



# Family Promise®

**Family Promise of Sarasota**

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## **Congregations**

### Host

Ashton Fellowship

Bahia Vista Mennonite

First Congregational U.C.C.

First Presbyterian

First United Methodist

Pine Shores Presbyterian

St. Boniface Episcopal

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Wilfred Episcopal

Temple Beth Sholom

### Support

Concordia Lutheran Church

Center For Positive Living

Faith Presbyterian

New Life Lutheran

St. Armand Lutheran

Trinity United Methodist

## **Services we provide** to the families we serve and assist:

- Shelter (for up to 90 days- each family has own room via partnering inter-faith congregations)
- Address (which enables them to enroll children in school)
- Meals (3 per day)
- Basic needs (toiletries, clothing, shoes – as needed)
- Transportation (in form of gas cards or Bus passes)
- Case management – ongoing.
- Employment guidance/consulting (via Employment Consultant)
- Financial Management counseling/classes.
- Day Center (with phone, computer/internet/printer)
- Connections to multiple existing resources in the community
- Work supplies (clothing, simple tools they may need)
- Birth Certificates, ID's, Driver's licenses (all needed for employment/child care/school)
- Assistance with: minor car repairs, Dr. appt., over-the-counter medications, other personal items
- Diapers, wipes, baby supplies for children.
- School supplies as needed
- Support from a network of hundreds of volunteers, daily
- 3 Month Family Memberships to YMCA (stress relief/health)

Our goal is to help support struggling families who've lost housing, by taking care of basic needs while we guide them back into full time employment, budgeting and financial planning, therefore allowing them to save up for housing again. Children are able to go to day care or school with a physical address. We keep families TOGETHER where some other shelters separate due to age and gender of children.

We currently accomplish this with one paid staff person, a Board of Directors and hundreds of volunteers putting in over 200 hours per week.

Once ready to move into their OWN place again, we assist in finding furniture, those to help move them, household needs, and continued after-care support.

Eventually we'd like to offer a Family Mentoring component (when funding permits).

Budget \$100,000 annually.

**Family Promise of Sarasota is a cost-effective program utilizing existing resources, volunteers and services to provide families with the assistance they need to move beyond a temporary crisis of homelessness, by helping these families regain their independence.**