

HOST CONGREGATIONS

Christ Lutheran

641 89th Ave NE
Blaine

Faith Lutheran

11115 Hanson Blvd
Coon Rapids

Grace Evangelical Free

13655 Round Lake Blvd
Andover

Grace Lutheran

755 73rd Ave NE
Fridley

Lord of Life Lutheran

14501 Nowthen Blvd. NW
Ramsey

Peace Lutheran

20 Northdale Blvd
Coon Rapids

Redeemer Lutheran

61 Mississippi Way NE
Fridley

St. Timothy's Catholic Church

707 89th Ave NE
Blaine

Unity North

11499 Martin St NW
Coon Rapids

More to Come.....

SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS

Bridgewood Community Church

11670 Lexington Ave NE
Blaine

First Congregational

1923 3rd Ave
Anoka

Meadow Creek

3037 Bunker Lake Blvd
Andover

The Catholic Community of St. Katherine Drexel

7101 143rd Ave. NW
Ramsey

"Keep on loving each other as brothers.
Do not forget to entertain strangers, for
by doing so some people have
entertained angels without knowing it. "

--Hebrews 13: 1 - 2

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you
want to go far, go together. "

-- African Proverb

"We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our
lives are connected by a thousand
invisible threads.... "

--Herman Melville

"It is in the shelter of each other that the
people live."

-- Irish Proverb

**If you would like to volunteer or make
a donation, please contact us:**



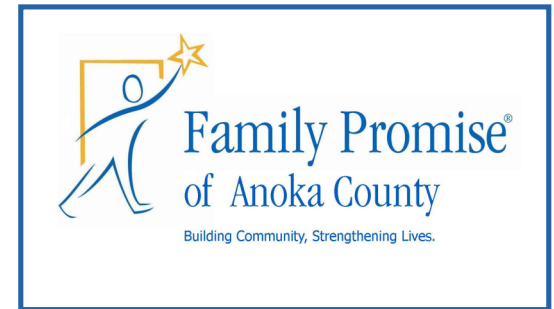
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**A Community Response
for Families who are
Homeless**

**"The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself in the service
of others."**

- Mohandas K. Gandhi

WHO ARE THE HOMELESS ?

Individuals, families, mothers, fathers, children, elderly -- people just like you.

- A spouse cannot cope with the responsibility of a family anymore and leaves a 14 year marriage. The remaining spouse, left with a teenager who is the mother of an 8 month old baby herself, has no money, no car and no job. What's next?
- A low income family has a house fire and loses everything. The little insurance they had may build a structure, but will not replace personal belongings. Rebuilding will take months. They end up living with a sister and her children in an already too small apartment.
- A family suffers from corporate downsizing. The household breadwinner is laid off. They have a little money in savings, but after four months of looking for work, the money is gone. One parent must stay home to attend to the three small children. They borrow money from family to last another month, but then where will they turn?

FAMILY PROMISE OF ANOKA COUNTY (FPAC) is addressing the severe homeless problem in Anoka County. In Jan. 2009, a study was done that identified over 1000 people without permanent housing, 365 of which were children living with families. Many others were not counted, those moving or staying with family or friends.

FIVE Basics of the Family Promise Program

1. HOST CONGREGATIONS

Three to four times per year, for one week at a time, Host Congregations provide overnight lodging in their facility, meals (supper, breakfast, brownbag lunch), and hospitality. Housing rotates among the Host Congregations (no less than thirteen) for three to four families (up to 14 people) from approximately 5:00 PM – 7:00 AM. **Support Congregations** help provide resources.

2. VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the program. They provide a variety of services: cooking and serving meals, playing with children or helping with homework, and staying overnight. Beyond these services, volunteers interact with the guests, treating them with respect and responding with compassion. This is an opportunity for the whole family to volunteer on some level.

3. DAY CENTER

Each day the guests are brought to our Day Center, which provides a homelike atmosphere from 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM. The **FPAC** and Network Director's offices are also located there. Many of the guests are employed and go to work. Other guests work with the Network Director on finding jobs and housing. On average, 77% of the families who participate in the program find permanent housing. The Day Center has shower facilities, and washer and dryer to clean clothes. Children not old enough for school have a designated area at the Center.

4. TRANSPORTATION

An **FPAC** supplied van and volunteer or part-time drivers transport guests to and from the Host Congregation and Day Center. The van also provides transportation to employment interviews, housing searches, medical/dental appointments, and to social service agencies.

5. FUNDRAISING

Since **FPAC** is self-supporting, it is very critical to open and maintain avenues of funding for the program. It is estimated that \$125,000 will be required for start up and operating the first year. **FPAC** uses existing resources as much as possible, but there is still the need to employ a Social Worker, insurances, utilities, furnishings, and a number of other necessary items to make the program a success.

FPAC will always be seeking donations (both material and monetary), grants, and fundraising opportunities. If you can be supportive in any of these ways, please contact us.

Together we can make a difference.

FAMILY PROMISE OF ANOKA is part of the Family Promise network that operates across the United States. There are over 5,000 congregations and 120,000 volunteers making up 158 Networks in 39 states.