



FAMILY PROMISE ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT 2022

Every life we change has a story.



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

It has been a changing landscape and challenging period for all of us in recent years, but one thing that remains unchanged is Family Promise of the Coastal Empire's commitment to assisting housing-insecure families in Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham counties. Since I joined the organization eight years ago and was chosen to lead Family Promise as Executive Director when the counties merged in 2020, our region has experienced significant growth and a great lack of affordable housing. Our mission is to not only break the cycle of homelessness among families, but also to lift an entire population out of poverty for good. I am proud of our top-notch programs, training workshops, and initiatives that individuals can work through to improve their circumstances for good – giving them a hand-up and not just a hand-out.

As we commit to reducing the number of families who are separated when they fall on difficult times and find themselves homeless, we ask families in our programs to take advantage of our mentoring, homelessness-prevention programs and services, and initiatives to address the underlying causes of homelessness. Family Promise has a strong track record of keeping families together while offering support and resources toward long-term independence.

With your support, prayers, and donations I hope and believe that we can continue to alleviate homelessness in the Coastal Empire.



Katrina Bostick, Executive Director
Family Promise of the Coastal Empire

IMPACT 2022



252

evictions prevented

625

children served

24,630

volunteer hours

71,359

meals served

15,330

shelter beds

78.5

average length of stay

69

corporate partners

72

faith congregations

17

support congregations

GET TO KNOW

OUR TEAM

OUR LEADERSHIP



Katrina Bostick, MSW
Executive Director

Katrina was employed at a childcare center for 13 years, where she worked frequently with nearly impoverished families. While studying for her Bachelor of Social Work degree from Savannah State in 2013, she began working at Family Promise, then known as the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This experience changed her understanding of homelessness to something that put children and families on the forefront.



Pamela McKinley
Finance Director

Pamela started as a volunteer with Interfaith Hospitality Network and has been with the organization for 7 years. She is a graduate of an HBCU, Tougaloo College, with a Bachelor's in Economics/Accounting. Pamela has over 25 years of experience working with the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, and in the private sector. Her favorite pastime is spent with her two granddaughters.

OUR FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALISTS



Heather Tomlinson

Heather attended Georgia Southern University, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in sociology and minored in gerontology. Heather has been a National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children in foster care for the last two years. She has also volunteered at Hospice and a Senior Living Community. It is important to Heather to help others succeed and overcome any obstacles they may be facing.



Dorkese Davis

Dorkese is a native of Savannah, GA and received a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice from the illustrious Savannah State University. While working in the non profit sector, she has gained a passion for improving the lives of others while working with children and families. This is intertwined with her personal endeavors such as volunteering within the community and professional life experiences. Her hobbies include reading and spending time with family.



Porsche Moody, MSW

Porsche has experience working within the community on physical and mental health issues, with children and adults with diverse backgrounds going through difficult life phases. She believes the family unit is the foundation of any institution of society. Coming from a small family, Porsche has had the privilege of experiencing the hard work it takes from each member – as well as working with outside agencies – to help a family grow and expand.



Lindsay Schilder

Lindsay grew up in Savannah, and received a BA in Psychology from the University of Mississippi followed by a Master's in Social Work from Arizona State University. Having worked in the nonprofit sector for the last 10 years, she has grown to appreciate being a part of a field that is dedicated to helping families go from surviving to thriving. Each day holds another opportunity to inspire and be inspired.

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TESTIMONIALS





"There is a Jewish proverb that says, 'Whoever saves one life, saves the world entire.' We're not saving a life here, but we are helping people. And helping people – even on a small scale like this – really is helping the world."

Stephen Williams
Pastor at First Presbyterian
Church of Savannah



"They helped me get my family back together, and now we have a stable place to call our own. In our moment of need, they helped us; it's only right to help them, so they can help the next family!"

Curtis Berry
Family Promise Graduate



"Don't be afraid to get out there and see what's available and search for resources. If you get back on your feet, please learn how to budget and have a cushion so that when there's another rainy day, you're going to be OK."

Nicole Stephens
Family Promise Graduate



"Family Promise doesn't just provide financial aid to people; they provide opportunities for improvement and teach them how to help themselves. Adding that second layer of assistance truly helps break the cycle."

Damon Hubert
Pastor at The Chapel Ministries:
Effingham Campus



"Sometimes we visit the other family who lived with us at Family Promise and lives nearby now. And sometimes I miss Family Promise, too – so I'll stop by to see if anyone's home!"

Joy Flynn
Family Promise Graduate



"One of our goals as a church is to be actively involved in the community, and working with Family Promise gives us a wonderful opportunity to do so."

Hubert Quiller
Pastor at Restoration Worship
Center in Richmond Hill, GA



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