



2025 Family Promise of Warren County

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

*"A county where every family has a home,
a livelihood and a future full of promise."*

Family Promise of Warren County (FPWC) opened its doors on October 1, 1998, under the name Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County. Since the beginning FPWC has been a community-based response to families experiencing homelessness. This endeavor began with ambitious intentions: find sustainable housing solutions for families while preserving and nourishing family bonds through community partnerships.

When we opened our doors we relied on congregations in our Network to provide shelter space for our families. Now we can provide families with their own space at our facility. Our community partnerships did not stop when sheltering at the churches stopped. We now have many churches, businesses, and civic organizations that continue to partner with us and serve our

families at FPWC. We work with the community to ensure each family receives the comforts and resources that are commonly scarified during the crisis of homelessness.

While experiencing homelessness many do not have a safe space to call their own. They don't have the ability to sit down and enjoy doing a craft, a puzzle, or play a game as a family, often times they don't know where they are even going to stay that night. Without a home they can't cook and likely haven't enjoyed a homemade meal for a long time. FPWC can provide all this and much more through our community partnerships. Thanks to years of collaboration with our community partnerships, FPWC is able to make our ambitious intentions, that began 27 years ago, a reality.



*"Our mission is
to assist families
experiencing
homelessness in
Warren County,
Ohio, achieve
sustainable
independence
through a
community based
response."*

A SHELTER

DESIGNED FOR FAMILIES



Unfortunately, experiencing homelessness can happen to anyone and most often happens to families with children. FPWC is blessed to offer shelter to families with children in Warren County experiencing homelessness. Rooted in faith and strengthened by community partnerships, we are able to walk

alongside these families. Through a program of accountability and responsibility FPWC gives families in the program the opportunity to regain housing, self-sufficiency, dignity, and hope. With the assistance of a case manager, parents in the program are able to secure the necessities needed, such as childcare, employment, non-cash assistance, transportation,

education, or anything else they feel they need to be successful to accomplish their housing goal.

Parents and children alike also receive support from our wonderful volunteer base who come alongside them to ensure they have food and fun activities. Giving the children the space to just be children is so important.

That space can look like doing a craft, playing a game, running through a sprinkler, or even having a safe space to go when they are having a hard day. We also feel it's important to give the family a space to be a family. This is accomplished by giving them their own room while with us. A room that has often been referred to as "our home". We attribute this to our community partnerships who made it possible for every family room to be remodeled and offer a home environment that has been missing for so many families during this difficult time.

Experiencing homelessness is not easy, no one wants to be at FPWC but knowing there are people out there who care and are willing to help makes such a difference to the families we are blessed to serve.

SHELTER IMPACT

27 YEARS OF HOPE

Shelter Statistics 2025

27 families*
93 individuals
53 children
32 children under 6
4 unborn
2001 referrals

FPWC hosted 2 large families (7+ individuals per family) for 6 months

Shelter Statistics 2024

31 families
93 individuals
52 children
26 children under 6
5 unborn
2434 referrals

Shelter Statistics Oct 1998-Dec 2025

1132 families
3290 individuals
1945 children
1293 children under 6
152 unborn
29 born in shelter



HEAVEN & HEARTH

furniture ministry

H&H Statistics 2025

66 households
194 individuals
96 adults
97 children

H&H Statistics 2024

87 households
237 individuals
121 adults
117 children

FPWC learned it was acceptable to help families gain new housing but without furniture families couldn't make that housing a home. Many families are forced to leave their belongings behind when they lose their housing. As a result they are starting from scratch when they locate new housing. The cost burden of furnishing a new home is too high and typically unobtainable for those we serve.

In 2001 FPWC opened our Heaven & Hearth (H&H) Furniture Ministry. Thanks to many generous donors in our community, we have a warehouse full of new or gently used furniture items to offer to families when they graduate from shelter. Our families are given the opportunity to pick out furniture from H&H giving them that ownership of what will make their new housing a home for their family.

H&H is blessed with an abundance of furniture and able to share with other households in the community who may be in need. Should an individual or family be in need they

simply receive a referral from an outside agency. Our staff will then review their list of needs and share what we have available. A time will then be arranged for that individual or family to come and pick up their items that are prepared by staff before they arrive.

