



FPTC Updates



CURRENT WISHLIST NEEDS



**Starter Pots and Pan Sets
Full and Twin Size Blankets
New Pillows**



COMMUNITY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY



Are you looking for additional ways to serve families in our program?

One of the things that has been on our bucket list for a while is to expand our program to allow for a safe space for our families' pets. Currently, we aren't able to take pets into our program and that presents a barrier for families in need of housing support. We have wracked our brains for ways around this issue and we now present to you: Family Promise's Pet Fostering Program: Paws and Promise. This program will allow families with furry family members to still qualify for our program, allowing them to improve their lives for themselves AND their pet.

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Paws and Promise



HOW DOES IT WORK?

A family that is approved for our apartment shelter program and has a pet would be linked with a Paws and Promise pet foster. This foster would be a pre-approved person or family on our list. The foster family would only be asked to care for one family's pet(s) at a time and would always have the option to decline. The incoming family would give over temporary care to the foster family until their time in the program was finished. Once the family exits the program, they would then be re-united with their pet within 24-48 hours (unless alternative arrangements have been made).

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We NEED foster volunteers! These volunteers will take in a family's pet (dogs or cats only) while they are in our program. The timeframe would be anywhere from 1-5 months. This would allow the family to focus on their goals without the added burden of having to pay for pet kenneling or trying to find someone to keep them, or worse yet, having to get rid of their beloved furry friend.

Are you or anyone in your congregation interested in fostering a family's pet to help them work towards a brighter future? If so, please reach out to Tina at director@familypromisetulsa.org or Robyn at robyn@familypromisetulsa.org. We have an urgent need for a foster family to care for an emotional support cat belonging to one of our newest guest families. Currently, they are paying \$300 per month to keep their beloved pet in a crate while they strive to regain stability.



We're Hiring

Lived Experience Support Specialists

Do you know someone with a passion for helping others? Are they looking for a fulfilling opportunity to change families and children's lives? Do they want a flexible opportunity that provides a great life/work balance?

Family Promise of Tulsa County is seeking a dedicated and compassionate Lived Experience Support Specialists to join our

team. This position requires excellent communication and interpersonal skills, as well an understanding of the challenges faced by homeless families and the resources available to assist them.

The Lived Experience Support Specialist will provide compassionate, peer-based support to families experiencing homelessness, leveraging personal lived experience to foster trust and understanding. This role involves actively engaging with clients to assess their needs, facilitating access to resources such as housing, employment, and mental health services. The Specialist will collaborate with the case manager to develop individualized support plans and provide crisis intervention as necessary. Additionally, the Specialist will advocate for clients, empowering them to navigate systems and build resilience while promoting community integration and social connections.

The position starts as part-time: 20 to 25 hours per week (may move to full time with the right person). The position has a starting pay between \$16 & \$18 per hour based on experience.

Visit our website at FamilyPromiseTulsa.org/career for additional information.



UPDATES FROM TINA



In our community, there is a profound and urgent need for prevention and diversion services. With just five days remaining until our online application opens, our phones are inundated with calls from families in desperate situations. They are reaching out for help to stay in their homes, keep the lights on, and seek a fresh start.

As the clock ticks toward 6:00 AM on October 14th, the weight of urgency is felt deeply in our hearts. Families are anxiously preparing to submit their applications before the portal closes, and we know that each submission represents hope and the possibility of a brighter future.

During the brief two-hour window before the portal shuts, we typically receive over 50 applications. We embark on the challenging yet rewarding journey of doing everything we can to save homes and support families, even as we face the reality that our \$15,000 monthly budget will not stretch far enough to cover everyone in need.

Though our resources may be limited, our gratitude is boundless. Every family we assist fills our hearts with purpose, reminding us why we do this work. Together, we strive to make a difference, one family at a time, and we remain committed to supporting those who reach out for help in their time of need.

Apartment Shelter Program Update:

FPTC is currently supporting four families in our program and are in the process of scheduling interviews for the three available units. One of our units, currently occupied by a COC family, will be available for FPTC on November 1st.

Among the families we serve, we have some truly inspiring stories. One is a single father of two who lost both his home and job when a family member sold the family business. Another is a young couple with two small children, eager for an opportunity to improve their lives. We also have a single mother of three who was living in a hotel, pouring her entire earnings into keeping a roof over her family's heads. Additionally, there's another single mom with a 17-year-old and a 7-month-old, facing significant challenges and seeking support not only for housing but also for financial literacy training.

Thank you for partnering with us to uplift every family in our transitional shelter program. This life-changing opportunity is made possible by your unwavering support, and together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in their lives.

A Future Begins at Home (Prevention/Diversion) Update:

Since January 1, 2025, FPTC's prevention/diversion program, A Future Begins at home has proudly supported 180 families, ensuring that 369 children remain in their homes, and has disbursed over \$121,462.58. This investment is not just a financial number; it represents the safety and security of children sleeping in their own beds, shielding them from the trauma associated with homelessness and uncertainty. Our program boasts an impressive success rate of 96%, demonstrating our commitment to changing lives and keeping families together in their own homes.