# **EARS** COUNTING



**2017 IMPACT REPORT** 

# 21 million + households

pay more than 50% of their income for housing.

# Family Promise of Morris County **2017 at-a-glance**

#### Providing essential services... and hope



#### Gathering & Distributing Resources

Mobilized more than **1,600** VOLUNTEERS and **80** CONGREGATIONS to serve over **1,000** INDIVIDUALS.

Providing a wide-array of SERVICES, SUPPORT AND COMPASSION including **75** BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACK PACKS, providing **248** FAMILIES HOLIDAY GIFTS, housed more than **40** CLIENTS, provided over **500** individuals with a MAILING ADDRESS and distributed **10,000** TOILETRY & ESSENTIALS KITS.

## **Building Community**

Building Community through COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS, VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT and a SHARED VISION TO END HOMELESSNESS. Managed nearly **\$1M** in IN-KIND DONATIONS.

# Changing Lives

More than **40%** OF CLIENTS SERVED in housing programs were children and we had a **94.5%** SUCCESS RATE of families and individuals maintaining housing. **91%** OF EVERY DOLLAR RECEIVED directly supports children and their families facing homelessness.



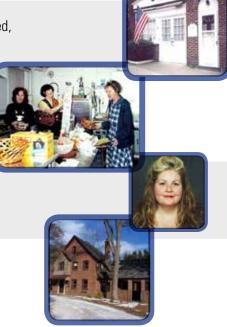


Family Promise of Morris County HELPING FAMILIES OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS

- 1986 The First Network is formed and the INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK opens in Union County.
- 1988 National expansion of Interfaith Network; FAMILY PROMISE OF MORRIS COUNTY is incorporated.
- **1991** Agency offices moved to First Baptist Church; Adopt-A-Family Program initiated, added first case manager to the team, expanding services.
- **2000** Moved operations to Martin Luther King Blvd. in Morristown.
- 2003 National Organization becomes FAMILY PROMISE.
- 2005 Joann Bjornson, LSW becomes Executive Director.
- 2006 Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Program begins.
- **2009** Morris County Awards Day Center facility to FPMC which continues to serve as headquarters in Morris County.
- 2012 Name change from Interfaith Council for Homeless Families to FAMILY PROMISE OF MORRIS COUNTY; PSH Program expands and is renamed to Community Support Program (CSP).
- 2013 CSP grows to include transitional housing ABIGAIL HOUSE accepts first residents.
- **2015** Grand Opening of OUR PROMISE expanded our services to include the needs of the chronically homeless, transient homeless, veterans, those exiting from jails and hospitals, and those who are precariously housed.
- **2015** Formed PetSmart partnership resulting in Pets with a Promise Program.
- 2016 KEYS TO HOUSING PROGRAM begins, offering housing vouchers, housing resource services, and landlord & tenant education.
- 2017 Beginning of SINGLE STOP PROGRAM.







## Family Promise of Morris County Mission & Values



#### **Our Mission**

Family Promise of Morris County mobilizes community resources and people to end the crisis of homelessness faced by Morris County families and individuals; providing a continuum of services leading to self-sufficiency.

#### **Vision for the Community**

Any Morris County resident facing the crisis of homelessness will have access to clean and safe short term and permanent housing options, and responsive and compassionate support that will provide a path to independence and self-sufficiency.



#### **Agency Values**

In everything we do, in every decision we make, Family Promise of Morris County will adhere to these values: The Right to self-determination of the people we serve; Non-judgmental attitude; Family first, regardless of family status; Empowerment vs. enabling; Mutual respect and integrity.

#### Background

Family Promise of Morris County is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization modeled after Family Promise (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network) started in Union County in 1986. This program has been replicated nationwide, involving 200,000 volunteers from over 200+ affiliates, serving over 825,000 FAMILY MEMBERS since its founding.



#### Who We Are

Family Promise of Morris County was created in 1988, in response to the growing number of homeless families in Morris County, NJ. We provide a continuum of programs and services to the community including shelter; a community support and outreach program, transitional housing for those impacted by domestic violence, a housing voucher program that consists of over 40 vouchers from various government sources, and a drop-in center in downtown Morristown.

#### Family Promise of Morris County 2017 in-kind donations

#### **Donated Occupancy = \$192,300**

- Shelter Sites
- Day Center/office space
- Our Promise Drop-In Center/office space
- Coordinators meetings, holiday party

#### Donated Services = \$572,802

- Weekly bed move and other services SLAP
- Client transportation Shuttle
- Staffing holiday party, volunteer dinner, events
- Partner Agencies Donated Staffing for Our Promise
- Western Pest Control Monthly Service
- Corporations landscaping, painting, maintenance
- Individuals landscaping, painting, maintenance
- Office volunteers administrative/facility
- Volunteer staffing at host sites

#### **Donated Supplies = \$215,696**

- Shelter Meals
- Partner Agencies clothes, furniture, household items
- Congregations furniture, household items, toiletries, gift cards
- Corporations wish list supplies, gift cards
- Community Groups wish list supplies, gift cards
- Individuals cars
- Individuals furniture, household items, computers, gift cards, office supplies, toiletries, clothes, diapers, and baby items
- Holiday presents civic groups, individuals, businesses, corporations
- Annual Dinner food, tricky tray items, photography





