Charity Navigator Awards Family Promise Top Rating...Again!

For the fifth consecutive year, Family Promise has been awarded Charity Navigator’s coveted four-star rating, signifying strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only nine percent of charities rated have earned this top distinction for at least five consecutive years from America’s largest independent charity evaluator.

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Rising from the Ashes

Given a hypothetical situation, people may speculate about what treasured personal items they would take before leaving their homes. But the communal approach held by Family Promise is not about personal treasures. It’s about helping the family. Even after you find a home,” she says. “I don’t know of any other place that does that.”

Sincerely,

Nancy Seidman

Family Promise of Hudson County, NJ

MAKING THE DREAM OF STABILITY MANAGEABLE

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But it’s not just the families who touch Nancy and Kevin’s life. They’re grateful to work with so many dedicated volunteers. “There are over one hundred of us at Saint Michael’s alone,” says Kevin, noting that in addition to hands-on volunteers there are many others “always working behind the scenes.” Even the parish school has raised money for Family Promise.

The Mahones maintain contact with several families who have graduated from the program. “We enjoy reconnecting with former guests and seeing the progress they’ve made because of their experience with Family Promise,” Nancy says.

FP-UC Executive Director Goreen Donovan considers the Mahones invaluable to the program. “Their compassion and concern for others is reflected in the relationships they form with our families and volunteers,” she says.

The Mahones cherish their work with Family Promise. “Family Promise is special. It makes a real difference in people’s lives,” says Nancy, “including ours.”

To learn how you can make a difference in the lives of children and families in need, visit: https://familypromise.org/get-involved

There’s a familiar saying that “play is the work of children,” and studies show play is essential to a child’s cognitive, physical, emotional, creative, and social development. But children in families battling poverty and homelessness often lack not only essentials like food, shelter, and proper medical care, but the ability and opportunity to play. They have limited outlets to learn, explore, grow, and simply be kids.

Children are at the heart of Family Promise’s work, which is why Family Promise has partnered with other like-minded nonprofits to ensure the impact of homelessness on them is not overlooked.

Sesame Street in Communities, a philanthropic initiative of Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind the popular children’s television show, has enlisted Family Promise and other national leaders to join their conversation on family homelessness as they explore ways to address this crisis, engage with families at risk, and raise awareness of the issue. The panel’s goal is to create broader awareness of family homelessness and its impact, as well as inform those who interact with young children who lack stable housing.

Jeanette Betancourt, Senior Vice President of Community and Family Engagement for Sesame Workshop, noted the “incredible discussion” had left Sesame Workshop “with deep considerations on the need and, more importantly, what is possible.”

Family Promise CEO Claire Ehlers echoes this sentiment: “Putting the resources of the leader in children’s education into family homelessness is an important step to raising awareness and engaging communities. We’re thrilled to be part of this effort.”

Recognizing the importance of creative play for children, Family Promise has also forged an innovative partnership with KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit dedicated to giving kids a childhood filled with the balanced and active play necessary to thrive, that will bring play products to Family Promise affiliates across the country, increasing access to engaging safe play spaces.

“We’ve always made sure that children can play,” explains Ehlers, adding, “It’s part of the normative environment. Family Promise strives for. Working with KaBOOM! allows us to provide a consistent option to impact children’s lives during their stay with us.”

Ehlers sums up the significance of these partnerships: “Our organizations share a critical mission to improve the lives of children. Partnering brings us together in that cause and also provides our Affiliates with a valuable way to engage additional volunteers.”

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SPREADING SEEDS OF HOPE

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Promise provided her with counseling and case management and helped her complete her degree, maintain her transportation, get Zion the educational support he needed at school, and steer the family back to independence, ultimately finding them a new home.

“Family Promise isn’t just a shelter, it’s a whole system of support. You come away a better person with higher self-esteem. You come away understanding there are people who care,” explained Nichole.

Not only did Nichole pass her final classes with straight A’s, she wrote and self-published a book, “Letters to God,” to help others going through difficult times or experiencing major life changes.

“Family Promise is different from anything else out there,” Nichole told the audience. “The things I gained from Family Promise far outweigh the things I lost when we became homeless.”

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