



KEEPING THE PROMISE

FAMILY PROMISE OF THE MIDLANDS NEWSLETTER

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Alex English & Family Promise of the Midlands Celebrity Golf Tournament

2ND ANNUAL

ALEX ENGLISH
NBA Hall-of-Famer

CELEBRITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
COBBLESTONE PARK GOLF CLUB

SAVE THE DATE 2022

VIP RECEPTION | NOVEMBER 13TH
Includes dinner and cash bar, silent auction, and a Celebrity Draft where golfers may bid for a celebrity to join their team.

6:00PM AT THE COBBLESTONE PARK CLUBHOUSE

GOLF TOURNAMENT | NOVEMBER 14TH
Includes breakfast, cart & greens fees, gift bag, and more.

To register or learn how to become a sponsor go to www.familypromisemidlands.org/events and click on the registration button.

SPOTLIGHT

CAMP IMPACT 2022

FPM sponsored its 2nd annual Camp Impact in July. This is a camp serving children who are experiencing home insecurity. A total of 86 children ages 6-13 attended this week-long camp held at Camp Cole in the Lower Richland area. Our FPM congregations donated items that each camper needed during the week, including sheets, blankets and miscellaneous personal items. Many of our member congregations supplied a meal to all campers and staff.



FPM'S 5-POINT SERVICE MODEL

Preventing Homelessness: Our FPM Opportunity Center receives more calls each day from people seeking services. Our staff offers assistance to these callers in a variety of ways: monetary assistance for specific bills to avoid eviction, job training, and referrals to other agencies. The volunteers who answer these calls are trained in initial screening of these requests. This past quarter, our staff served over 200 families either with direct help or by referrals to other agencies.

Temporary Shelter: As most of you know, FPM is renting a triplex in the St. Andrews area. As during our previous rotational model, these families meet strict criteria to enter these units. Our congregations assist in covering expenses for this triplex as well as assisting the families with groceries and other needs.



Family highlights include: a mother who obtained her BA in elementary education and is now a teacher in Richland 2. She has moved into the transitional house! Another mother completed her Cosmetology training and passed the state Cosmetology exam! Congratulations to our graduates and we look forward to "Continuing the Promise". The third family is a mother and two children. The mother is working 2 jobs and her son is a high school honor student and is also employed.

CONT - FPM'S 5-POINT SERVICE MODEL

Stabilization Services: This service is intended to foster stability and reduce recidivism in the homeless community. FPM staff offer assistance through counseling and advising parents in their financial decisions. FPM has assisted 42 families this past year.



Tomorrow's Promise: This is designed to help children in housing instability with emotional support and enrichment activities, including music, athletics, and art. During the past year, these children experienced 16 events such as attending Fireflies games, attending a Christmas concert at the Koger Center, participating in Children's Theater workshops and, of course, going to Camp Impact.

Transitional Housing: This service is designed for families who are basically stable but still need minimal support. FPM currently owns one transitional housing unit and is in the process of obtaining 2-3 more in the foreseeable future. Jeff's goal is 25 by '25.



Pic: Getting ready to move



OTHER EXCITING NEWS

FPM recently hosted the Family Promise National Organization for its Southeast Regional Annual Conference. Attendees came from six states to learn how our organization has weathered and thrived through all of the pandemic challenges.

OUR FPM PARTNER CHURCHES & LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Local organizations continue to serve our populations in ways large and small. Redeemer Lutheran and the Basilica of St. Peter hosted a back to school lunch and gave children bookbags and back to school supplies.



SEASONAL HELP

With Christmas and Thanksgiving coming up, the opportunities are endless: Invite families to share meals with you and your congregation; purchase tickets for families to attend special events in the area such as The Nutcracker or the Lights at Saluda Shoals; purchase gift cards; host a Christmas party at either your church or the FPM Opportunity Center.

Specific needs include:

1. Fulfilling a Christmas wish list for the families in our program.
2. Join cleaning group that prepares our housing for new tenants.
3. Organizing and helping with moving chores as our families transition.

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MINISTRY MENU

FPM recognizes that the impact of our collective energies and resources in partnership with local faith partners is far greater than the impact we could ever make alone to help stabilize the lives of families in crisis.

FPM desires to establish strong partnerships with the faith community for the purpose of empowering families with children who are facing situational homelessness. We also understand how important it is to build awareness and educate our faith partners about the trauma of homelessness, and how we can help our families build resilience together.

Partner Congregation Ministry Menu

- #### Homelessness Prevention

Your support prevents families with children from becoming homeless.

We have established programming through a partnership with Help Us Move In (<http://helpusmovein.org>) that allows families to remain in their homes or find suitable housing while assisting with utilities as well.
- #### Temporary Shelter

Providing meals, encouragement, spending time with families, and supporting our efforts in providing shelter space ensures that each family that needs us has a place where they can feel safe and supported until they find permanent housing.

In static shelter, families stay overnight at the same location throughout their participation in the Family Promise program. It is a fixed site for families to stay and for volunteers to provide hospitality.
- #### Stabilization Services

Relationships truly transform us, and volunteers can improve the stability of our families once they move into their own housing via The Open Table program (<https://www.theopentable.org/>).

We can continue the promise for our families who graduate by ensuring they remain stable in their housing. Providing appropriate wraparound services and remaining connected with the families we serve reduces the recidivism rate back to homelessness and helps to improve the future for them.
- #### Tomorrow's Promise

Provide support for children to ensure they are experiencing the same enrichment activities as their peers and help our families build resiliency and heal trauma through community.

Whether it is athletics, music, art, help purchasing a prom dress or overnight camp for a week (<https://www.campcole.org/campimpact/>) we can help transform lives through positive experiences! Our Opportunity Center provides a place for events, celebrations, trainings, and special dinners with our families and Partner Congregations. Our families enjoy visiting our faith partners as well.
- #### Transitional Housing

Your support will fuel meeting our goal of 25 by 2025. We want 25 transitional housing options for the families we serve by 2025.

This supportive, temporary housing serves to bridge the gap from homelessness to permanent housing. We kicked off our efforts with our very own Clayton manufactured home. During 2023, we are hopeful to add 3 more homes for our families.