

*Building
community,
strengthening
lives*



2022 IMPACT REPORT
FamilyPromise
Montco PA

An Interfaith Response to Homelessness and Hunger

A message from our director and president

Dear Family Promise Community,

What an exciting year it has been! After two years of focusing on our response to pandemic-related needs, Family Promise Montco is moving forward to develop a resilient community ready to ensure that all of our neighbors have access to enough nutritious food and safe, stable housing—regardless of the circumstances.

It's an ambitious vision, and one that we work toward every day in partnership with local congregations, businesses, government, and individuals. Each of us makes a contribution toward this vision in a small way and collectively our efforts are creating real change in our community.

We made several small changes in the past year, although they feel big to us! The Family Promise Food Pantry (formerly the Interfaith Food Cupboard) found a new home at Salem Baptist Church in Roslyn. This larger facility will help us to meet our community's increasing food needs as wages fail to keep up with inflation. We also expanded our hours to make the food pantry more accessible to working families.

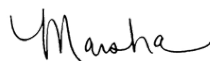
Did you know that we were the fourth Family Promise affiliate in the United States when we started 40 years ago? We changed our name from Inter-Faith Housing Alliance to Family Promise Montco PA this year to reflect our alignment with this national movement of people like us working hard to resolve homelessness.

We also expanded our supportive housing program with a new building in Lansdale. Hope on Fifth will provide a long-term affordable housing solution for two additional families. Since more than 62% of renters in Montgomery County with income below the area median (\$105,375 for a family of four) pay more than 30% of their income toward housing expenses, Hope on Fifth and other affordable housing solutions are very much needed in our community.

Our Day Center has a new look. There is now private space for each of the families staying with us through the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This ensures that families have a secure place to look for work and study during the day while also preventing the transmission of COVID-19.

Your time, gifts, and involvement helped to make all of this possible. Thank you for working alongside us this past year to build community and strengthen lives.

Sincerely,



Marsha Eichelberger
Executive Director, Family Promise Montco PA

CHECKLIST FOR 2021-22

- ✓ Renovate our Day Center to create a private area for each family in emergency shelter
- ✓ Enhance programming for families and youth in our housing programs
- ✓ Expand our supportive housing program with a new property—Hope on Fifth in Lansdale
- ✓ Move and enlarge the Family Promise Food Pantry
- ✓ Change our name to reflect our 33-year affiliation with Family Promise



Wayne Carpenter
President, Board of Directors

Mission

Family Promise Montco PA partners with the community to address homelessness and hunger—one family at a time.