H&H is always looking for donations of new or gently used furniture and household items. Volunteers are always appreciated to assist with organizing and cleaning the warehouse or help a family with moving into their new home. If you have any questions regarding H&H please call us at (513)934-5250.



WARREN COUNTY

FACES UNIQUE CHALLENGES



The average age of a child experiencing homelessness in our shelter is just 6 years old



FPWC is the only family shelter operating in Warren County



The average time a family spent in shelter in 2025 was 44 days

\$1,713

The average cost of a 2 bedroom rental unit in Warren County.



NETWORK

HOST & SUPPORT

ROTATION

2025 SCHEDULE

Jan 5	Notre Dame Club
Jan 12	Crossroads Church
Jan 19 (<i>Martin Luther King Day, 20th</i>)	Sycamore Presbyterian Church
Jan 26	St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Feb 2	Heritage Presbyterian Church
Feb 9 (<i>Valentine's Day, 14th</i>)	"Try It, You'll Like It"
Feb 16 (<i>President's Day, 19th</i>)	Lebanon Community Methodist Church
Feb 23	Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Mar 2	Resurrection Lutheran Church
Mar 9 (<i>Daylight Savings</i>)	Summit United Methodist Church
Mar 16 (<i>St. Patrick's Day, 17th</i>)	New Freedom Church
Mar 23	Heritage Presbyterian Church
Mar 30	St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Apr 6	Notre Dame Club
Apr 13	"Try It, You'll Like It"
Apr 20 (<i>Easter</i>)	CrossView Christian Church
Apr 27	Lebanon Community Methodist Church
May 4	Our Lady of Sorrows
May 11 (<i>Mother's Day</i>)	Living Water Lutheran Church
May 18	Sycamore Presbyterian Church
May 25 (<i>Memorial Day, 26th</i>)	Red Lion United Methodist Church
Jun 1	Heritage Presbyterian Church
Jun 8	Summit United Methodist Church
Jun 15 (<i>Father's Day</i>)	New Freedom Church
Jun 22	Our Lady of Sorrows
Jun 29 (<i>Independence Day, Jul 4th</i>)	Cobblestone Community Church
Jul 6	Notre Dame Club
Jul 13	Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Jul 20	St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Jul 27	Elks Lodge #422
Aug 3	Our Lady of Sorrows
Aug 10	Heritage Presbyterian Church
Aug 17	Sycamore Presbyterian Church
Aug 24	Red Lion United Methodist Church
Aug 31 (<i>Labor Day, Sep 1st</i>)	Cobblestone Community Church
Sep 7 (<i>Grandparents Day</i>)	Lebanon Community Methodist Church
Sep 14	Resurrection Lutheran Church
Sep 21	Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Sep 28	Our Lady of Sorrows
Oct 5	Crossroads Church
Oct 12 (<i>Columbus Day, 13th</i>)	Summit United Methodist Church
Oct 19	St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Oct 26 (<i>Halloween, 31st</i>)	Notre Dame Club
Nov 2 (<i>Daylight Savings</i>)	Sycamore Presbyterian Church
Nov 9 (<i>Veterans Day, 11th</i>)	Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Nov 16	New Freedom Church
Nov 23 (<i>Thanksgiving, 27th</i>)	Red Lion United Methodist Church
Nov 30	King of Kings Lutheran Church
Dec 7	Lebanon Community Methodist Church
Dec 14	Cobblestone Community Church
Dec 21 (<i>Christmas Eve, 24th, Christmas Day, 25th</i>)	FPWC Board of Directors
Dec 28 (<i>New Year's Eve, 31st</i>)	FPWC Board of Directors

- Heritage Presbyterian Church
 - St. Susanna Church
 - Axis Church
 - Compass Christian Church
 - Grace Baptist Church
 - Open Table Church
 - Southwest Church
- Lebanon Presbyterian Church
- Lebanon Community Methodist Church
 - Pleasant Plain Presbyterian Church
- St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
 - Lakeview UCC
 - Advent
 - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Resurrection Lutheran Church
 - Bethany UCC
- Sycamore Presbyterian Church
- Our Lady of Sorrows
 - One Community Church
 - The River Church
 - First Church of God
- Red Lion United Methodist Church
 - Covenant Presbyterian Church
 - Mane Inc.
 - Springboro UCC
 - Countryside Church of the Nazarene
 - The Community of the Good Shepherd
- Living Water Lutheran Church
- Cobblestone Community Church
- New Freedom Church
- King of Kings Lutheran Church
- Casseroles of Hope
- Lebanon Elks Lodge #422
- Summit United Methodist Church
- Crossroads Church Mason
- Notre Dame Club
- CrossView Christian Church



