



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

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THE ISSUE

- *In Anderson County, 30.4% of children live below the poverty level, while the overall state poverty level for children is 19.4%.*
- **Single female families** experience a *cost burden at 75.3%* in the county.
- **Traditional shelters often split up families** with women and children on one side and men and boys on the other.
- The *average age of children entering homelessness is eight*. This population is often not visible to the public.

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 obtain stable independence. Our traditional model, the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) coordinates faith-based congregational spaces for lodging, a day center, and meals in a support system for guests. *However, we are operating under a modified model due to the pandemic.* Through our partnership with Grace Episcopal Church, they offer *two houses for sheltering families*. 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 more stable independence. *Our shelter program provides a safe and consistent home for guests* as they gain employment, pay off debt and become fiscally stable while continuing case management services.

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

Single mom of two, stated one year after exiting our program commented, *“I am still using the budget we created while my family was in the program. It’s WORKING!!”*