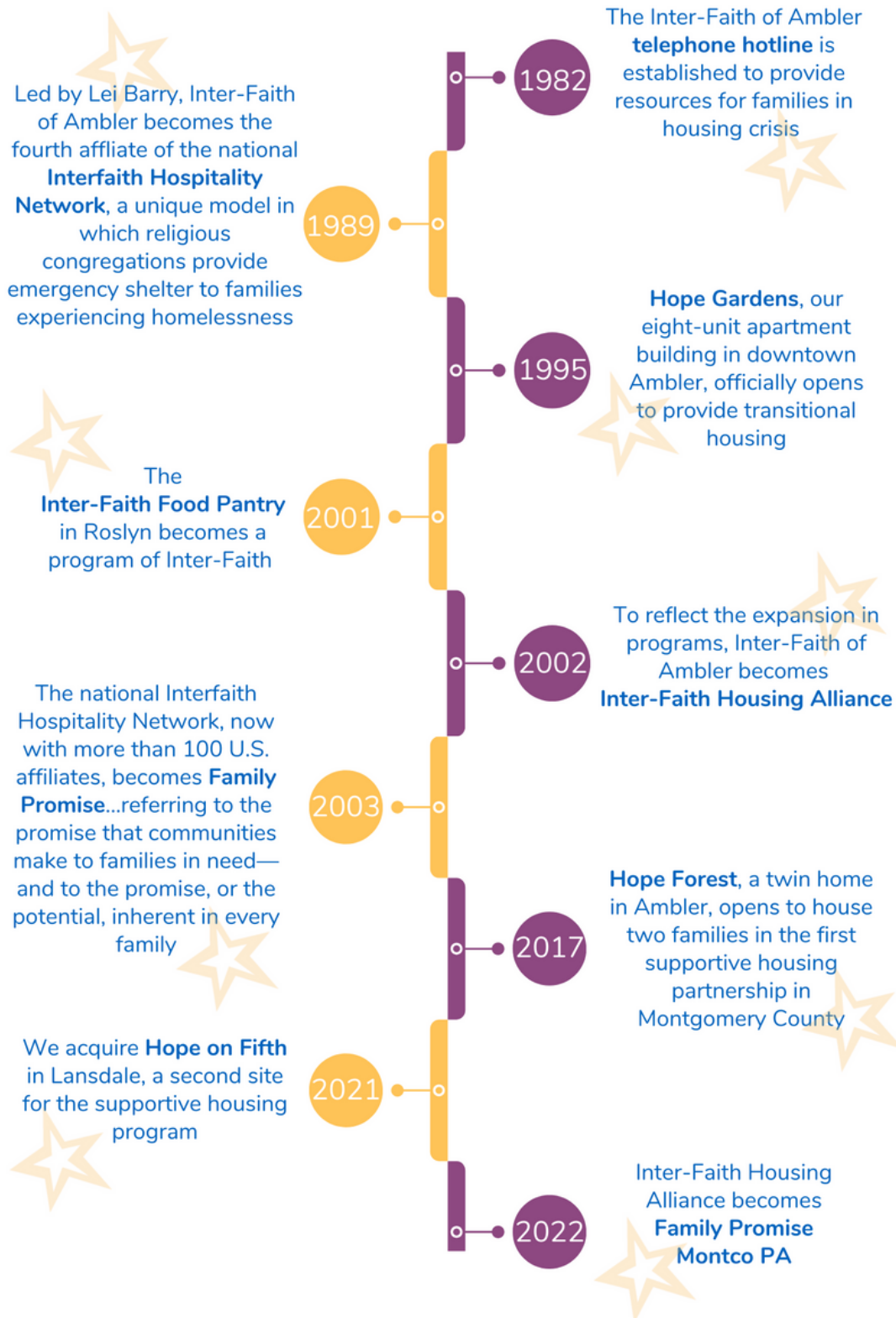


A world where safe, stable, affordable housing is accessible to all families; homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring; all people have access to enough nutritious food; food insecurity is quickly and fully addressed; and organizations are collaborative and resilient to effectively deliver innovative solutions to homelessness and hunger.

Vision

Celebrating

40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY





Fighting

TO RESOLVE HOMELESSNESS... ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Family Promise's housing programs were needed more than ever in 2022, with rising rents and evictions stressing Montgomery County's housing resources. We're glad to report we were able to enhance our offerings this year, allowing us to serve more families with expanded programs.

We welcomed a new case manager, Devon Lassiter. Devon works with our families to connect them with resources, create a housing plan, and help them with job readiness, budgeting, and more. She's been working to create a sense of community among our residents, too, with events celebrating clients' achievements, healing, and growth. She's also supporting the youth in our programs with workshops aimed to help them navigate their tween and teen years.

We renovated our Day Center, where families in emergency shelter can spend time when they are not working or in school. Each family can rest, access a computer, and store items in their own unit. The spaces have flexible configuration options for larger or smaller families and plenty of sunlight and fresh air all around! We're grateful to the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust and Montgomery County for funding this renovation.

Finally, Hope on Fifth in Lansdale became our newest property, joining Hope Forest as another space to house our Supportive Housing Program. Hope on Fifth will be home for two families who need just light support as they take the final steps on their journey from homelessness to independence.

