

# Family Promise 2021

Rochester

## ANNUAL REPORT



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

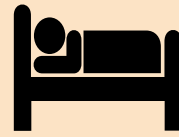
**Family Shelter Program: Static site update**

Our static site family shelter program has been in full operation for a year now and with every new endeavor, there are obstacles to overcome. We have taken the last year to learn about our new space and the perks of home ownership. With a lot of community support, patience and understanding from our guest families as well as a powerful staff and board we have made major life changes for 12 families; 49 individuals total.

With COVID -19 still ever present in our community, Family Promise Rochester is able to provide a safe and healthy space for families to establish sustainable independence in their community.

**Life Skills Programming**

This program has been a staple for our Rochester affiliate from inception in 2001. With our ever growing "Family" we have adapted and changed the climate to mimic the desires of each member. We have solidified many partnerships in our community including our local school district, Rochester Public Schools, who provide our space, Early Childhood Educators and a Parent educator to our families, Planned Parenthood who teach our families about the importance of healthy relationships and love languages among others. These partnerships continue expand. In 2022, we plan to involve community partners who provide trauma informed yoga, finance classes, landlord/tenant information and mindfulness to name a few.



2,791  
Bed nights  
provided



Average Length  
of Stay 67 days



75% successfully  
housed



37 Children  
Served



2,843  
Meals Provided



49 individuals  
served



# Year End Message

Dear Family Promise Friends and Supporters,

For the past 20 years, we've hosted our families in churches throughout the community. Churches would take a host week and provide meals and volunteers. Once COVID began, we knew that things would need to change. In late 2020 we purchased a home that would serve as our new static site location. That property is called the North Star House. Here we can serve four families or 14 people at one time.

We are grateful that with the support of our community, current and graduated guest families, our board of directors and staff we were able to open our doors within a few short months of purchasing the North Star House.

Even while faced with a global pandemic families were offered the same great services that Family Promise Rochester is known for, just tailored to keep everyone safe. My personal favorites is Life Skills. We host families two times a month teaching various topics such as healthy relationships and parenting classes. These classes are specific for our current and graduated families. This is a unique way for our families to establish a sense of community with common shared experience.

As Board President I am honored to serve such an incredible organization. I learn so much from the staff and each family I meet in the shelter program. It is the goal of Family Promise to continue to provide safe shelter and effective case management to all future families in hopes we can play our part in ending family homelessness.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Sinnwell".

**Erin Sinnwell**  
Board President

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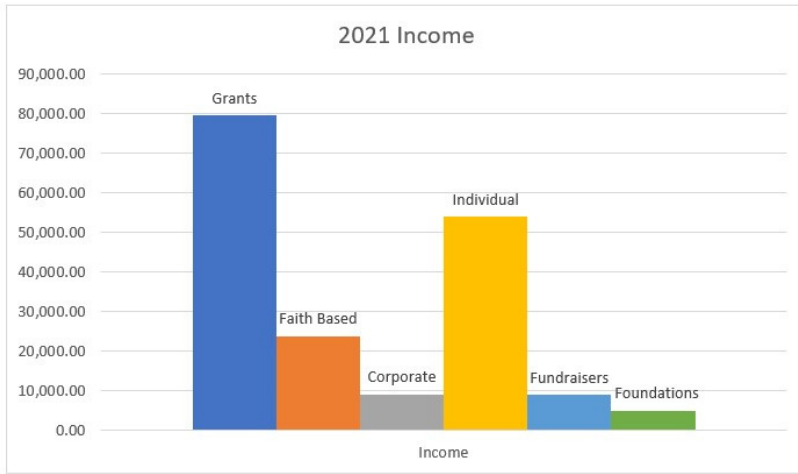
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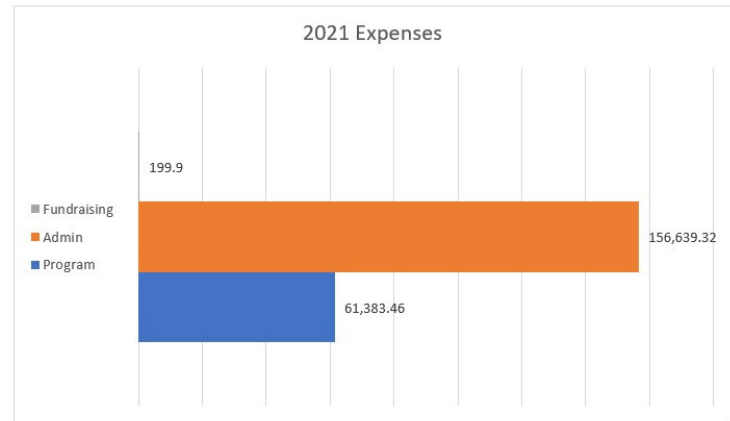
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## Income



## Expenses



## News Highlights

- Family Promise Rochester opened a static site in February of 2022, just four short months after purchase!
- At the North Star house we hosted a Summer Drive-In Movie for life skills.
- Rochester's Canadian Honker Baseball team supported Families experiencing homelessness by providing tickets to their game against the Duluth Huskies.
- 1st Annual Trunk-or-Treat event was held in the parking lot across from the North Star House. This provided a safe and free trick or treating experience for our families and community members.
- Miracle on First Street, Family Promise Rochester's holiday giving program began providing culturally specific meal baskets for current and previous guest families.
- Family Promise Rochester was awarded the Grow with Google Career Certification Grant offering families the opportunity to grow their career in Information Technology.



At Family Promise Rochester we provide families with the comforts of home. When a family comes to us they receive a new pillow, tie blanket and quilt made by our amazing volunteers. These along with new personal hygiene products, \*Bombas socks, towels, and age appropriate toys/books round out their welcome baskets.

Scan the QR code below to see how you can contribute to Family Promise Rochester and the Welcome basket provided to families.

