the invaluable contribution of our volunteers. As a community-driven organization, volunteers are the heart of our mission. They come from civic organizations, congregations, corporations, schools, and individuals and families within the communities we serve. These dedicated volunteers generously offer their time and skills to assist families in need, helping them regain stability and security. Importantly, our volunteers remain a steadfast source of support even after families have transitioned out of our program.

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I volunteer because FP provides my church family with a way to show Christ's love while offering a sustainable remedy to homelessness among the families right here in my community. And I get to meet dynamic, passionate leaders.

Beth Pye - FPCE Volunteer

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# OUR CONGREGATIONS

## About Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) relies heavily on congregations for its mission, offering crucial support to families experiencing homelessness. Congregations provide safe shelter, emotional support, and assistance, embodying values of compassion and empathy. They offer meals, transportation, childcare, and advocacy, easing the burdens of homelessness and empowering families to rebuild their lives. Congregations also drive community engagement and advocate for systemic change to address homelessness. Their involvement underscores the program's success, fostering a support network that uplifts families in crisis and enriches community solidarity.

### IHN CONGREGATIONS

#### Housing Congregations

- First Baptist Church of Rincon - Bryan County
- Restoration Worship Center - Bryan County
- New Life Church - Bryan County
- Consume Church - Bryan County
- Emmanuel Christian Church - Bryan County
- New Life Church - Bryan County
- St Anne's Catholic Church - Bryan County
- Goshen United Methodist Church - Effingham County
- St Luke's Episcopal Church - Effingham County
- Compassion Christian - Effingham County

#### Stabilization Congregations

- Saint Elizabeth's Episcopal Church - Bryan County
- All Saints Episcopal Church - Chatham County
- Skidaway Island United Methodist Church - Chatham County
- St Peter's Episcopal Church - Chatham County
- Savannah Church of God - Chatham County
- Trinity United Methodist Church - Chatham County
- St Peter the Apostle Catholic Parish - Chatham County
- St John's Church - Chatham
- Christ Church Episcopal - Chatham County
- Laurel Hill Lutheran Church - Effingham County

#### Promise Congregations

- Isle of Hope United Methodist Church - Chatham County
- Wesley Monumental Methodist Church - Chatham County
- The Encounter Church - Effingham County
- Centerpoint Community Church - Effingham County

#### Prevention Congregations

- Richmond Hill United Methodist Church - Bryan County
- New Beginnings Community Church - Bryan County
- Richmond Hill Presbyterian - Bryan County
- First Baptist Church of Savannah - Chatham County
- First Presbyterian - Chatham County
- Greater Gaines Chapel AME Church - Chatham County
- St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church - Chatham County
- White Bluff Presbyterian - Chatham County
- Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church - Chatham County
- Trinity Chapel United Methodist Church - Chatham County
- St Michael Catholic Church - Chatham County
- All Saints Episcopal Church - Chatham County
- Wilmington Island United Methodist Church - Chatham County
- Guyton Christian Church - Effingham County
- Springfield United Methodist Church - Effingham County
- St Boniface Catholic Church - Effingham County
- Rincon United Methodist Church - Effingham County
- Goshen United Methodist Church - Effingham County
- Springfield First Baptist Church - Effingham County
- Rincon Church of God - Effingham County
- One Savior Church - Effingham County
- Rincon First Baptist Church - Effingham County

## IHN'S IMPACT



**37,926**  
Meals served

**16,880**  
Bed nights



**52**  
Families served



**86 total**  
Children served  
**42 under 5 years old**






**1,405** Volunteers prepared meals or helped house families throughout the year donating over **4,500** hours.





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