



Family Promise

of Southern Chester County



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Executive Director's Letter

Dear Friends (faithful friends and supporters),

I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on the incredible impact we have made together over the past year. Family Promise of Southern Chester County could not have achieved its mission without the unwavering support of our community partners, volunteers, and donors like you. Your generosity has directly touched the lives of countless families, helping them to find stability, hope, and a brighter future.

In 2023, we proudly served 88 families through our core programs, providing them with safe housing, vital resources, and the support they needed to overcome the challenges of homelessness. Of those who graduated from our Promise House program, 100% remained stably housed, a testament to the success of our holistic approach.

Through programs like Promises Made, Promise House, and Promises Kept, we work every day to empower families with children, helping them build financial independence, secure permanent housing, and break the cycle of homelessness. Your belief in our mission makes this possible.

Thank you for your continued partnership with Family Promise of Southern Chester County and the families we serve. Together, we are transforming lives and strengthening our community, one family at a time. We continue to work together to ensure that every child has a place to call home.



With deep appreciation,



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Executive Director

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OUR MISSION

THE MISSION OF FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY IS TO HELP FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE HOUSING AND STABILITY

Part of a National Organization

Family Promise of Southern Chester County is part of a leading national nonprofit organization addressing the problem of family homelessness. With over 200 affiliates, Family Promise has served more than 825,000 people nationally, the majority children, since being founded in 1986. Families in our program spend an average of 60 days in the program. Our affiliate operates as a separate non-profit organization, so we can focus on addressing the needs of our local community.



Our Programs

Promises Made (Diversion)

Case manager works to divert families from shelter and homelessness by assisting them to identify alternative housing options, services, or resources through case management services. This is for families who may be in imminent danger of losing their current housing.

Promise House (Transitional Housing)

Families stay in homes, rented by Family Promise, for up to 120 days. During this time, the case manager works with families to establish and address goals including improving employment, household budgeting/financial literacy, connecting to entitlements, and securing permanent housing. Families also receive life skills training such as improving their credit and financial situation and building social networks to help them break the cycle of homelessness.

Promises Kept (Stabilization)

Offered to the graduates of Promise House, stabilization is necessary to reduce the rate of returns to shelter by families. By staying engaged with families as they exit the Promise Houses, we can limit the trauma experienced by the families. We provide food items, gift cards, small grants for one-time expenses, utility assistance, and furniture or household items to families who stay in touch or attend meetings. Case management can also be provided.

Support Congregations

Apostolic Church of Oxford
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Avon Grove Church of the Nazarene
Avondale United Methodist Church
Bethany Presbyterian Church Mendenhall
Christ Church at the Grove
Christian Life Center
Church of the Advent at Kennett Square
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
Doe Run Presbyterian Church
Episcopal Church of the Advent
First Baptist Church of Kennett Square
New London United Methodist Church
Kennett Friends Meeting
Oxford United Methodist Church
Oxford Presbyterian Church

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Toughkenamon Presbyterian Church
United Methodist Church of the Open Door
United Church of Christ East Goshen
Unionville Presbyterian Church
West Grove United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Willowdale Chapel

2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

IN 2023, FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO...



88

FAMILIES

(MADE UP OF 106 CHILDREN AND 73 ADULTS IN OUR CORE PROGRAMS)

82%

SINGLE MOMS

WENT FROM 3 PROMISE HOUSES TO

6

PROMISE HOUSES



100%

OF THE 9 FAMILIES WHO GRADUATED FROM THE PROMISE HOUSE PROGRAM REMAINED STABLY HOUSED DURING FOLLOW UP

THIS COULD
NOT
HAVE BEEN DONE
WITHOUT **YOU**



200

SERVICES* DELIVERED

FAMILY PROMISE RAISED

\$2,337

IN GIFT CARDS FOR GAS
AND GROCERIES



*DIAPERS, GIFT CARDS, HOUSEHOLD CLEANING SUPPLIES, BEDDING, KITCHEN ITEMS, VACUUMS, PERSONAL CARE ITEMS, FORMULA, CAR SEATS, PACK 'N PLAYS, TRANSPORTATION

Volunteers

No longer utilizing the rotational model by housing families in their churches, volunteers from area congregations stayed in touch, making gift card drives, checking in, helping with donations and assisting with our fundraisers. Some of the area churches have adopted our Promise Houses whereby they outfit the home with linens, toiletries, and groceries in between families' stays.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Family Promise works with many partner organizations to increase the effectiveness of the service we provide to our families. They do what they do best and we are grateful for every one of them.

- Avon Grove Lions Club
- Avon Grove MOMS Club
- Arts Holding Hands and Hearts (AHHAH)
- Bridge of Hope
- Bridging the Community
- Chester County Career Link
- Chester County Intermediate Unit
- Chester County Department of Community Development and Decade to Doorways
- Chester County Department of Human Services
- Community Warehouse Project of Chester County
- Community Volunteers in Medicine
- Family Service of Chester County
- Friends Association for the Care and Protection of Children
- Garage Community & Youth Center
- Girl Scouts Troop 4589
- Giving Bikes Back
- Holcomb Behavioral Health Services
- Home of the Sparrow
- Kennett Area Community Services (KACS)
- Kennett Consolidated High School National Honor Society
- Kennett Library
- LCH Health & Community Services
- Maternal & Child Health Consortium & Migrant Ministry
- Mighty Writers Kennett
- Open Hearth, Inc. & Mobile Workforce Navigation
- Oxford Neighborhood Services
- PetSmart Charities
- Recycled Rides
- SILO
- Square Roots Collaborative
- Southern Chester County Opportunity Network
- Technical College High School
- The Bridge
- Tick Tock Early Learning Center
- Wings for Success
- YMCA
- Young Moms



With Gratitude to Our Donors

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Family Promise is extremely grateful for the support of our grantors, in-kind partners, service organizations, congregations, and individual donors. These gifts are instrumental in providing the essential funding to serve our families. We cannot do it without you!

