



Rochester, MN

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ANNUAL REPORT



2023



Family Promise Day

June 26th is Family Promise Day. We hosted a root beer float event with games, music, tours of the shelter and a collection for needed items for the shelter.



Annual Concert and Silent Auction

Our concert and silent auction was held in November at Christ United Methodist Church and raised an all time high of \$16,000 for families experiencing homelessness! Family Promise was grateful to our musicians, concert sponsors, silent auction donors, volunteers and all who attended.



Board of Directors

Our board of directors had a visit from Lindsay Moore, the regional midwest director of Family Promise National, to talk about success and area for improvement.



Trunk or Treat

The 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat was hosted again in the Untied Way Parking lot. Even though there was SNOW a number of local partners came to set up trunks for the community.

New Facility

In June of 2024 Family Promise will be moving to a new facility where we will be able to house 8-12 families at a time depending on family size. Olmsted County Housing Authority is providing us with this wonderful space that will have 2 kitchens, 2 dining rooms, living room space, 12 bedrooms, 3 offices, laundry and storage, a large community room that can be used for board meetings, movie nights and group classes. There are also 2, 2 bedrooms apartments on the second floor that can be for families who have graduated from the shelter program but need more time to save for their own space.

Not only will we have space to help more families, but with a larger space we will have more volunteer opportunities.





Educational Forum

Nationwide, family homelessness rose 16% from 2022 to 2023 and Rochester is also feeling this effect. Pre-Covid our waitlist was 12-15 families wanting to enter our shelter program, and in 2023 we were at an all time high of 35-45 families. The need is dire and our community is doing a wonderful job making this crisis a priority to collaborate on.

We held a forum in April of 2023 to bring awareness to the community and had a successful turnout. Chad Dull of Poverty Informed Practice was our guest speaker along with a previous Family Promise family. Other organizations have held similar events in 2023, and we are very proud to attend and support them in any way we can.



UMR Partnership

In the summer of 2023 Family Promise started a new partnership with University of Minnesota Rochester (UMR). UMR has a class around community engagement and through this we will have 4-5 students each semester helping with our life skills class. The first session has already been completed and it was a huge success. Students came to the shelter to help with mailings and donation organization in addition to attending our twice monthly Life Skills classes. Students set up, served food, and led activities which included games, crafts and more.



20 individuals
Shelter Diversion
Funds/Services Provided



172
Individuals
served



Over 75
Community
Partners



78
Families Served

Our Core Programs:

- *Eviction Prevention*
- *Shelter Diversion*
- *Shelter*
- *Housing*
- *Housing Stabilization*

2023 Grants and Financial Support

Mayo Clinic
 Otto Bremer Foundation
 Bremer Bank
 Think Bank
 Thrivent Financial
 Astrup Family Foundation
 Southeast Minnesota Realtors Association

Rochester Area Foundation
 Olmsted County Medical Center
 Minnesota Energy
 United Way of Olmsted County
 JM Gives Fundraiser
 St. Paul and MN Foundation
 Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation

Director's Message

Dear Family Promise Rochester Friends and Supporters,

2023 really was an amazing year for Family Promise Rochester. From events to partnerships to media coverage and grants, we had a very successful year.

With Covid behind us, we were able to return to a number of in person events. We hosted an educational forum on homelessness, Family Promise Day, a trunk or treat, pancake breakfast, \$5 5K at TerraLoco, and a very successful concert and silent auction. We were very grateful to partner with Southeast Minnesota Realtors Association for wonderful golf tournament that we were the beneficiaries of.

Family Promise hired two new staff in 2023. Katlynn was hired as a case manager and is now our program director and works alongside our families. Maureen started in November as our operations coordinator and is in charge of volunteer opportunities, donations, and website and social media. We are so grateful to them for being part of our team. Their compassion for our mission and families show in their work.

The community support we received in 2023 was tremendous. Our families are able to be even more successful with ongoing community support.

We have a big year ahead of us with a move to a new, larger space and we'd love for you to be part of this journey with us!



Sincerely,

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