

What is an Interfaith Hospitality Network®?

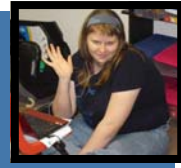


An Interfaith Hospitality Network® provides families in crisis with meals, a place to stay together as a family, and assistance finding permanent housing, jobs and in meeting other needs. Using existing facilities and volunteers from local congregations, Family Promise IHN is a low-cost answer to family homelessness to help families go from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

Elements of our Program

Host & Team Congregations

- About four times a year—for one week at a time—Host Congregations provide overnight lodging, meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and hospitality.
- Team Congregations provide additional volunteers to help with hosting and assist with meals.
- Hosting rotates among the many Host Congregations in the Network, to provide lodging for three to five families (up to fourteen or fifteen individuals) from about 5:00 PM to 7:00 AM each day.



Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart of the Network providing a variety of services:

- Cooking and serving meals, transportation services and overnight staffing.
- Fill-in staffing at the Day Center.
- Beyond providing lodging and meals, volunteers interact with the guests, providing tutoring, resources, conversation and a listening ear, encouragement and guidance, all while treating them with respect and responding with compassion.



Day Center

- From about 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, guests go to the day center, where there are shower and laundry facilities.
- The day center provides guest families with a mailing address, phone number and a home base from which to conduct their employment and housing search.

Executive Director

- Our Executive Director, whose office is located at the day center, directs and coordinates the components of the IHN program.
- The families are screened by our Executive Director and staff before entry into the program.

Guests

- Since Family Promise is primarily comprised of volunteers, only guest families without active substance abuse, domestic violence or psychiatric problems are accepted.
- Many guests are employed during the day and go to work. During the school year, children attend their schools.



Social Service Agencies

- Local social service agencies refer families to the program. Family Promise collaborates with these agencies to help guests find housing, jobs, and other services.

Transportation

- The Network van transports guests to and from the day center. The van may also carry beds and luggage from one Host Congregation to the next and guests to and from their appointments.



Funding Our Program

An IHN does not require heavy funding. Our budget is about \$111,000 per year using funds from churches, business and individuals, along with community, corporation and government grants.

How Can You Help?

- Join the congregations who have become part of the Family Promise® of Lewis-Clark Valley Interfaith Hospitality Network. A congregation may be involved by:
 - ⇒ *becoming a Host or Team Congregation*
 - ⇒ *providing volunteers*
 - ⇒ *providing funding.*
- The support of you and your congregation is needed in any or all of these capacities for the IHN to succeed.
- Become a *day center volunteer*. Help our staff with the day to day hosting and office work at the day center.
- Serve...
 - ⇒ on our *Board of Trustees*
 - ⇒ or behind the scenes *on a committee.*
- Add Family Promise of Lewis Clark Valley to the charities you *support financially.*
 - ⇒ Ask your employer to help you support us through *matching gifts.*
- Visit our website to view our *needs list* at the address below.

**Call 798-3349 for information,
or visit our website at
www.familypromisclc.org**

I Want to Help



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Building communities, strengthening lives.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone (_____) _____

I wish to contribute \$ _____

I pledge to contribute \$ _____

(monthly) (bi-monthly) (quarterly) (yearly)

Totaling \$ _____ per year.

Beginning date _____ Ending date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

I want to volunteer. Please contact me to discuss how I can help.

Mail To:
Family Promise of Lewis Clark Valley
720 16th Avenue #41
Lewiston ID 83501

Or donate online at:
<http://www.familypromiselc.org/donate.html>



I Pledged \$ _____ per _____
beginning _____ and ending _____,
totaling _____ per year.

Keep this as a reminder of your pledge.

Family Promise® of Lewis Clark Valley is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID #20-4252267.

Did you know...

- In a typical Family Promise® shelter over half of the guests are children, most of whom are under the age of six.
- Family Promise is committed to helping low-income families achieve lasting independence. This is done by providing a safe shelter, meals and support services for homeless families and through programs that help resolve the causes of homelessness.
- Approximately 80% of families leaving the Family Promise IHN program successfully secure transitional or permanent housing.

What is Family Promise®?

The first Family Promise® Interfaith Hospitality Network began in Summit, NJ in 1986 when founder, Karen Olson, saw the need to help families. There are now over 162 affiliates in 41 states operating Family Promise programs which include IHN's, Family Mentoring, Just Neighbors, Community Initiatives and Voices Uniting. More networks are in the formation and development process.

Using existing community resources and thousands of volunteers allows Family Promise® to provide comprehensive services to families at a much greater efficiency rate than government programs. Visit www.familypromise.org.



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Accomplishments...



- Since opening In 2008, meals, lodging and assistance were provided to homeless families in crisis, within our Day Center, participating community churches and with the help of volunteers.
- To date, a total of 4,860 bed-nights of lodging have been provided within community churches.
- To date, a total of 14,705 meals have been served through our host and team congregations and volunteers.
- To date, a total of 40 families including 64 children have been, or are currently being served. Innumerable families have received assistance by our staff and churches or by referral to other partner agencies.
- We have grown to include over 20 Host and Team churches who are partnered with FPLCV. Even more churches are involved in other ways to partner with FPLCV.

**We are helping families
in our valley!**

But the need continues...

- There are families in this valley living in cars, under bridges or camping out.
- There are families who are doubled up or live with grandparents, relatives or friends.
- The Clarkston School District has 283 homeless students during the 2010-2011 school year.
- The Lewiston School District has 80 homeless students during the 2010-2011 school year.

Can we count on your help?

Our Mission

We, the Family Promise® of Lewis Clark Valley, purpose to partner together with local community agencies and our faith community to provide positive solutions for families in crisis in our community. This will be done in such a way as to empower families to become self-sufficient and independent.