



2022

ANNUAL IMPACT



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Missouri City, TX 77459

West Campus:
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Rosenberg, TX 77471

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The mission of Fort Bend Family Promise is to meet the immediate needs of homeless families while empowering them to attain self-sufficiency

Static Site Supportive Housing

Our traditional model where partnering congregations provided beds, meals and fellowship for our families at night was converted to hotels during 2021. In 2022 we implemented our new Static Site model. The new Static Sites provide a full apartment with cooking and laundry amenities in each unit. Each unit can house up to four families depending on the family makeup and size. There are a total of four independent units with full amenities in the Missouri City location and three semi-independent units in the Rosenberg location. Each family has it's own private bathing and sleeping areas, only sharing kitchen and living room spaces. This new model has worked out well for the family guests, as well as the partnering congregations. Congregations no longer needing to recruit overnight volunteers, but can still remain actively involved with the families by providing meals, fellowship and other supportive services. Our day centers continue to serve as a resource center, which includes case management, internet and Youth Empowerment Planning (YEP!) area. 92 families, including 245 children, were provided with our Static Site Sheltering model in 2022.



Shelter Diversion & Homeless Prevention Program

This program provides assistance to families that are on the verge of homelessness through eviction or other circumstance. Through resource referrals, landlord mediation, rental assistance and employment, we are able to prevent many of these families from experiencing the trauma of homelessness. The implementation of this program has had a profound effect on our outreach. FBFP was able to serve 367 individuals, including 245 children, with this resource in 2022. It has proven to be a great support system to help families stabilize while also allowing our resources to reach as many families as possible.



Information & Referral Services

This program provides support to former families of the Shelter Program; as well as families experiencing crisis and low-income families in the community. This includes case management services, resource referrals, and other assistance to keep our community on track. This service reached 439 families and 390 individuals this year.



- The Bridge Fellowship
- Holy Cross Episcopal Church
- St. Faustina Catholic Church
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Sugar Land
- Calvary Episcopal Church - Richmond
- Ashirwad A Blessing
- Faith United Methodist Church
- Fishers of Men Lutheran Church
- Joy Lutheran Church
- First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
- St. Laurence Catholic Church
- First Presbyterian Rosenberg
- Southminster Presbyterian
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church
- First United Methodist Church - Missouri City
- First Presbyterian Sugar Land
- New Hope Lutheran Church
- All Saints Episcopal
- Christ Church Sugar Land
- Parkway United Methodist Church
- St. Martin's Evangelical
- Friendship Community Bible Church
- Body of Faith Church
- The Harvest United Methodist Church
- Abiding Faith
- Faith United Methodist Church Richmond

Year End Message

Dear Fort Bend Family Promise Friends and Supporters,

Fort Bend Family Promise has been serving children in families experiencing episodic homelessness since 2005, and we're happy to say 2022 was yet another blessed year.

The COVID pandemic has been a time of challenge, but also one of opportunity. During this time, Fort Bend Family Promise continued to serve our community's most vulnerable by providing homeless prevention and rehousing services. Fort Bend Family Promise has helped prevent 92 families, including 245 children, from becoming homeless. In addition, 67 families were able leave our shelter model and obtain permanent housing, closing the year with an 81% transition rate from network to permanent-housing.

We partner with churches in our surrounding area to coordinate shelter, meals, and loving support for working families experiencing episodic homelessness with their children. Though COVID disrupted our churches' hosting abilities, we were able to maintain our relationships and the comforts they bring to our families. Our ability to acquire "static sites" allowed us to provide full time shelter for our families, where our church partners brought coordinated meals and the fellowship we were so grateful to facilitate.

Looking ahead, we are very excited for the coming year. **We have seen a triple increase in families** needing our supportive services this year by the acquisition of our new normal of "static sites" with a full return of church/organization and civic group partnerships to be able to accommodate the increasing need for families in need of temporary shelter and services. I would like to thank you, on behalf of Fort Bend Family Promise and the families we represent, for your continued support.