FAMILY PROMISE HOUSING PROGRAMS

Emergency Shelter
in partnership with the
Interfaith Hospitality Network

Transitional Housing
at Hope Gardens

Supportive Housing
at Hope Forest and
Hope on Fifth

Aftercare

Providing FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED



The Family Promise Food Pantry has found its "forever home"! This year the pantry moved to a new location on the campus of Salem Baptist Church, and it's bigger and better than ever. We're now offering a great variety of perishable and nonperishable foods along with personal care and household items. The nourishment our clients receive isn't just physical: they form nourishing relationships with our dedicated volunteers, too.

Thank you to everyone at Salem Baptist Church, who opened their campus to us, and to Philabundance and Montgomery County, whose funds made the renovation possible.



Partnering WITH THE COMMUNITY TO CHANGE LIVES

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK CONGREGATIONS

Ambler Church of the Brethren
Ambler Mennonite Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Citylight Church
Congregation Beth Or
First Baptist Church, Lansdale
First Presbyterian Church of Ambler
Grace Baptist Church of Blue Bell
Gwynedd Friends Meeting
Jarrettown United Methodist Church
Keystone Fellowship Church
Or Hadash
Sanctuary United Methodist Church
St. Anthony of Padua
St. Paul's United Church of Christ
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Rose of Lima
St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh
Supplee Presbyterian Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
Trinity Lutheran Church
Upper Dublin Lutheran Church
Zion Baptist Church

"We can't do what we do without you!" We say it over and over...because at Family Promise, it's quite literally true. Our emergency shelter would not exist without our partner congregations in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, who open their congregations to families who need a safe place to call home. Our food pantry is staffed almost entirely by volunteers. Volunteers assist with office work, maintain and refurbish our apartments, landscape our properties, plan and put on events, sort and package food, and so much more. And of course, financial support from the community is what allows us to keep the doors open.

In 2022 we hosted volunteer groups from AMWINS, Pennsylvania Lumbersmens Mutual Insurance, Ambler Savings Bank, Evonik, Toll Brothers, and Keller Williams Horsham. These groups somehow did the work of weeks in only hours; they had fun working on their projects—and it was contagious! Congregations provided teams to help, too, and Sanctuary UMC, Citylight Church, Glenside Bible Youth, First Presbyterian Church of Ambler, Beth Or, Grace Baptist Church, and missionary teams from the LDS church all put their faith into action to benefit our families and programs.



One family's story

A little over two years ago I was giving birth to my daughter at Phoenixville Hospital in handcuffs. When I finally got my phone, I checked my bank account and Ayla's father had stolen over \$4,600. With nowhere to live with my new daughter and 9-year-old son, somehow I landed [at Family Promise's emergency shelter]—exactly where my family needed to be.

I borrowed a bike from a neighbor to get a job at Giant four days after Ayla was born. [The congregation where we were staying] without hesitation gave me and my kids a key to the church and let us live there with all our belongings for about a month until our apartment [at Hope Gardens] was ready for us.

[The staff at Family Promise] became my lifeline in this world. They have been here to support and point me in the right direction. These women made me feel stable and strong enough to fight and work and save and do without a bit—but for the most part I never had to see my children do without, and any mother knows that is what matters.



They met with me sometimes two or three times a week to make sure I was achieving everything I possibly could in my two years here. I have kept two or three jobs the entire time. I have saved a decent amount of money, I completed training with Grow with Google, I have stayed clean and sober for four years now, and I purchased a very affordable vehicle from Family Promise.

[Case Manager] Devon will have a special place in my heart for the rest of my life. She has encouraged me on days when I was so exhausted I truly believed I couldn't keep going—I wasn't strong enough or good enough—and she was there to tell me to shut my trap, suck it up, God has a plan and is with me every step of the way.

Everyone [at Family Promise] has had a critical role to our success—from giving me advice about my taxes, to printing out a million things for me and helping me with my computer skills, to making me smile when I can share new pictures of the kids, to helping me organize my closet and kitchen and leaving me and the kids little Easter bags on the door. They were always willing to listen and help solve any problems I came across.... If I can keep a little piece of each one of them and what they have taught me, the kids and I will be sturdy and strong in this world. We are so excited to move into our new house...but we are not happy to leave [Family Promise].