LIFE AFTER THE SHELTER

Shelter is only the first step towards regaining stability and housing. The next and most important step is keeping it. FPWC families work very hard while in shelter to locate housing and improve their financial situation. The harsh financial reality of life for graduating families can quickly set in and leave families wondering if everything they accomplished while in shelter was for nothing.

FPWC can continue much needed services that started in shelter to families now in their new homes. Through our Stabilization Program families can continue to receive case management services and continue on the path to truly being stable and independent in housing.

Through this program families also receive help with back-to-school needs (Christmas in July), Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas gift sponsorships and food baskets. Thanks to many generous donors and amazing direction from parents, our children receive exactly what they want for Christmas, delivered to them by Santa on Christmas Eve.

Purchasing much needed items to give their children a wonderful Christmas, or start school ready with all the needed supplies, or new clothes and shoes, among every other need a child has, can be a heavy cost burden for our families. We are thankful through our community partnerships we can help families with these needs the first year after leaving shelter.

2025 After Shelter Statistics

49 families
168 individuals
65 adults
103 children

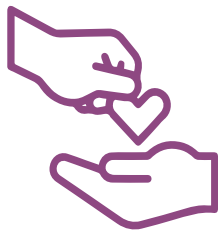
2024 After Shelter Statistics

30 families
101 individuals
39 adults
62 children

OUTSIDE THE SHELTER

2025 IMPACT OF FPWC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Total served in all programs: 488 individuals in 170 families
264 children, 37 families prevented from homelessness



Service Programs:

Any services or programs for families outside of prevention, diversion, shelter and after shelter

- Welcome Bags
- New Beginnings Gifts
- Christmas in July
- Christmas Sponsorships
- Santa's Toy Shop
- Coats for a Cause



Prevention:

Services provided for individual/family units at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness that will prevent loss of home or current residence.



Rapid Rehousing:

A program that assists families who are experiencing homelessness by HUD standards with no safe place to stay

EVENTS

COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN

Golf fore Home

The 2025 fundraising season introduced two exciting new events, beginning with the inaugural Golf Fore Home on May 19th at the picturesque Heatherwoode Golf Club. The day welcomed 133 golfers for a memorable outing featuring a breakfast buffet, photo booth, raffles, and perfect weather on the course.

Following a day of friendly competition, participants gathered for a delicious City BBQ buffet, topped off with dessert from Nothing Bundt Cakes. The event concluded with the announcement of the winning teams and raffle prizes, celebrating the camaraderie and sportsmanship that made the day so special.

Thanks to the generosity of our golfers, sponsors, and supporters, the first annual Golf Fore Home raised an impressive \$27,618 to support our mission. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make this inaugural event a tremendous success.



Run4Home 5K & Kid's Fun Run

The Run4Home began on July 4, 2006 at the Countryside YMCA. Monica Widdig had the vision of this fundraiser, and felt that it would not only help fund shelter operations, but also bring attention to the mission of FPWC.

We have since moved the 5K to Shelter 33 at Armco Park. The 3.1 mile course is in a beautiful shaded park atmosphere that is suitable for walkers and runners of all abilities. For the last 19 years this event has been held every Independence Day, raising \$16,670 from numerous sponsors, runners and walkers in 2025 alone.



Christmas in July

Christmas in July started 20 years ago in an effort to assure that all the children who had been in shelter had the essentials to begin school successfully. Initially each child was sponsored by families at churches through a Giving Tree method. Santa Claus distributed the gifts and the families enjoyed a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

Now, under the direction of Jennifer Keezer and her elves, each child receives 5 outfits for the first week of school, a jacket, socks, underclothing, gift cards for haircuts and shoes and a backpack that is full of items needed for that child's class. On July 26th, Santa and Mrs Claus (Pam and Paul Ford) supplied 48 children with gifts.