Sincerely,

Vera L Johnson

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Executive Director

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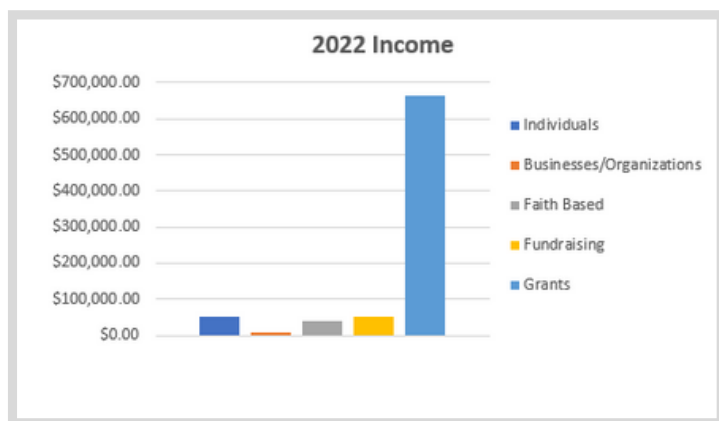
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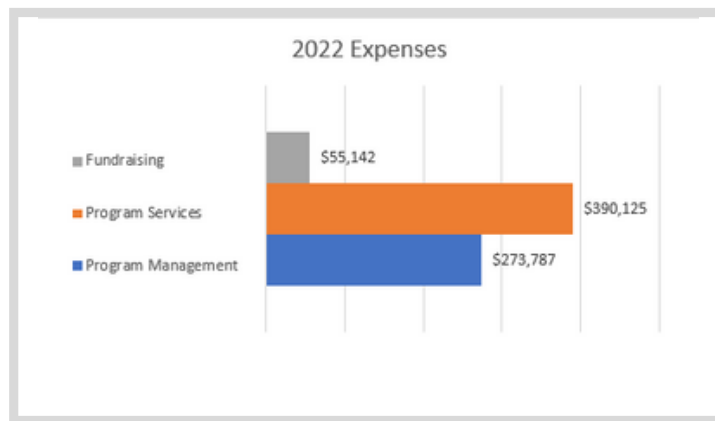
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FBFP 2022 Financial Overview

Income



Expenses



"Our Family Journey"

Mr. H. Wiltz and Ms. T. Washington, parents of one (1) elementary age son, T. Wiltz, are always working hard to provide a safe and stable home for their family. Until last fall, they managed to do so by paying rent to their landlord each month. The family had lived in this same home for 7 years. Due to COVID, Mr. Wiltz, an electrician and Ms. Washington, a preschool teacher at a local day care, both lost their jobs. Their loss of income and home resulted in the family experiencing homelessness.

Let's Journey to Texas..."Job Opportunities!"

After travelling by car from their home state to Texas, the Wiltz and Washington family lost their transportation when their vehicle needed a new engine. The vehicle's current engine was beyond repair. This left the family with not only losing their vehicle but also losing their back-up "home", which they used when they could not get a hotel room. Eventually, the family depleted their savings. The household had no family or friends to turn to for help. Homelessness eventually started knocking on their door and they were refusing to answer.

This was an especially painful transition as the family had never experienced this type of misplacement. With Fort Bend and surrounding county shelters filled, but more poignantly not housing families with males, their choices were zero. With nowhere else to turn, the family moved in a local hotel that was depleting all their income. While they were grateful for a roof over their heads, the family was uncertain about their future and needed assistance.

A local community organization referred the family to Fort Bend Family Promise (FBFP), where the three-piece approach team assisted in transitioning the family into the shelter network, which was closer to their son's school. The family began to receive the support they needed to rebuild their family's life, as they continued to work to save money for their permanent housing move. Utilizing resources and linking with community partners, the family finally found some degree of success as both adults acquired full time employment.

"When I first saw the apartment at FBFP, I got so emotional," Ms. Washington reflected. "It was what I prayed so hard for our son. The wood floors, the sun reflecting through the windows, the polka dot window curtains, a kitchen, a room for my son and even a full-size washer and dryer! I just sat there and cried because I knew in this moment that things were going to get better for us."

The Wiltz and Washington family recently reflected on their family's journey through homelessness when they were gifted a vehicle through Recycled Rides and after they acquired permanent housing: "Since this move into the FBFP network, our family has been able to relax, breathe, thank God, and feel blessed for the journey we are on. To us, this is our new sense of safety. We feel like we are stable once again! This experience made us feel like we got back more than what was taken from us during our fight to make our lives feel normal again."



81% of our Families transition from our network to permanent housing on an average of 64 days!



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Can Get Involved &
Make A Difference
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