Impact



63

people
participated in
our housing
programs



1,892

people accessed
food at our pantry



12,238

bed nights of
shelter provided



80%

of graduating
families exited to
affordable housing



191,000

pounds of food
distributed



848

volunteers



9,010

volunteer hours



\$269,849

value of volunteer
time

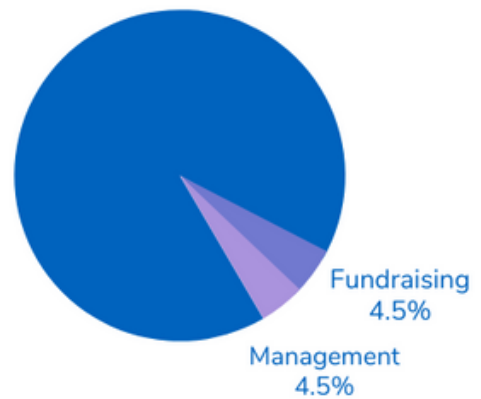


Financials

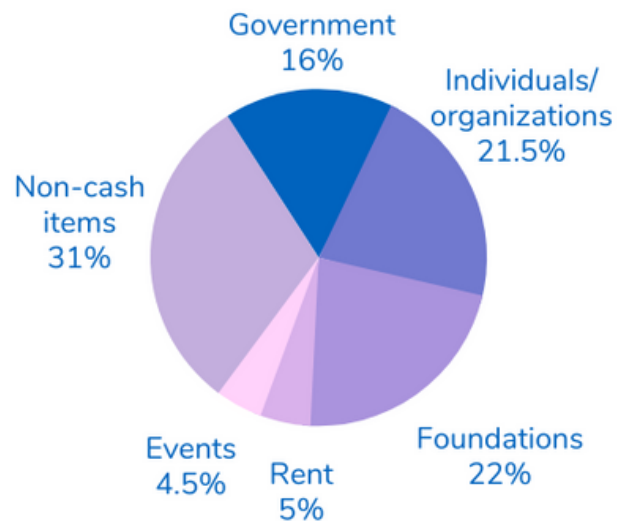
EXPENSES

Program 91%

Emergency Shelter, Hope Gardens, Hope Forest, Hope on Fifth, Food Pantry, Aftercare



INCOME



Family Promise Board of Directors

Wayne Carpenter, Board President
Community Volunteer

Kris Chandler, Board Vice President
Community Volunteer

Mark Whaley, Board Treasurer
Community Volunteer

Priya Bell, Board Secretary
Site Acquisition Associate,
Network Building & Consulting

John Armstrong
Owner, Armstrong Supply Company

Shelia Carter
Associate Director, Learning &
Development, Merck

Kewin Gales
Senior VP and Chief Human
Resources Officer, Prometric

Dr. Wanda Lewis-Campbell
(Ret.) Director of Student Life,
Temple University

LaDon Marsh
Volunteer, Salem Baptist Church

Deidre Patterson
President, R.O.S.E. Foundation

Rev. Charles Quann
Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church

Ben Sanchez
Real Estate Attorney,
PA State Representative

Sherry Shoemaker
Community Volunteer

Malika Thomas
Community Volunteer

Sally West Williams
Community Volunteer

Tom Wynn
Community Volunteer

David Zimmerman
Community Volunteer

Staff

Marsha Eichelberger
Executive Director

Devon Lassiter
Case Manager

LaToya Williams
Food Pantry Manager

Tiffany Jones
Education Coordinator

Sue Zomberg
Community Resource Manager

Kyla Turbett
Community Resource Coordinator

Anne Whitney
Finance Manager

Debbie Badger
Office and Systems Administrator

Catherine Simon
Development Coordinator

Meaghan McBride
Intern and Food Pantry Coordinator





Learn more



*Follow us on
social media*



@fpmontco



An Interfaith Response to Homelessness and Hunger

31 S. Spring Garden Street • Ambler, PA 19002 • (215) 628-2334 • fpmontco.org