



Watch us grow!

Se'Myah in May 2017 and again in December 2017. Her family graduated from Family Promise shelter this year. Family Promise added programs and served 67% more people in 2017. Family Promise of Gainesville is growing, just like Se'Myah.

Family Promise of Gainesville, Florida Annual Report 2017

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OVERVIEW

Eliminating Homelessness One Family at a Time

Family Promise provides shelter and services to homeless children and their families in Alachua County.

Congregations & Civic Groups

Our shelter is a network of local faith communities and civic groups. The congregation's educational rooms become bedrooms for each family during the week.

Volunteers

Each night, guests return from work and school to shelter in the host congregation for that week. Volunteers are coordinated by host congregations to provide meals, toiletries and offer support for the families in shelter from 5 pm to 8am at the host location. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Family Promise program and the reason it is the most cost effective shelter in Gainesville.

Day Center

At the Day Center guests can use computers to look for work, do laundry, take showers and have a place to rest if they work evening shifts. The Case Manager meets with parents to determine how they are doing with finding employment, applying for housing, and other needs. The Case Manager also links families with other service providers. As lack of transportation is often a barrier for homeless clients we serve, FP provides a van to transport families in the morning and afternoon and bus passes to use during the day. Families in FP receive case management services and deep support that is not often possible with other shelters in Alachua County, Florida.

History of Family Promise of Gainesville

Family Promise has been operating this intensive case management shelter with high success rates since 1998. We have 11 host congregations and over 25 support organizations that work to better the lives of homeless families.



We are a 501(c)3 non-profit in good standing with the state of Florida. We are one of over 200 local affiliates that work with the [National Family Promise model](#). **Family Promise's national organization** is built on the principle that the resources to address family homelessness already exist in the community. The challenge is bringing the resources together to solve family homelessness—one family at a time. The Family Promise “rotating shelter” provides proven results that are highly cost effective.

NATIONAL FAMILY PROMISE STATISTICS:

2017 ACHIEVEMENTS IN GAINESVILLE:

Family Promise of Gainesville

2017 Year end totals

13,920	volunteer hours
16,632	meals
	shelter nights (total people sheltered each night x the number of days in a year)
5,481	
31	graduate families
	people served in 31 families
120	
97%	success rate
	(success = left the program with stable housing and/or increased income)

★ The total number of people served grew by 67% from 2016 to 2017.

★ The average stay in shelter for all clients was 41 days (a decrease from 2016).



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New programs in 2017:

PhotoVoice

Summer photography curriculum for kids.

Objectives of this 2017 program:

- ★ Create an eye-opening photography exhibit that capture the experience of homelessness.
- ★ Bring greater awareness of homelessness in our community and draw support for Family Promise of Gainesville.
- ★ Empower and enrich the lives of kids that have experienced homelessness, by supporting and building on their creativity and reflective story telling through documentation and expression.

Partners in Housing

This opportunity can take a family out of homelessness into homeownership in as little as two years.

Family Promise's Partners in Housing program is a new program purchasing and restoring manufactured homes so they become affordable places where families can be proud to live. When a family shows fiscal responsibility by consistently paying their rent and utilities, they qualify for the Habitat for Humanity Homeownership counseling program. *We purchased our first home mid-2017 and hope to start serving families in early 2018.*

Rapid Rehousing Program

Rapid re-housing is an intervention designed to help individuals and families quickly exit homelessness and return to permanent housing. Providing first month's rent and deposits were one way we used this program to reduce the average days in shelter, house families faster and help 67% more people than last year.

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Day Center Renovation 2017

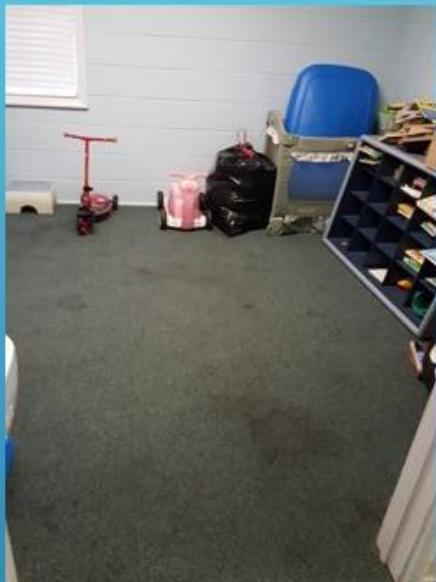
Thanks to supporters from Queen of Peace, with additional artwork donations from Burlap Rose Revivals in High Springs, The Jewish Council of North Central Florida, and Trinity United Methodist Church, the day center interior was completely renovated in 2017.



BEFORE – 15 year old carpet used 365 days per year by four families with kids.



