

Did You Know?

In a typical network, half of the guests are children, most of whom are under six years of age.



How Can You Help?

Be a Host Congregation

Host congregations provide dinner, a place to sleep, and breakfast for up to 14 people (typically 3-4 families) on a rotating basis. Each host congregation can expect to host about 4 times per year.

Be a Support Congregation

Your congregation can participate by assisting host congregations, providing financial support and volunteering at the Family Promise® Center.

Support Financially

We need funds to staff and operate our Family Promise® center which serves as the hub of our network. 98.5% of the contributions stays in Delaware and goes directly to support our local network.

Volunteer

We have ongoing needs for volunteers to assist with staffing the Family Promise® Center, fundraising and a variety of other activities. If you have a specific area of interest and a passion to help the homeless children and their families in our area, please contact us!

Nearly 40% of the 3.5 million people who are homeless every year are families.

Family Promise® is committed to helping low-income families nationwide achieve lasting independence. We do this by providing safe shelter, meals, and support services for homeless children and their families in our participating congregations. Our programs address the underlying causes of homelessness through hands-on involvement of our volunteers.



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Family Promise®
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*Helping Homeless Children
and Their Families In
Northern New Castle County, Delaware*

About Family Promise®

Family Promise® is a national organization which brings shelter, meals, and support services to children and their families without homes.

Family Promise® is a cost-efficient and effective community response to family homelessness.



Because we make use of existing community resources, programs vary from community to community, reflecting local needs and resources. However, there are five basic components to a Family Promise® program:

1. HOSTS

Hosting rotates weekly among typically 13 host congregations in a network. In turn, each host congregation provides lodging, three meals daily and welcoming care.

2. FAMILY PROMISE® CENTER

Guests use a local Family Promise® Center (located at St. James Mill Creek) from 8:00am to 5:00pm where the IHN director, a professional social worker, provides case management services. There, guests pursue employment, tend preschool children, shower, and do laundry. The center provides guests with a mailing address and a base for housing and employment searches. Many guests are employed during the day, while older children attend school.

3. VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers provide various services:

- Cooking and serving meals
- Playing with children or helping them with homework
- Interacting with guests, with respect and compassion

4. SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES

Local social service agencies refer families to the network. The agencies may also help guests find housing, jobs, and benefits.

5. TRANSPORTATION

We transport guests to and from the Family Promise® Center. The van also carries bedding and luggage to the next host congregation.

The Participating Churches Of New Castle County

Committed Host Congregations

Grace Lutheran Church

St. Philip's Lutheran Church

Hockessin Baptist Church

Limestone Presbyterian Church

Hockessin United Methodist Church

St. James Mill Creek Episcopal Church

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church

*The Lutheran Church of the
Good Shepherd*

Committed Support Congregations

St. John the Beloved Catholic Church

Trinity Community Church

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

