



2024 IMPACT REPORT



Helping families achieve sustainable independence

Volunteers at Ascension Catholic prepare to welcome shelter families in July with a lovely display of summer flowers to beautify the space.

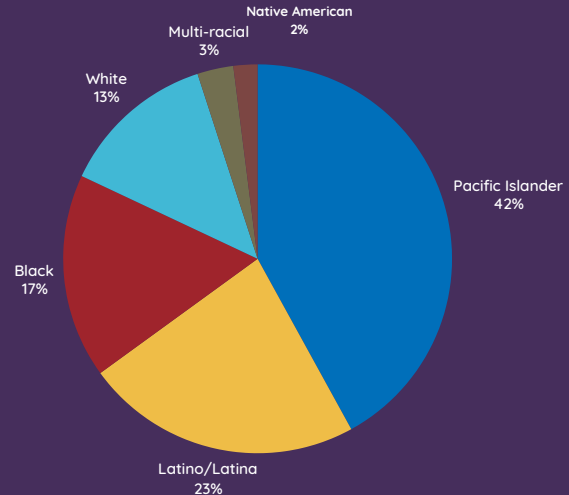


WHO WE SERVE

Family Promise of Metro East (FPME) serves families with children in Multnomah County who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Together with our network of community partners, we provide 24/7 emergency shelter, comprehensive case management, and a range of rent assistance programs to end or prevent family homelessness.

Here's a snapshot of families our shelter program served in 2024:

- 54% were children under 18. 46% were parents or grandparents.
- 53% were men or boys. 47% were women or girls.
- 87% were families of color, details as follows:



★ KEY OUTCOMES



17 families in shelter
including 28 children



7,464 breakfasts
& dinners provided



11 families re-housed
including 33 people



3,732 safe bed nights



Rent assistance
for 25 families
including 53 children



2 churches joined
our network of
9 host partners



A single father gets keys to his new apartment
after a few months in shelter with his infant son.



"Coco" at the Oregon Symphony, Nov 2024



Bowling for the first time, Aug 2024



While families are in shelter, our staff, board and volunteers collaborate to plan special activities and outings about once per month. In 2024, these included trips to see Peter Pan at Oregon Ballet Theatre, putt putt golf, the Rose Garden, a family fun day at Oaks Park, bowling at Superplay, pumpkin carving, seeing Disney's "Coco" at the Schnitz with a live mariachi orchestra, and making gingerbread houses before Christmas. These activities help our Guest Families create positive memories of their time with FPME.

GROWING OUR TEAM

2024 brought significant changes to the staff of Family Promise.

- In January, **Seth Truby** succeeded Michele Veenker as Executive Director, bringing over 20 years of experience in nonprofit fundraising and leadership.
- In April, La'Asia Cain resigned as Family Navigator and moved out of state. **Miriam Quiroz Martinez** joined our team at the beginning of December, bringing expertise in affordable housing and case management to her work with our families.
- In September, **Flame Rayhawk** became our first JVC Flex Volunteer, serving as our Volunteer and Activities Coordinator. She works with our shelter families and over 200 volunteers who make our programs possible.
- Also in September, **Aqdas Juya** joined us through the Student Leaders for Service program at Portland State University. She volunteers at the shelter and helps with administrative tasks.
- **Pastor Daniel Rose** provided some continuity for our team, serving as our primary bus driver covering most weekday shifts and supported by volunteer drivers on the weekends.



Family Promise staff and interns gather for a holiday lunch just before Christmas. From L to R:
Aqdas Juya, PSU student intern
Flame Rayhawk, JVC Volunteer
Pastor Daniel Rose, FPME bus driver
Miriam Quiroz Martinez, Family Navigator
Seth Truby, Executive Director

FPME board and staff tour a static shelter site during a June visit to our sister program in Salem. From L to R: Susan Voss-Rothmeier, Melissa Bovee, George Johnson, FP Salem Executive Director TJ Putman, Amy Chaney and Marylee Stahl.



WORKING TOGETHER

FPME operates in the much wider contexts of local and national responses to the crisis of family homelessness.

- Between January and June 2024, FPME participated in the local **Family Shelter System of Care**, under a temporary contract with the **Joint Office of Homeless Services**.
- In April, Board President **Melissa Bovee** and ED **Seth Truby** participated in the Family Promise West Regional Conference.
- In June, five FPME board members joined ED Seth Truby for a site visit to **Family Promise of the Mid-Willamette Valley** in Salem, OR.
- In November, FPME submitted a proposal to the Joint Office of Homeless Services to **fund a new static shelter for families**, which would allow us to double the number of families served each year.
- We are always seeking opportunities to **learn best practices and share resources** with other organizations working in this sector and in our national movement.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

FPME board member Susan Voss-Rothmeier leads a volunteer training at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, our newest host congregation. We rely on local faith communities and secular partners to provide our shelter and other programs. In 2024, we welcomed Gethsemane and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral as new hosts in our network of 19 host and support partners. Over 200 people volunteer each year to cover overnight shifts, provide meals, play games and help with homework, or drive our bus. In addition to members of our partner congregations, dozens of independent community volunteers support our families.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER

Families in our shelter rely on volunteers to prepare meals, provide bus transportation between sites, cover overnight shifts, and more.

pdxfp.org/volunteer

DONATE

Our programs depend on generous contributions from hundreds of individuals, dozens of foundations, our partner congregations and local companies.

pdxfp.org/donations

PARTNER

Join our network of host and support sites who provide a safe place and a new beginning for families with nowhere else to turn.

pdxfp.org/host-sites



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