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# Ending Childhood Homelessness in Juneau Looks Like:

2023 Initial Response Referrals 62 2022 Initial Response Referrals: 215

> Families Served: 132 Households Served: 202

Families in Transition (shelter): 57 80% of Families in Transition graduated to long-term, permanent housing.

Prevention Services: 154 Households 95% of households in Prevention Services remained housed.

> Children Served: 280 People Served: 605 Adults Served: 325

Hospitality Nights Provided: 14,199 Meals Served: 42,357 Average Length of Stay: 68 Days Active Volunteers: 400 Active Hosting Supports: 18 Last updated: August 10, 2023



# **SUMMER 2023** NEWSLETTER

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#### **BOARD AND STAFF** \*\*\*\*\*

Please feel free to contact any of the board members below.

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## **GRADUATIONS AND CHANGES**



In the work of walking with homeless families as they secure long-term housing, we often find ourselves working hard to care for ourselves so that we can be the best support for the hurting around us. We bring to the table our best selves, we smile on days we want to stay in bed, we have interrupted sleep and meals when the families we work with need support, we wake up early when volunteers fall through, and we work late to be present when others cannot.

love this work, I have faith in humans and believe they can rise to any occasion if given the opportunity and support. I love giving that opportunity and being present in the lives of others when they need one last person to believe in them. I love having morning

coffee with a mother that needs to be heard. I love the sound of little feet in our building. It's always bittersweet to watch a family move into housing. On the one hand, I am so excited along with them. On the other hand, I will miss the connection we have created in their everyday life. All of this is what it means for me to make a difference in the lives of others.

I have been working with Family Promise for eight years. While I love my work, I need to step back and care for myself. When attending Grad School my goal was to work in the medical field. I am excited to share with everyone that I have accepted a position working with SEARHC on their primary care provider team as a Social Worker. While this is exciting, it is also sad because I have gained many great relationships working with everyone at Family Promise of Juneau. I will always be thankful to all of you that gave me the opportunity to introduce my family to this thriving, strong, and loving community that we call home. I know that our leadership will continue to grow and support this agency that provides the most incredible community to struggling families in Juneau. Family Promise will always be part of who I am, and I am excited to see how I can serve FPJ in the future.

#### A message from the FPJ Board of Directors

The Family Promise of Juneau Board announces the departure of our Executive Director, Katti Carlson, at the end of August 2023. We are so grateful for Katti's nearly 4-year tenure at FPJ. Less than 6 months after Katti's family's relocated to Juneau, Covid changed our world. Through Katti's leadership and collaboration, FPJ was able to quickly pivot to continue to shelter Juneau's families experiencing homelessness. Also under her leadership, programming expanded dramatically to include Rapid Rehousing, Prevention and Stabilization Services. We are grateful for her service to our community and wish her the best as she transitions to a position at SEARHC.

The Board of Directors has appointed a Transition Committee that will work closely with staff and Family Promise Regional Director, Stacy Pollard, to create a smooth transition to new leadership and to ensure the long-term stability and health of Family Promise of Juneau.

### LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME FAMILY PROMISE OF JUNEAU SET SOME GOALS

#### WE HAVE AN UPDATE AND WAYS YOU CAN HELP US REACH OUR GOALS

We want to Shelter and stabilize 15 Families by the 2024 years end: We have sheltered, stabilized and housed 10 Families. If we can do this 5 more times by the end of 2023... Goal Crushed!

We want to prevent the homelessness of 40 families/households by 2024: We have already crushed this goal by preventing the homelessness of 41 Households.

We want to educate families on housing, employment, parenting, and budgeting: Our board of trustees, staff and volunteers are always sharing our mission.

We would love to come and share our mission with you and your congregation, group (book club, baseball team, Rotary) or place of employment.



One family with their own home





THANK YOU for being a supporter of Family Promise of Juneau. We work to end childhood homelessness in Juneau and you are an interictal part of that. We are working on new ways to communicate with our supporters.

Our mailing list has grown from less than 400 in 2019 to over 1000 at this time. We are so happy to share the news of FPJ with all of you.

Currently if you are a donor to FPJ you receive monthly donation letters, news letters 3 times yearly and other contact via United States Postal Service.

For those of you that would like to adjust how you receive things please follow the QR code below to fill out your communication preferences and contact information.



This is what move in day looks like 55 Days 165 Bed Nights 495 Meals Many cups of coffee Countless van rides Healthy relationships built