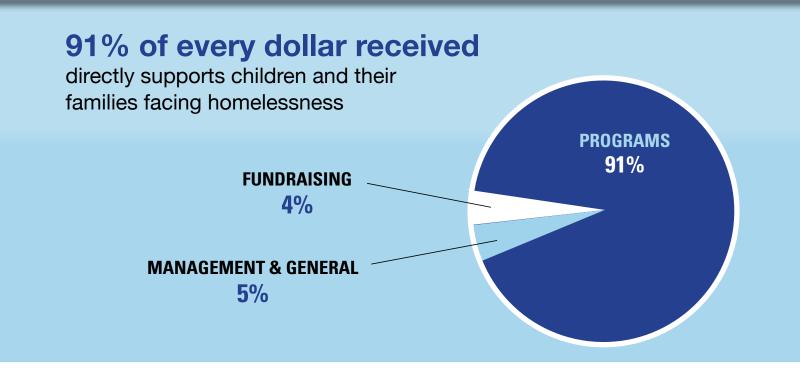


## Total = \$980,798

Family Promise of Morris County is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization.

Financial support has been provided, in part, by the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Family Promise of Morris County **2017 Expenses** 



# 46.7 million people +

in the U.S. live below the poverty line.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014

#### **Emergency Shelter Program (ESP)**

Unique in our approach, we currently utilize over 80 local congregations of different faiths and over 1,600 committed volunteers throughout the county to provide shelter space, overnight staffing and meals to our families, making Family Promise of Morris County the most cost-effective local shelter program today. Families' daytime hours are spent at work, school, childcare or at our Day Center searching for employment and housing. We also provide meals, intensive 24-hour case management, transportation, direct financial support, financial literacy education, in-kind donations, holiday assistance, and professional services for families and single women. The main goal is to transition families from homelessness to permanent housing.

#### **Community Support Program (CSP)**

Upon leaving the shelter, guests are encouraged to stay connected with us. Social Workers work with each household as long as needed, providing 24-hour crisis intervention, in-home case management, referrals and linkage to needed services. The main goal of this program is to help families maintain permanent housing. CSP also provides services to those on our shelter waiting list and individuals and families leaving other local shelter programs.

#### Abigail House Program (AH)

Finding affordable housing in Morris County is just the first of many challenges homeless families face in becoming self-sufficient. AH is a collaboration with Christ Church of Rockaway that allows us to provide safe, affordable and well-maintained apartments for our families impacted by Domestic Violence and in transition, making it possible for them to focus on education, employment, family stability, financial literacy and other critical milestones.

#### Keys to Housing Program (KH)

Our housing voucher program consists of up to 40 housing vouchers from numerous local, regional and federal partnerships. The landlord / tenant component provides incentives to landlords and education to tenants. The vouchers are targeted toward helping chronically homeless individuals and families secure and maintain permanent housing.

## Our Promise Drop-In Center (OP)

Based out of The First Baptist Church of Morristown, OP serves the needs of the chronically homeless, transient homeless, veterans, those exiting from jails and hospitals, and those who are precariously housed, providing the following services: phone and computer access, mailing address, restrooms, warming / cooling center, information and referral, linkage to medical, mental health and dental services, case management, systems advocacy and more.

80 volunteer congregations & over 1,600 committed volunteers

Providing 24-hour crisis intervention







#### Family Promise of Morris County Board & Staff



**Our Goal** is to help low-income families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.

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Source: National Center for Family Homelessness



**1 in 5 children** in the U.S. lack consistent access to enough food.

268

20.9

# Family Promise of Morris County Partner Congregations



Participating congregations partner with us to ensure our families most basic needs are met. Host congregations use their facilities to shelter families. Support congregations provide meals and offer fellowship to families.

#### **Host Congregations**

Bethlehem Church, Randolph Chatham United Methodist Church, Chatham Church of the Redeemer, Morristown First Baptist Church, Madison First Baptist Community Church, Parsippany First Congregational Church of Chester Hillside Lutheran Brethren, Succasunna Hilltop Church, Mendham Ledgewood Baptist Church, Ledgewood Long Hill Chapel, Chatham Mendham Hills Community Church, Mendham Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lake Hopatcong Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township Presbyterian Church of New Providence Redeemer Lutheran Church, Succasunna St. Patrick Parish, Chatham St. Vincent the Martyr Church, Madison Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling Stanley Congregational Church, Chatham Temple Adath Shalom, Morris Plains

#### **Support Congregations**

All Saints Episcopal Church, Millington Assumption Church, Morristown Bethel AME Church, Morristown Brookside Church, Mendham Budd Lake Union Chapel Butler United Methodist Church

Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown Calvary Presbyterian Church, Florham Park Chatham Summit Quaker Meeting, Chatham Church of Christ the King, New Vernon Church of God in Christ, Morristown Church of the Saviour Episcopal, Denville **Denville Community Church** First Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover First Presbyterian Church of East Hanover First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway First Presbyterian Church of Stirling First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna First Presbyterian Church of Whippany First Reformed Church of Lincoln Park Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Florham Park Grace Episcopal Church, Madison Lake Hopatcong United Methodist Church Liquid Church, Parsippany Living Waters Church, Parsippany Meyersville Presbyterian Church, Gillette Morristown Jewish Center-Beit Yisrael Morristown Unitarian Fellowship Morristown United Methodist Church Ogden Memorial Presbyterian Church, Chatham Our Lady of the Holy Angels Parish, Little Falls Our Lady of the Lake, Mount Arlington Our Savior Lutheran Church, Stanhope Parsippany United Methodist Church

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The *ache for home* lives in all of us. The *safe place* where we can go as we are and not be questioned.

— Maya Angelou



