



# FPTC Updates

## ***CURRENT CENSUS***

PROGRAM	CURRENT FAMILIES	INDIVIDUALS
SHELTER	5	22
FRESH START PROGRAM	Under Funding Review	N/A
PREVENTION/DIVERSION (YTD)	50	139
TOTALS	na	161



## ***HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE***



**This Week (Aug 18th - 24th) Believers Church**

**Next Week (Aug 25th - Aug 31st) Church of Saint Mary**

**On Deck (Sept 1st - 7th) Christ Church Episcopal**



# UPDATES FROM TINA



## Apartment Shelter Program Update:

We have a total of five families in the program. We are conducting interviews for our one open unit and should have it filled by the week's end. The need is so great for family services in our community.



Please join us in welcoming the N. Family Home. Eighty eight days in our program gave this family the time needed to find a great job, save money, and secure a home of their own.

"Our case worker, Emily was amazing. We love her. She felt like an extension of our family. She always had ways to help or was just a listening ear." - N. Family

When asked if you would recommend Family Promise of Tulsa County to your best friend, what would you say? The family stated, "we would say this is a non judgmental program that really wants to set you up for success."

Congratulations to the N. Family. We could not be prouder of you and your accomplishments.

**Something new is happening at FPTC...**we have started a new savings and financial literature program for the families we serve. We have always asked the families to save a certain percentage of their earnings while in the program, however, we did not have a way to ensure the families were saving for their future. We now have the ability to help them save.

At the first case management meeting our case manager and the families work together on a savings plan, discuss budgeting, go over the financial literature program requirements, and determine the amount that will be deposited into the family savings account every pay day. FPTC has a special checking account set up to keep the families savings secure while they work towards self-sufficiency. When the families complete the program, FPTC issues them, or their landlord, a check with the total amount deposited into the account. We are excited to start this journey with the families we serve.

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# A Future Begins at Home Update:

It was another record day Monday August 12, 2024. One hundred percent (100%) of our available \$5,000 in prevention/diversion funds was distributed in less than six (5) hours.

In the last seven months FPTC has provided \$30,352.15 in financial support to families in our community. We have helped 50 families, kept 96 children in their own homes and prevented the trauma of homelessness. We continue to have an amazing success rate for prevention/diversion funding and have kept 98% of every family we have served in their homes.

**Whose ready to shake things up?** Is your congregation and volunteers hoping for ways to get more involved with the families we serve? Do you like the way your congregation serves the families or are you wish there was something more?

As you know, I have been trying to come up with ways to get the volunteers more involved with the families we serve and nothing has quite come to fruition. While attending our month ED call with FP National I learned about a Family Promise affiliate in Texas that has a program called “Fun Family Friday’s” and get together Sunday’s. It was great idea and the affiliate stated it was beneficial for the families and the volunteers. It gave them an opportunity to share a meal, play games, and just socialize with the parents and children. I thought it was a fantastic idea and think it is worth pursuing or at least discussing the idea with all of our amazing congregations.

**Here is the concept...**we would place a calendar on our website with available Fridays and Sunday’s (I am OK with just considering Friday’s for now to try it out) each congregation or community group would sign up for the week and any volunteer that wants to be involved, they would prepare a meal at home or at our location (there is a commercial kitchen in the area below our apartments), share a meal for all the families in our program on a Friday night at the FPTC campus, have the ability to get to know the families, play games, or have a movie and just be a super fun Friday to unwind the week. It would be a one-day commitment for as many Friday’s as your volunteers would like to interact with the families. This would be a fantastic opportunity to mentor the families and help them along their journeys. I have also thrown around the idea of sponsoring an entire apartment for the duration a family is in the program and am more than willing to consider that as well.

I would LOVE to have your feedback on any of the ideas above. Would anyone like to get together for a zoom meeting together or a personal conversation? Please let me know, I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss potential ways we can partner together to help families in our community. You can reach me by phone at 918-392-4959 or by email at [director@familypromisetulsa.org](mailto:director@familypromisetulsa.org). I look forward to hearing from you.





Do you have a passion for fundraising and helping with event fundraisers? If so, I would love the opportunity to speak with you. We are ALWAYS looking for ways to spread the word about FPTC and find ways to support our amazing mission of ending homelessness...one family at a time. If you are interested or know someone who would like to help, please let me know.

Let's talk about changing things up. See page 2 for info.



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