AFTER – linoleum floors & updated furniture.



Before playroom with no color and old carpet



After playroom with chalkboard donated by local artist, Burlap Rose in High Springs.

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2017 successes (continued):

Continued partnerships with Greeks for Gainesville, Junior League, Children's Home Society, and Habitat for Humanity helped our program succeed throughout the year.

Special thanks to Covenant Presbyterian Church for sheltering our families during Hurricane Irma, and to Faith Presbyterian Church for cleaning up debris at the day center afterward.



Bed Race 2017



The superheroes of the Gainesville Alachua County Association of Realtors won the 2017 event (pictured left). Gainesville Juniors won the youth division (pictured right).

We had more teams than ever, and we are now looking for sponsors for the **May 5, 2018 Bed Race**. To inquire about sponsorship, please contact gnvfamilypromise@gmail.com.

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Individual successes happen throughout the year, within each family.

The following letter from a recent Family Promise of Gainesville guest highlights the benefits of our program:

Hello to potential volunteers and donors,

I am the mother of 3 minor children the ages of 15 years, 9 years and an 8 months old. My journey began here in April as a homeless mother with children. If it was not for Family Promise and their staff, I don't know where I would be right now. The staff's assistance with mentoring, counseling, and everyday laughter kept my self-esteem and faith on an all-time high and my confidence continued to excel. I always felt encouraged to do better and to strive to become a better parent, person and woman. I also learned the value of a dollar and the purpose in trying to save it with their budget saving packages to work on, given to me by staff.

The journey there at Family Promise gave me a new understanding, new meaning on how important it is to ask for help, letting me know that someone cared for my children and me, letting me know that we were loved as well as cared for unconditionally by staff. I am so forever grateful for them assisting my children and me with all of our needs, concerns, and welfare, I am so very grateful that Family Promise was the shelter that had chosen to accept my children and me.

I want to say thank you to all the staff and to all the services for being in my family's life. I pray that God continue to bless your foundation with all that you need to continue to bless other families.

I pray that every mother that comes through the Family Promise program gain their securities, self-esteem, and confidence back while they continue to remain productive positive and encouraged women.

Sincerely,
Michelle M.

2017 graduate from Family Promise shelter program

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Volunteers

Family Promise would not exist without volunteers, and every night of the year, our families are cared for by volunteers. This volunteer network means that for every \$1 of direct donations, over \$4.65 is generated through in-kind contributions and grants leveraged.

Because volunteers donate their time, host sites and supplies, we are the most cost-effective shelter in Alachua County.

This year Family Promise of Gainesville had over 600 volunteers provide over 13,900 hours of service.



We welcomed several new volunteers, congregations and partnerships:

New Civic Group Volunteers

Gainesville Juniors Volleyball Club

Heavener School of Business class projects and internships

Sigma Barbecue – three fraternities raised funds for the shelter in early 2017.

Local Organizational Partnerships

Habitat for Humanity

Children's Home Society

Boys and Girls Club

Gainesville Alachua County Association of Realtors

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2017 Host Congregations

Covenant Presbyterian
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Gethsemane Lutheran
Queen of Peace Catholic Church
Southwest United Methodist
Trinity United Methodist
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
United Church of Gainesville
University Lutheran Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Wesley United Methodist

Existing Support Congregations

Abiding Faith Christian Church
Bartley Temple UMC
B'Nai Israel Congregation
Celebration UMC
Community Praize Center
Covenant Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church Gainesville
Grace Presbyterian
Greater Liberty Hill UMC
Holy Faith Catholic Church
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Johnson Chapel
Kanapaha Presbyterian
Mount Pleasant UMC
Mt. Nebo UMC
Servants of Christ Anglican Church
Spring Hill MB
Upper Room Church of God in Christ
Ft. Clarke Missionary Baptist Church
Jewish Council of North Central Florida
Zion Lutheran Church

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 AT 4 P.M. AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT 300 SW 2ND AVENUE
(CONVENIENT PARKING JUST ACROSS SW 2ND AVE)

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & UNIVERSITY CHOIR
RAYMOND CHOBAZ, CONDUCTOR

PROCEEDS BENEFIT FAMILY PROMISE OF GAINESVILLE
A SHELTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES WITH KIDS.



UNITED
CHURCH
OF GAINESVILLE

GRACE CHURCH

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GAINESVILLE
Following Jesus and Living God's Love Together

HOLY FAITH CATHOLIC CHURCH
COME BUILD WITH US A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION IN CHRIST ...

QUEEN
OF
PEACE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

ZION
Lutheran Church

We are currently seeking new congregations / groups to add to our hosting schedule. Contact gnvfamilypromise@gmail.com for more information. This can be a full host church, or a church that just provides its facility while others volunteer, or a volunteer opportunity as little as four days yearly.

