



## **RAIHN, the Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network now known as Family Promise of Greater Rochester, FPGROC**

As an affiliate of the national organization, Family Promise, RAIHN started a shelter program in 2004 to provide temporary housing to families who have encountered financial challenges that resulted in the loss of their home. 70% of Rochester's homeless families are working full time but cannot find affordable housing. Over the last few years, RAIHN has expanded its programming to include a comprehensive aftercare program and eviction prevention program to support families in keeping their homes.

- The **Shelter Program** unites diverse faith organizations, volunteers and social services to provide shelter and food.
- The **Aftercare & Stabilization Program** provides case management services for each family as they transition from shelter to permanent housing and has an 85% success rate of keeping families housed.
- The **Prevention & Rehousing Program** provides families with funding assistance to prevent an eviction, divert a homelessness episode, or regain housing.

In 2021, with this expansion of their mission, RAIHN changed their name to Family Promise of Greater Rochester to align with national organization. The name change will better reflect the five points of the Family Promise star: shelter, stabilization, prevention, community, and promise – the promise to address the needs of families and the promise each family brings to turn their strengths into success.

Church of the Transfiguration actively supports the Shelter Program by providing volunteers to the host congregation, Mary Magdalene in East Rochester. These volunteers provide the families with dinner and overnight support 2 days a week, 4 weeks a year.

There are many ways to support Family Promise of Greater Rochester as a volunteer or with donations. For more information on Family Promise of Greater Rochester: [www.fpgroc.org/](http://www.fpgroc.org/)

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