



FAMILY PROMISE OF ACADIANA

Homeless,  
but not helpless  
thanks to you.

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

# Family Promise of Acadiana

Family Promise of Acadiana is part of a national network providing shelter, meals and comprehensive support to families without homes. We serve only families with children; couples with children, single moms with children, and single dads with children.



## How It Works

Area church congregations live out their faith by acting as a host church or a support church. Host churches provide temporary shelter and volunteers, while support churches provide financial support.

**DAY CENTER** Guests receive intensive case management services at the center, which serves as a base for housing and employment searches, as well as access to showers and laundry facilities. Many guests are employed during the day; children attend school or daycare. The center also serves as an overnight shelter when host churches are not available.

**VOLUNTEERS** Volunteers perform various services: setting up the guest rooms; providing the evening meal, breakfast and a bagged lunch; visiting with guests; and playing with children or helping with homework.

**SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES** Local service agencies refer families to the network. Working with the program director, agencies also help guests find housing, employment and benefits.





# Journey to Independence

## 2004-2021 STATISTICS

GRADUATED INTO  
PERMANENT HOUSING

87%

EMPLOYMENT RATE

93%

CHILDREN SERVED

300

ALL PEOPLE SERVED

455

MEALS PROVIDED

160K

## How You Can Help

Our organization keeps the family intact - the core of its success. Your financial contribution will help support the infrastructure that makes the program possible. Any gift is appreciated. To make the most impact, please consider a monthly pledge. Just submit the pledge card below or visit [FamilyPromiseAcadiana.org](http://FamilyPromiseAcadiana.org) to donate online.

(please cut along dotted line and mail to the address listed below)

### PLEDGE CARD

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

EMAIL

### I WOULD LIKE TO BE A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY & PLEDGE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Good Neighbor</b><br>\$14 per month / \$168 annually | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Guardian</b><br>\$200 per month / \$2,400 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Friend</b><br>\$25 per month / \$300 annually | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Champion</b><br>\$400 per month / \$4,800 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Ally</b><br>\$50 per month / \$600 annually   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Cornerstone</b><br>\$10,000 annually               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Family Circle</b><br>\$75 per month / \$900 annually | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other \$</b> _____  |

### PLEASE MAIL TO

**Family Promise Of Acadiana**

**P.O. Box 2984 Lafayette, LA 70502**

If preferred, you may make a secure online donation through your bank account or credit card. Visit [FamilyPromiseAcadiana.org](http://FamilyPromiseAcadiana.org) and click the Donate Now button.

# Doing the Math

Each of our guest families is working hard to improve their situation and obtain a stable home environment for their children and themselves. There are many economic realities that present challenges to reaching that goal.

## CONSIDER THE NUMBERS

- ✧ Louisiana minimum wage is **\$7.25 per hour**.
- ✧ A single parent earning minimum wage and working **40 hrs** per week earns **\$15,080** annually. Two working parents brings that to **\$30,160** annually.
- ✧ Recent statistics show that a family of four in Louisiana needs more than **\$42,000** per year to afford the basics of day-to-day living.

## THERE ARE MANY SMALL WAYS TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

- ✧ \$38 buys a one-month bus pass. This provides transportation that enables an adult guest to get and keep a job.
- ✧ \$40 pays for one family counseling session, an important service for many of our families who are often dealing with some level of trauma that contributed to their current homelessness. This trauma could be abuse, divorce, neglect, serious illness, etc.
- ✧ \$110 provides basic daily living supplies for one month for guest families at the Day Center.
- ✧ \$350 defrays initial household setup expenses for one of our families when they graduate from our program into stable housing.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call 337.233.3447 or email [director@familypromiseacadiana.org](mailto:director@familypromiseacadiana.org)

### PARTICIPATING CONGREGATIONS

First United Methodist Church	St. Pius Catholic Church
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church	First Presbyterian Church of Lafayette