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Churches

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
Christ Church at the Grove
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church of Kennett Square
Oxford Church of the Nazarene
Oxford Presbyterian Church
Oxford United Methodist Church
Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square
St. Michael Lutheran Church
St. Patrick Church
Unionville Presbyterian Church
West Grove United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Willowdale Chapel

Foundations/Nonprofits

Applestone Foundation
Avon Grove Lions Foundation, Inc.
Benevity
Camp Dreamcatcher
CCRES
Charities Aid Foundation America
CyberGrants
Family Promise
Marshall-Reynolds Foundation
Mushroom Festival, Inc.
National Alliance to End
Homelessness
National Philanthropic Trust
Network for Good
Oxford Area Foundation
PayPal Giving Fund
Rotary Club of Kennett at
Longwood
Square Roots Collective
Square Roots Initiative
Sun East Foundation
The B&W Family Foundation
The Fund for Women and Girls
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United Way of Southern Chester
County
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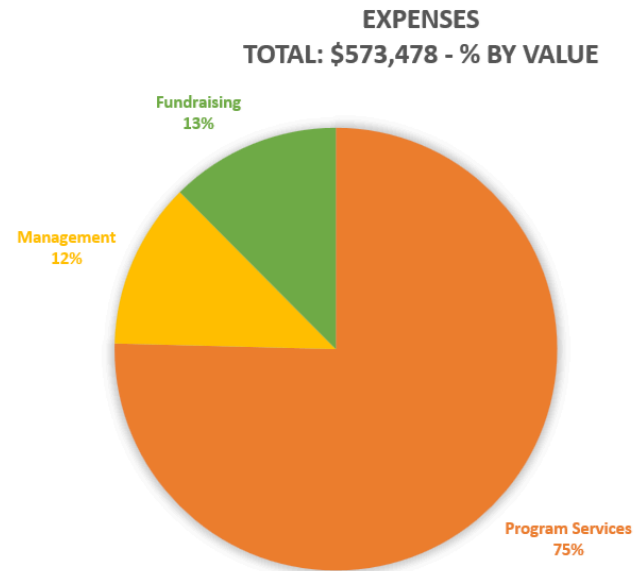
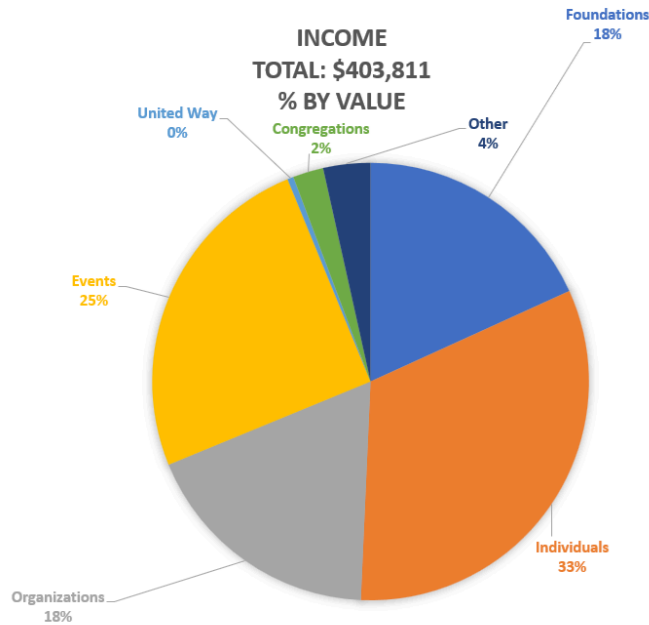
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2023 Financial Overview



STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION: DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	ASSETS	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$521,220	\$656,018
Promises to give		\$100,000	\$200,000
Grants receivable		\$40,000	-
Prepaid and other current assets		\$2,941	\$9,844
Property and equipment, net		\$11,325	\$15,008
TOTAL ASSETS		\$675,486	\$880,870
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		\$2,139	\$4,711
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions:			
Growth Initiatives Fund		\$60,000	\$60,000
Operating reserve		\$207,473	\$207,473
Undesignated		\$49,584	\$198,341
Total without donor restrictions		\$317,057	\$465,814
With donor restrictions		\$356,290	\$410,345
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$673,347	\$876,159
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		\$675,486	\$880,870



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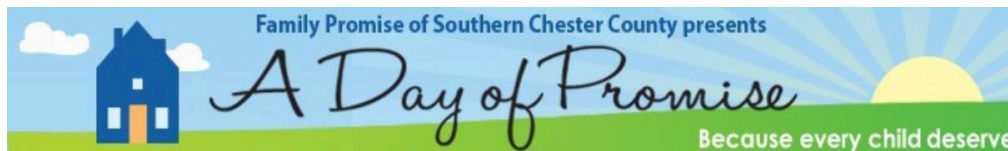
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Anatole France

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