

# STATIC SITE SEARCH

WHY SWITCH FROM OUR ROTATIONAL MODEL TO A STATIC SITE?



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FOR 6 YEARS, OUR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN MOVING AROUND OUR COMMUNITY TO GET THEIR SHELTER NEEDS TO BE MET. WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TO OUR FAMILIES INSTEAD.

### SOME COMPARISONS

	Rotaitonal Style	Static Site
Hosting	Families dealing with trauma must move every week to access the support needed for shelter	Community Comes to our families experiencing trauma
Families	Move every week	Allows families to stay in one place which provides for trauma informed care
Family Barriers	Higher barriers, as families, have to meet certain requirements to access shelter. Several days for entry.	Lower barriers, provides
Spaces	Uses more typical residential spaces/one singular space for offices and hosting	Uses multiple church sites to host

Name  
Address  
City, State, Zip code

We are looking for someone to join our team,

**Ending Childhood Homelessness in Juneau Looks Like:**  
 2023 Initial Response Referrals 39  
 2022 Initial Response Referrals: 215  
 Families Served: 114  
 Households Served: 176  
 Families in Transition (shelter): 50  
 80% of Families in Transition graduated to long-term, permanent housing.  
 Prevention Services: 126 Households  
 95% of households in Prevention Services remained housed.  
 Children Served: 234  
 People Served: 517  
 Adults Served: 272  
 Hospitality Nights Provided: 13,266  
 Meals Served: 37,798  
 Average Length of Stay: 68 Days  
 Active Volunteers: 400  
 Active Hosting Supports: 18  
 Last updated: March of 2023

### WHAT IS FPJ LOOKING FOR?

FPJ IS TRANSITIONING TO A STATIC SITE MODEL FOR OPERATIONS. THIS IS FOLLOWING A NATIONAL TREND IN FP AFFILIATES. IN 2018 80% OF AFFILIATES OPERATED IN OUR TRADITIONAL MODEL. TODAY ONLY 30% OF AFFILIATES ARE USING THE TRADITIONAL ROTATIONAL MODEL

LARGE HOME - RENTED OR PURCHASED  
 DUPLEX - RENTED OR PURCHASED  
 BUILDING-RENTED OR PURCHASED

UNTIL WE GET THERE...  
 WE ARE WORKING TOWARD TRANSITIONING OUR WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL ROTATION TO A MONTH OR LONGER STAY AT EACH CHURCH, THUS LESSENING THE TRANSITIONS FOR OUR FAMILIES.





# SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Hiring for this position



## MESSAGE FROM OUR FAMILIES

Times have changed. Our impression of homelessness has usually allowed for an easy picture. Most people typically envision, an older white male in unkempt clothing, reeking of alcohol, and begging for spare change. This is not the case for many families in Juneau. FPJ is seeing more needs within the working-class family unit. This poses its own unique issues but usually comes with a higher level of functioning. Employment requires timeliness, effort, and dedication—traits the family we want to share with you have in abundance.

The Demmert family of six came to Family Promise of Juneau in late November of 2022. They had previously lived in Juneau and decided to relocate out of the state, but the pandemic hit and life wasn't going the way they had hoped, so they packed up their large family and returned to Juneau. They had been attempting to find housing and balance staying in a hotel for a few months before they reached out for support. FPJ placed them on our food rotation and provided for their basic needs while they stayed in the hotel. Our amazing volunteers wrapped them in love and blessed them with Christmas gifts. The family participated in our stocking event (remotely due to illness) and mentioned that without FPJ their children would not have had a Christmas at all.

Quickly they were offered a temporary place with our partner agency St. Vincent de Paul. At first, staff questioned if they would accept moving into an even smaller space with fewer accommodations, but not only did they accept the offer but they were ecstatic about something more secure and affordable. FPJ assisted with cots for the children and bedding. As they settled into their new place, mom worked tirelessly to find permanent housing. As a Native Alaskan family, they had access to resources through Tlingit and Haida. Mom successfully got the family placed on a waitlist for housing through T&H.

Then no sooner than they settle into their space at SVDP, they discover they are ill (again) and this time it turned out to be COVID. They were placed back in a hotel! It seemed like the family couldn't catch a break. They returned back to SVDP after quarantine and were ready to do life the best they could when they got their break! T&H had a lead on housing, moving as quickly as they could, they got all the paperwork needed and were approved for their own housing. Mom couldn't contain her joy! She had done all the hard work but recognized the role that FPJ played and was so grateful for that. February marked 7 months that the family had been struggling with finding housing and food security. As of today, they are in a home, with full cabinets and full hearts! THANK YOU FAMILY PROMISE!

We have been receiving support from Family Promise for a few months. I have heard from people that have been here before. They talk about all of the love, support and friendships that were created. The staff work to provide support I have never experienced before, their volunteers are always kind and loving when bringing meals. We are grateful for the amazing support we received.



Join our Families of 500/1000 today.

We have a great dedicated r



Family Promise of Juneau Thanks all of our volunteers for the meals they share with our families. We often times don't get to see the difference we make in the lives of others



## Staff Farewells

*Fun was had by all at the most recent AWARE's Women of Distinction. We heard life stories of wonderful women. This was a great way to begin the exit of Kate from FPJ. Kate retires in April and we are grateful for all of her work and will miss her deeply. THANK YOU KATE*

*We got to see Jen Pegues recently. Jen worked as our admin assistant for nearly 3 years. Jen helped shape procedure and created a robust fundraising platform the fine tuned our master forms and created a robust filing system. Jen is going to spend some time investing in her family and other life goals. We will sure*

