Gerry and Irene first got involved with Family Promise of Greater Denver when their church, Our Savior Lutheran started hosting families in their building.

“We were friends with the coordinator and began volunteering and serving families back when it all started in 1997. I appreciate the ability to make a direct impact in the lives of the families served by Family Promise. We have chosen to continue to support Family Promise after all these years to stay involved with homeless issues. We enjoy the focus they have on supporting families in our community and know our dollars are being spent to support these families. We also appreciate the tax credit incentive that allows us to receive 25% back for our annual donations.”

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Gerry & Irene for their unwavering support of Family Promise. We also want to thank and acknowledge each and every one of our dedicated and giving donors. Whether you have been giving since 1997 or just started in 2019, we cannot say thank you enough. Your gifts are what fuels the tough work that is done everyday. Your support is truly changing the lives of the families we serve. You are making a child’s future brighter and their parent’s lives more stable.

One year old Lauren was still in her mom Jolene's belly when she entered shelter.

Jolene and her partner Gary had experienced homelessness for many years and were living between a tent and a storage space when they found out she was pregnant with Lauren. Jolene quickly realized she couldn't bring a baby into this living situation.

"When I arrived to Family Promise I was impressed on how welcoming everyone was to us; polite, respectful, caring, giving, truly passionate in wanting to help us. My experience in the shelter program was the most positive, productive, life changing in many ways. I became empowered and found the ability to finally be able to accomplish most everything that I haven't been able to do in the past. What I appreciate the most was that they never gave up on me, they providing the means and the resources, guidance, advice, structure, stability, love, hugs, prayers, and encouragement that I needed and was lacking prior to arriving at Family Promise. Everyone has made a commitment to stand by me and support me, I never felt alone."

Jolene and Lauren's story is one of hundreds that begins at Family Promise each year. Every story is a gift, and these gifts are made possible by supporters like you. Your efforts provide families like Lauren's with the tools and resources to regain stability and achieve lasting independence.

71% Families we Shelter Find Housing

3 Babies Born in Shelter

1,000+ VOLUNTEERS

62 Days Average Length of Stay

10,850 SHELTER NIGHTS PROVIDED

32,550 Meals Provided
Director's Letter
Together, we touched the lives of 724 families in 2019! What an incredible year of success, growth, and learning. Thank you so much for your support!

Our 2019 successes include:
- Expanding case management services by hiring an additional full time staff member to serve 724 families
- Enhancing and increasing the effectiveness of the shelter diversion program
- Redefining “family” for our shelter program to reach more diverse and under served families
- Increasing engagement with National Family Promise to better collaborate with affiliates and learn best practices

While we remain proud of the many goals we have accomplished throughout our 22 years, family homelessness continues to impact our community. On one night in January 2019, 429 families were counted as homeless throughout the metro Denver area. These 1,402 people, including many children, had no place safe to call home. On the bitter cold night accompanied by snow, 18 family members were counted as unsheltered, staying in their car or outside.

As an organization, our ultimate goal is to see all of these numbers decrease to zero. We will continue advocating for, supporting, and forming relationships with these families until that day comes. Thank you for committing to this goal alongside us. Together, we are ending homelessness, one family at a time!

Warmly,
Allie Card
Executive Director
PREVENTION
Forty percent of Americans are just one unexpected $400 expense from financial distress. Preventing families from spiraling into homelessness is an essential part of the Family Promise mission. Prevention and Rehousing helps families avoid the trauma of homelessness by keeping them housed through providing small amounts of rental assistance. We can assist a family on the verge of homelessness with rental assistance or help with first month’s rent or deposit on a new lease. Follow up case management is provided to support families as they maintain housing.

SHELTER
Family Promise’s Shelter Program strives to provide more than just shelter for families experiencing homelessness. By partnering with faith congregations, families receive shelter, meals, and supportive services while they work toward long-term housing. Families in shelter stay overnight at local faith congregations, moving every Sunday to a new location. Each overnight location is staffed by trained volunteers with 24-hour support from the Family Promise staff. Each family has their own space at the congregation for sleeping and storing their belongings. Additionally, families receive three meals a day, help with transportation, access to showers and laundry facilities, and individualized case management and housing navigation.

STABILIZATION
FPGD offers comprehensive, ongoing services to families post-shelter. The Home Program provides stabilization case management, Compadres mentoring relationships, and tenant based rental assistance (TBRA). Once housed, families often face additional barriers to sustainability. For these reasons, we strongly believe in the work of Home. We aim to prevent future episodes of homelessness for all of the families served by wrapping families with ongoing services through deep relationship.

CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS
RAPID RESOLUTION
This program helps families experiencing homelessness identify quick housing options, with the goal of diverting families from the shelter system and into short term or permanent housing within 60 days. Services may include family mediation, relocation, transportation assistance, and rental assistance.

COMMUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT
This program helps families navigate a variety of community resources, including housing, benefits, employment, child care, food, and transportation.

Forming relationships with families by providing shelter, meals, and a spectrum of supportive services as they obtain permanent stability.
**Family Promise of Greater Denver**

**SHELTER**

- **48 Families Served**

  - Upon Leaving Shelter, 71% Housed
  - 71% Improved Financial Stability
  - 80% Employed or participated in an educational program, or received disability

**COMMUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT**

- **70 Families** were provided with resource navigation to ensure stability

**RAPID RESOLUTION**

- **61 Families** were diverted from homelessness in 2019, moving from an unsafe situation to more stable or permanent housing

**HOME**

- **54 Families Served**
  - 92% Stably Housed
  - 72% Employed or received disability

**PREVENTION**

- **48 Families Served**
  - 86% Remained housed 2 months after assistance

- **83% OF FAMILIES OBTAINED OR MAINTAINED STABLE HOUSING BY ENGAGING IN AN FPGD PROGRAM**