



To make homelessness a distant memory instead of an ever-present threat for families with children.

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THE ISSUE

- The *average age of children entering homelessness is eight*. This population is often not visible to the public.
- There are *228 students identified by Anderson School District Five* as experiencing homelessness. This is only one school district in our county.
- **Traditional shelters often split up families** with women and children on one side and men and boys on the other side.

THE SOLUTION

Family Promise of Anderson County provides shelter and case management to homeless families with children. *Our focus is to keep families together, provide shelter, and offer a “hand up” to those in need.* As a result, helping families with children will obtain stable independence. The *Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)* coordinates faith-based congregational spaces for lodging, a day center, and meals in a support system for guests. Case management services include an assessment of the guests and their specific barriers to self-sufficiency, short-term milestones and tasks to accomplish paving the road for a more stable independence.

Through our partnership with Grace Episcopal Church, they offer transitional housing for families as they exit the IHN Program. *The Grace to Succeed Transitional Housing Program (GST)* provides an affordable, safe and consistent home for guests as they continue work, pay off debt and become fiscally stable while continuing case management services. *100% of all families who graduated from our GTS Program are successfully maintaining permanent unsubsidized housing.*

The *New Beginnings* financial education program teaches budgeting, spending frugally and planning for future expenses. The volunteer financial coach works with the case manager to obtain information on all sources of income and assess the fiscal responsibility of the parent(s). Through our partnership with Woodforest National Bank families receive individual counseling as well as a budget specifically designed to meet their personal needs.

WHAT GUESTS THINK

“We are so gratefully for you and everything you have done to help us! You were the first home for our baby. We couldn’t find help anywhere.” Melinda (parent of two)