



Family Promise of Philadelphia

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Empowering families experiencing
homelessness in Philadelphia since 1991

A Message from the Executive Director

This past year, I found myself returning again and again to one simple truth: when a family has a safe place to call home, everything else becomes possible. That philosophy guided every decision we made to ensure that Philadelphia families had the supports they deserve.

We focused on meeting families where they were, preventing homelessness before it began, and creating pathways that honored their strengths. Our team worked with empathy and determination, and the impact you'll see in this report reflects the power of that approach.

Keeping families housed takes all of us. Thank you for believing in the dignity, safety, and future of Philadelphia's families. Together, we are building a city where every child has the foundation they need to succeed.

With gratitude,

Bob Byrne
Executive Director



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143 families **272** children
prevented from experiencing homelessness



OUR VISION: A CITY WHERE EVERY FAMILY HAS A PLACE TO CALL HOME



Since 1991, Family Promise of Philadelphia has taken a holistic approach to family homelessness, prioritizing housing stability.

Our mission is to help families with children overcome housing instability by preventing eviction, providing shelter, and supporting long-term self-sufficiency. Our services address both immediate challenges and the deeper barriers that threaten lasting stability.

Our team uses trauma-informed practices to ensure every family feels seen, heard, and supported as they navigate difficult transitions.

Our mission reaches beyond addressing urgent needs. We are committed to reducing the conditions that lead to family homelessness and creating pathways that break cycles of poverty.



Eviction Prevention



Children and Youth Services



Shelter Diversion



Stabilization



Family Shelter



Keys to A Better Tomorrow

35 Years of Service

Guest Suelin with baby Amanie in counsel.



enjoying move-in day for Suelin with



1991

Twelve congregations form the Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network and launch a rotational shelter program.

Thursday, July 19, 2007

at home

2007

FPP blends proven prevention strategies to deliver family-centered, wraparound services.

PIHN becomes Family Promise of Philadelphia (FPP) while preserving the interfaith partnerships that shaped its mission and values.

2015

PIHN evolves its service model, shifting toward eviction prevention and stabilization supports that keep families safely housed.

2012

Northeast Philadelphia congregations join what then became Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (PIHN), expanding citywide reach.



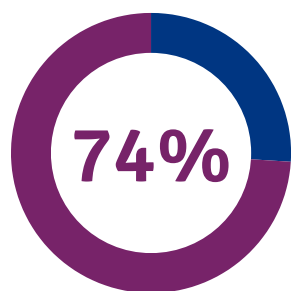
EMPTY BOWL DINNER AT CHC: The Northeast/Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (NPIHN) is celebrating its 20th anniversary by inviting the public to its 20th Anniversary Empty Bowl Dinner, its annual fundraiser, at Chestnut Hill College on Wednesday, Nov. 14. There will be two seating one at 4:30-6 p.m. and another at 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 215-241-4663. CHC junior Olivia Stevenson (left) and sophomore Morgan Oesle, members of the Women's Tennis Team, will serve soup at the Empty Bowl Dinner.

Today

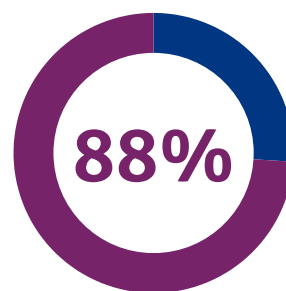


92% of FPP program
graduates never
return to shelter

Who We Serve



of families served were led by single mothers working to keep their children safe and housed



of individuals served identified as Black or African American

More than a third of households served had at least one member with a disability or chronic health condition



2025 Impact



Eviction Prevention

65 families

including **127 children** stayed safely housed because they received rent and utility support



Shelter Diversion

36 families

and **89 children** never spent a night in shelter because they secured new housing



Family Shelter

7 families

including **16 children** were provided safe housing as we helped them transition to a new home



Stabilization

18 families

maintained housing after receiving case management related to careers, wellness, and finances



Keys to A Better Tomorrow

36 **program graduates** completed financial literacy training and received rent subsidies to support housing stability



74%

reported gaining greater confidence communicating with their landlords



Children and Youth Services

1,288 children

were impacted by our
programs and services

25 kids enjoyed a full summer of camp through
the Rachel Falkove Fund for Children.

Direct Aid Highlights

1,026

homemade meals
prepared by volunteers
from Women's Connection

\$108,790

distributed in financial
assistance that protected
65 families from eviction

673

families received clothing,
housewares, grocery cards,
and other material supports
that relieved their monthly
budgets



Volunteer Impact

402 volunteers

made sure families received the food, diapers, clothing, and other essentials they needed, and played a key role at our community events

This experience has shown me **how much an engaged community can achieve and how important solidarity is**, especially during difficult times in life.