While children who are unprepared and not clothed appropriately are often bullied and have an unfortunate start to the school year, this program has allowed for over 1000 children to start the school year feeling good about themselves, fully supplied for success. We are grateful for those who sponsored the 2025 event to include individuals, clubs, Mason Kiwanis, Festo, Lebanon Library, LCNB, Warren County Career Center, and Warren County Parks.



Tailgate for Home

The second new event of the year was the Tailgate for Home. On October 5th, more than 150 Bengals and Lions fans came together for the inaugural Tailgate for Home at the Manor House in Mason, raising an impressive \$11,733 to support our mission.

Guests enjoyed the game while sampling delicious tailgate favorites, participating in a split-the-pot raffle, bourbon and wine pulls, Spin the Wheel, and bidding on raffle baskets. A spirited corn-hole tournament quickly became a crowd favorite and is sure to become a tradition at future Tailgate for Home events.

One of the evening's highlights was hearing from former guests, who shared their inspiring stories of success and updates on their lives since leaving the shelter. We were also fortunate to have Scott Sloan of WLW Radio and Michelle Sloan of RE/MAX Time serve as our emcees, bringing energy, enthusiasm, and plenty of fun to a memorable evening.





STORIES OF PROMISE

BY THE BRUMMETT FAMILY
GRADUATED CLIENTS

Life for us before FPWC was rough. Alan and I started our family at the ages of 15 and 17. We were very lucky at that age to have a ton of support in helping starting to raise a child. As years went by, and one bad decision after another left us with no where else to turn to for help but FPWC. At that point, we finally realized we were as low as you get and we had to fix it.

Honestly, I started researching closest homeless shelters to me and I went from there. I had heard that there was one in Lebanon before but we knew nothing about it or how any of it worked. The one thing that stood out to me the most is that everyone there treated us like regular people. Not dirty people or bad people or bad parents, just regular people. That feeling alone, of true humanity lit a fire in our soul like nothing else ever could. We knew right then we had a fighting chance.

Our experience while in the shelter was truly amazing and nothing you would ever expect when you think of a shelter. As we were staying in churches during our time there, that also had some pretty amazing upsides. Every church had a huge gym that all the kids loved. They played dodge-ball, basketball, Uno and us adults were involved also. Some of the volunteers would sit and talk and joke with us like we were all best friends. Also, the food

was always amazing. Amazing people doing amazing things for complete strangers. Angels among us just like the song.

Fast forward to today, our lives are completely crazy but in a good way. We still live in the same two bedroom apartment we moved into, while graduating from FPWC, almost 7 years ago. We also now rent a garage from our landlord to keep our 2025 Harley Davidson Road Glide in. Alan is a city driver for Saia LTL Freight and has been with them now for almost 7 years. I (Brandy) recently left my job at Hot Head Burritos of 6 years and became a full time Door Dasher. Kendra is now 17 and a senior in high school and is in the Cosmetology program at the Warren County Career Center. She also works at a salon in town. Eleanore is now 12 in the 6th grade and is currently a cheerleader for Lebanon 6th grade White.

We have continued to push ourselves to bigger and better goals and dreams and we never lose sight of where we started. We make better decisions and fight and strive to be better each and every single day and we always give FPWC credit for the time and effort that they put into our family. Nothing was ever easy, but this is proof that hard work does pay off.

STAFF & BOARD

PEOPLE DEDICATED TO THE MISSION OF FPWC

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THANK YOU

CONTINUING THE MISSION

For as long as there is a need and a way, Family Promise of Warren County will continue to serve the Warren County community who are in need, to its fullest ability. For the foreseeable future there will be a need for service. The children of the community are far less likely to face a night of sleeping in an unsafe situation, in the car, or on the street. Their parents are much more likely to find success, self-sufficiency, and housing with positive participation in the FPWC program and the mentorship, love, and support that is provided by the staff and volunteers.

For making this possible, the FPWC Board of Directors wish to THANK YOU, friends and family, businesses, congregations, and organizations for your continued support and prayer.

Special Thanks to our 2025 Granters:

- *Good Shepherd Catholic Church*
- *United Way of Warren County*
- *Warren County Commissioners*
- *Mason Kiwanis Club*
- *City of Mason*
- *City of Lebanon*