We will work to find a volunteer schedule that fits your group.

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Corporate Sponsorships

Thank you to all our corporate sponsors for the year, in both the Bed Race and in other efforts throughout the year. We encourage our partners and volunteers to support these local business partners.

Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Additional corporate partners throughout the year:

Swift Creek Realty



2 College Brothers

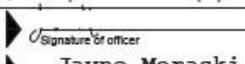
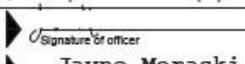
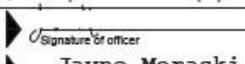
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Non-Profit 990 Tax Return

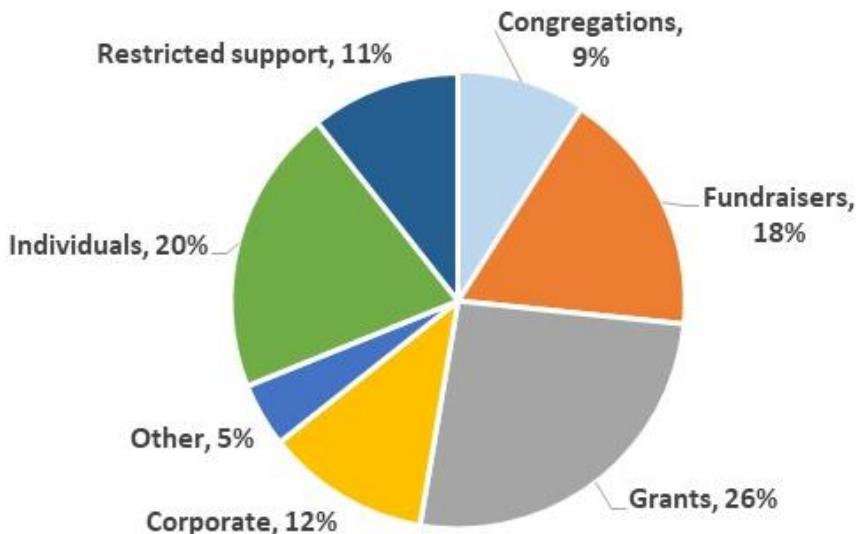
Tax returns do not include the over \$260,000 in annual in-kind donations that are provided in the form of furniture donations, meals for homeless families, volunteer hours, and building rental.

Form	990	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax																																																			
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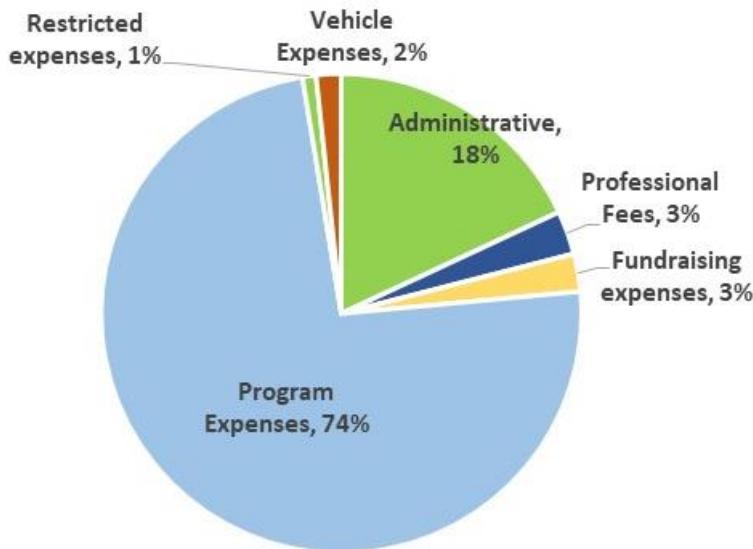
Financial Stability

Thanks to support of individuals, congregations and corporate partners, Family Promise is financial stable but we are unable to grow as hoped *without* continued support. In 2017, the board of directors voted to improve fiscal policies by creating a minimum operating reserve fund. This year we are going to increase case management and life-skills classes, and expand partnerships to provide service to guests. The Partners in Housing Program official starts in 2018 and we hope this transitional housing program can be a launching point for many of our families to re-establish their credit and continue the path toward housing stability.

Program Income 2017



Expenses 2017



Why support Family Promise?

- ★ The number of students identified as homeless in Florida more than doubled between 2007-08 and 2015-16.
- ★ Homeless students trail their housed peers in attendance, academic, and disciplinary indicators.
- ★ The lack of affordable housing for families with children is a root cause of students' homelessness.
- ★ ***There is still so much work that needs to be done.***

Thank you to everyone in Alachua County who has helped Family Promise end homelessness-one family at a time.

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