Tom Carstensen,
Action Reconciliation
Service for Peace Volunteer



Meet Our Director of Family Services

Sama K. Alghali, MSS, LSW joined Family Promise of Philadelphia in 2025 as our Director of Family Services. Bringing more than 20 years of experience supporting families, women, and children, her leadership has become a cornerstone of our eviction prevention strategy.

Sustaining Housing, Not Just Solving a Crisis

Under her direction, our eviction prevention programming centers on one core principle: housing sustainability. We ensure families can maintain stable housing well beyond an immediate crisis. Whether a family finds us through our website, a community partner, or by walking through our doors, Sama ensures our team meets each family where they are with urgency, flexibility, and compassion.



**Sama Alghali, Director of
Family Services**



We really want families that come to us that are looking for support to know that we are working alongside them — **not just for the one month, but so that they are able to move forward into sustaining their housing.**



Family Stories

A Fresh Start

When storm damage forced Ms. Wells, her husband, and four children to leave their rental home without warning, they suddenly had nowhere to go. For a week, they moved in and out of hotels, stretching every dollar to stay housed. “It took us by surprise,” she said. With limited income and two toddlers with disabilities, the family needed stability fast.

Ms. Wells searched online and found Family Promise of Philadelphia. She connected with Ernestine, our Family Support Specialist, who became a steady, compassionate guide.

FPP provided meals, diapers, and other resources, helped the family navigate housing options, and searched for job opportunities that could offer a long-term path forward.

Ernestine connected Ms. Wells’s husband to a training program that offers housing, relocation support, and a track to stable employment. “It came in the nick of time,” Ms. Wells said. “It just felt like a sign we probably needed a fresh start.” With housing covered during training and strong job placement afterward, the family is on their way to rebuilding their lives.



Finding Space to Breathe Again

When Ms. Rivera reached out to Family Promise of Philadelphia, she and her young son had already experienced an eviction and were living in an overcrowded home. They were doing everything they could to stay afloat, calling multiple shelters and searching for any safe place to land. “We were basically homeless,” she said. “We were just trying to find somewhere safe to go.”

FPP responded immediately, offering shelter at our Promise House and surrounding the family with support. Staff helped with food, clothing, toiletries, car repairs, storage fees, and job resources.

“Anything we needed, we could come up there or call, and they would help us,” Ms. Rivera said.

For the first time in a long time, Ms. Rivera felt grounded. “It felt like a home,” she said. “I finally had a room to call my own... a full refrigerator... a place where I could get organized.” With a stable address, she could apply for jobs, enroll in school, and parent her son in a space where they could simply be themselves.

Now, Ms. Rivera is focused on her education, her career, and her next steps in housing.

A photograph of a woman with dark curly hair and a young child with dark curly hair sitting on a wooden floor. The woman is smiling and looking down at the child, who is focused on playing with colorful wooden toys. The woman is wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. The child is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The toys include a stack of colorful rings, a wooden mallet, and several colorful blocks.

“I finally had a room to call my own... a full refrigerator... a place where I could get organized.”



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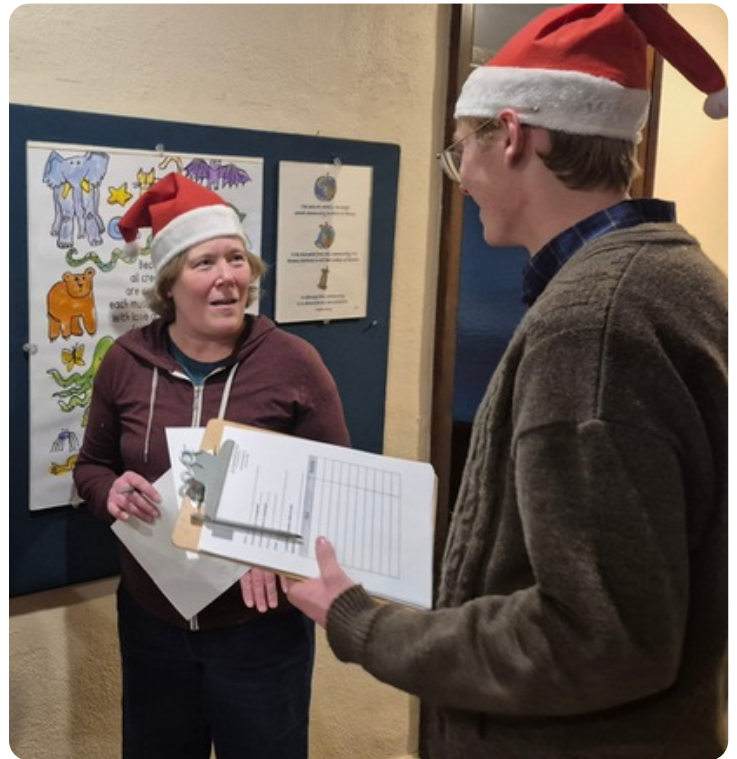
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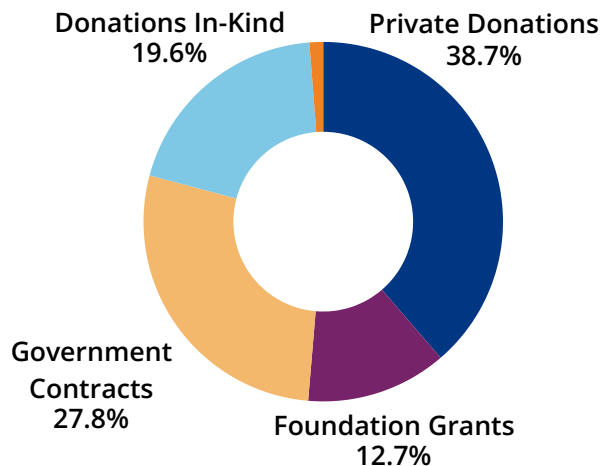
Ernestine Volcy

