



...because every child deserves a home.

# IMPACT REPORT 2020



# Directors Letter

Every family we meet has a story.

These stories can be intense, difficult, and heartbreaking. When we hear them, we know the very real costs of homelessness and poverty.

But these stories are also transformative, providing us the roadmap and the inspiration to bring about a change in how Hamilton County understands—and acts on—family homelessness and poverty.

Homelessness takes many forms: families with children doubling up with relatives, sleeping in their cars, paying for motel stays, living in shelter. Tragically, the number of children and families experiencing homelessness is not abating. In our most recent report, 1,879 school-aged children in Hamilton County were homeless at some point over the course of the school year. That does not include pre-K children, who are too young to be counted.

The implications of this are enormous. A child's future begins at home. As a caring and vibrant Hamilton County community, we thank you for transforming the lives of these children and their families.



**Warmly,**  
**Nancy Ramsey**  
Executive Director

## Thank you to all of our Host\* and Support Congregations!

Carmel Seventh Day Adventist\*  
Cicero Christian Church\*  
Faith Community Church\*  
Green Valley Church of Christ\*  
New Joy Lutheran Church\*  
Nspire Church\*  
Noblesville First United Methodist Church\*  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church\*  
Six Points Church\*  
St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church\*  
Venture Christian Church\*  
White River Christian Church\*

Clarksville Christian Church  
Congregation Beth Shalom  
Crossroads Church at Westfield  
Geist Christian Church  
New Hope Presbyterian Church  
Roots of Life Community Church  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
Victory Chapel Community Church

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## Supporter Highlight

"I support Family Promise of Hamilton County because I have lived in the county my entire life and love the people! Our poverty and needs may not look the same as other areas, but they still exist and there just aren't enough resources available. This ministry in general has been such a blessing in my life. We are blessing families but yet I am the one who feels blessed to be involved. My favorite story would just be the relationships I have made--with the families, the staff, and the people at my church who serve on our team whom I had never met prior to this journey. These people are now my friends for life."

- Corina R.



## Family Success

Imagine you are a single mom with three children, ages five and under with no family support.

Renee\* and her three children moved to Hamilton County a year ago for a fresh start and were living in a home owned by a family member. The relationship became unhealthy, and Renee ultimately decided she needed to find alternative living arrangements for her children and herself. It was not an easy decision to leave, knowing it would most likely put her family in shelter, but she was determined to create a better environment for her family.

Renee entered Family Promise of Hamilton County with a desire to be successful on her own. With the help of our Family Advocate, she created goals for herself which included obtaining employment, enrolling the children in childcare (which is a first for them), and building a savings account! These transitions, although difficult, were the first critical steps into becoming self-sufficient and providing for her family.

As of March 2021, Renee has accomplished those goals and is ready to take the next step, submitting apartment applications. We are excited to continue to walk alongside this family and see where their journey takes them next!

\*name changed for confidentiality



**12**  
Host  
Congregations



**8**  
Support  
Congregations



**78 Days**  
Average Length of  
Stay



**80%**  
Families We Shelter  
Find Housing



Requests for Help  
**269 Families**  
327 Children  
7 Pregnancies



Prevention Services  
**22 Families**  
41 Children  
1 Pregnancy



Shelter  
**13 Families**  
27 Children  
1 Pregnancy



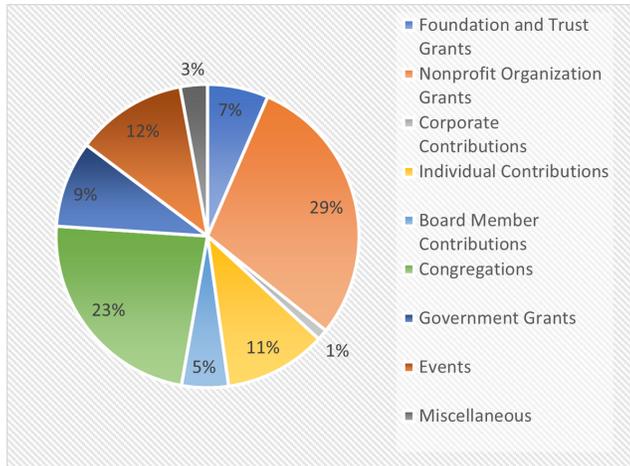
Stability Services  
**172 Families**  
217 Children  
4 Pregnancies

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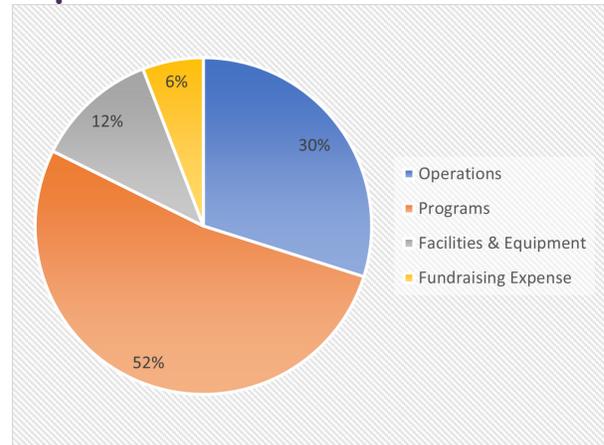


# 2020 Financial Overview

## Income



## Expenses



## Programs

### PREVENTION

Forty percent of Americans are just one unexpected \$400 expense from financial distress. Preventing families from spiraling into homelessness is an essential part of the Family Promise mission. FPoHC offers a variety of strategies to ensure the families we serve do not fall into the cycle of housing instability that can devastate them and alter the course of children's lives. These include administering formal diversion programs, providing rental assistance and landlord mediation, and community-based approaches that keep families housed.

### SHELTER

Hospitality is a powerful word, and it is at the heart of the Family Promise shelter program. Across Hamilton County, communities offer hospitality to families through volunteers. This innovative model—using existing space like congregations and volunteers motivated by compassion—has helped dozens of children and adults in our 12 host congregations county-wide. Working with community resources, FPoHC provides comprehensive and targeted services, including intensive case management, at a significant savings to the cost of traditional shelter. Furthermore, FPoHC is able to serve families of all compositions, often providing their only shelter option in a community.

### STABILIZATION

Homelessness has many causes and housing stability involves many solutions. FPoHC has developed and implemented many programs that address every aspect of stabilization. Our goal is not simply getting families into housing; it is keeping them in housing. Key to this is identifying needs specific to the Hamilton County community and tapping into the diverse resources our volunteer pool and many agency and corporate partnerships provide. We have launched online courses for tenancy preparation, financial literacy, and virtual career pathway training over the last year. This allows us to create a basis for security and stability that separates families from poverty and allows them and their children to aspire to the future every child deserves.

Envisioning a county where every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future.

We help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community-based response.