

2019 Highlights- West Rotation



Byron & Jaxon (2)

were sleeping on the bus before joining Family Promise. While in the program, Byron became well-known for "running" the Day Site by helping with donations and cleanliness. While they have since moved into their own apartment, Byron still volunteers weekly and is working toward becoming a licensed Peer Navigator.

Teshawn, Lindsey, Byris (6) & Brysin (3)

faced a lot of barriers before entering shelter, including health and credit issues. This family took full advantage of our program's offerings; they got their kids enrolled in school, fixed their vehicle, and obtained employment. They moved into a brand new unit where their rent is based on their income, and they keep in touch through our Home aftercare program.



Lanelle & Mari (3)

joined us after Lanelle was injured in an accident at work. While Lanelle is recovering, they are living comfortably in an apartment through our Tenant Based Rental Assistance program. Mari is very proud of her bedroom, and Lanelle is considering going back to school.

FAMILY PROMISE SUCCESS STORIES

West Rotation- 2019

48 families served in Shelter in 2019

27 served in the West rotation

71% of families left Shelter with improved housing
& financial stability

Here are some of their stories:

★ **Mary** and her daughters, **Sabrina** (13), **Brianna** (11) and **Linda** (9) were with Family Promise for 6 months until moving into transitional housing. They have since moved into an apartment with a Rapid Rehousing voucher, which will cover their rent for a limited time. Since getting housed, they now work closely with our Home Family Advocate, who provides them with resources and ongoing case management. Mary said of Family Promise, "They are wonderful. They make you feel like family."

★ **Kendra** and her son, **Thy** (19), were sleeping in a tent before joining the shelter program. They struggled to find a shelter that would keep them together as a family unit because Thy was over 18, along with one that would accommodate their dog, **Ky**. We were able to provide shelter to the whole family, including their furry friend, thanks to our Pets with a Promise program. While in shelter, Kendra and Thy found the staff helpful and encouraging. They are now in our Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program, where Family Promise covers a portion of their rent each month. Thy is figuring out his career plan, and is interested in zoology, where he can put his love of animals to work.

★ **Sheena** and her children **Zuryah** (13), **Zaleya** (11), and **Zarrell** (5) successfully moved out of shelter after we referred them for a Section 8 voucher, which will cover the majority of their rent for as long as they need the assistance. Sheena was also employed upon leaving the program.

★ **Debbie** and her teenage son, **Mario** (16), had to move out of our program after a conflict with other guests. Fortunately, we were able to transition this family to another shelter in the area. They remained stable in that shelter while we continued to support them in our Community Case Management program. Eventually, they were able to secure Permanent Supportive Housing, a type of housing that exists for families who need financial support as well as long-term case management due to their disabilities.

2019 Highlights- Central Rotation

Jolene & Lauren (11 mos.)



hold a special place in many of our hearts after staying with us for the better part of a year. Jolene was living between a tent and a storage unit while pregnant with her daughter before joining shelter in February 2019. Lauren was removed from Jolene's custody shortly after her birth, and Jolene fought hard for her return. The two were eventually reunited and they now reside in a brand new apartment, while continuing to engage in our Home Program, where they receive ongoing case management. Jolene said of Family Promise, "I feel so blessed and special for everyone's faith and commitment in helping me achieve my dreams- now I can continue to dream bigger."

Anjelica, Rich, Anthony (4), Anyas (2) & Annaliyah (1)



overcame a number of obstacles in order to become safely housed. Anjelica managed some health problems on top of her pregnancy, and we are happy to report that the family welcomed their new baby girl into the world shortly after moving into housing! They will receive ongoing rental support with an 811 voucher, which helps families with disabilities pay their rent. "We've been blessed beyond measure!", said the family after moving out.

FAMILY PROMISE SUCCESS STORIES

Central Rotation- 2019

48 families served in Shelter in 2019

24 served in the Central rotation

71% of families left Shelter with improved housing
& financial stability

Here are some of their stories:

★ **Tia** worked hard while in Shelter with her daughter, **Deja** (2)- she managed to both work and attend school while pregnant and searching for housing. Tia received a Rapid Rehousing Voucher, which will help her with rent for a limited time while she gains stability. Tia moved into her apartment on the same day that she gave birth to her son! She remains engaged through our Home program.

★ **Joaquin** and **Aracelis** moved from Puerto Rico with their children, **Yani** (5) and **Edward** (3). Joaquin quickly became employed through our partnership with the Reciprocity Collective, which helps underprivileged folks gain stable employment. He worked hard to provide for his family. They eventually received a Section 8 voucher, which allows the family to only pay 30% of their income toward rent. They report that they're still doing well!

★ **Bre** came into our program with her mother, **Deb**, and newborn baby, **Amiah**. Deb, a veteran, had a VASH voucher but needed assistance locating a landlord that would accept the subsidy. Through case management, we helped them locate an apartment and also assisted Bre in completing a GED program. We were also able to provide boarding and vet care to their dog, Coco, through our Pets with a Promise program! Bre said of the program, "My experience was good. I met a lot of wonderful people and made life-long friendships."

★ Everyone remembers **Carrie** and **Ricky's** adorable little red head, **Ricky Jr.** (2). The family became employed while in Shelter and eventually received a Section 8 voucher. Carrie said upon moving out that "if you want your life to go a better way, Family Promise will push you to reach your goals."