Family Support Specialist



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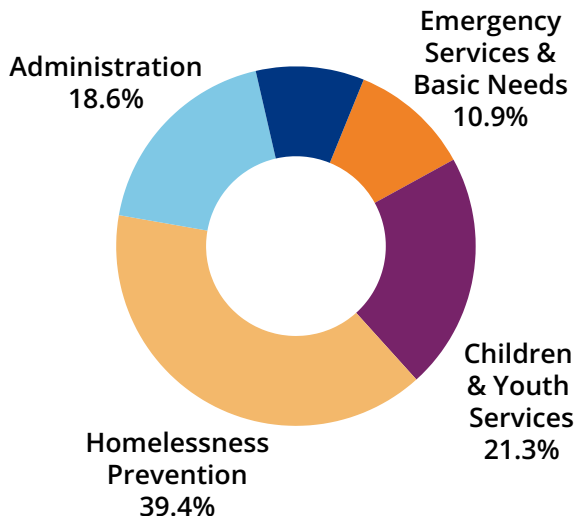
2025 Revenue and Support



REVENUE

Private Donations	\$420,139
Foundation Grants	\$137,569
Government Contracts	\$302,109
Donations In-Kind	\$213,153
Earned Income	\$13,354
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,086,324

2025 Operating Expenses



EXPENSES

Emergency Services & Basic Needs	\$108,133
Children & Youth Services	\$212,018
Homelessness Prevention	\$392,691
PROGRAM EXPENSE TOTALS	\$712,842
Administration	\$185,635
Fundraising	\$97,050
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$995,527

Our Community Partners

ACHIEVEability: Family Self-

Sufficiency Program

Belmont School Network

Cherrelle's Enterprise LLC

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

(CHOP): Early Head Start

Cradles to Crayons

Community Legal Services (CLS)

Elwyn Early Intervention Services

Face to Face Germantown

Feast of Justice

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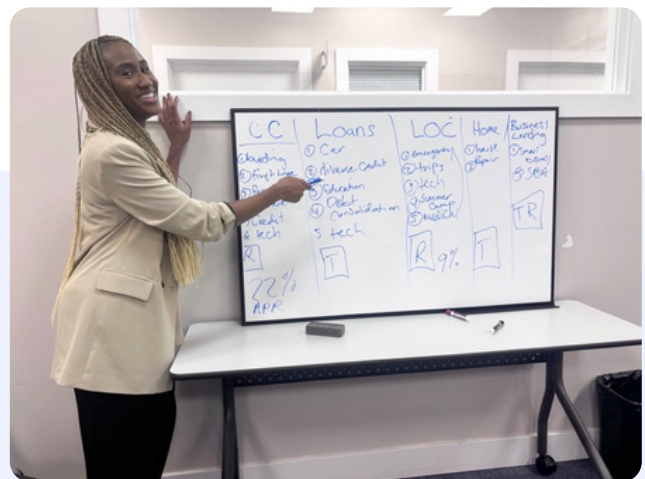
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Philly Tenant Service

Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF)

Women's Opportunities Resource Center (WORC)

WSFS Bank



Our Interfaith Hospitality Network

Our mission was born from the hospitality of interfaith congregations who opened their doors and hearts to families. We honor each congregation that has supported families over the decades, helping to preserve a long tradition of community care that continues to shape our work.

Abington Friends Meeting
All Saints Episcopal Church
Annunciation Orthodox Church
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Bright Hope Baptist Church
Cavalry United Church of Christ
Christ Ascension Lutheran Church
Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting
Chestnut Hill Presbyterian Church
Cresheim Valley Church
East Falls Presbyterian Church
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America
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Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Oxford Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Hill
Rhawnhurst Presbyterian Church
Second Baptist Church of Germantown
Church of St-Martin-in-the-Fields
St Cecilia Church
St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. Dominic Catholic Church

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Luke's Memorial Church
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
St. Paul's Baptist Church
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
St. Raymond of Penafort Church
St. Timothys Episcopal Church
Summit Presbyterian Church
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2025 Empty Bowl Dinner

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