

Family Promise of Ontario County, Inc.  
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Presbytery of Genesee Valley  
**2018 Grant Report**

Family Promise of Ontario County Inc. was awarded a grant of \$3,000 on August 1, 2018.

***What were you hoping to accomplish?***

This project reflects the unification of 34 faith communities, including a synagogue, in Ontario County who are working to provide a practical solution to address homelessness for children and families in our communities.

***Who was touched by your project or program?***

In 2017, 73 homeless families sought housing assistance from the Ontario County Department of Social Services. Currently, there are no homeless shelters in Ontario County for children and families. In the 2016-17 school year, 345 children were homeless in Ontario County. The 345 includes children 5 – 18 years old but does not include children under 5 years old (50% of homeless children are under age 5).

Our doors opened on September 23, 2018. During the final 14 weeks of 2018, 5 families were served including 8 adults, 4 children over 5 and 5 under 5 years old. The average family stay was 32 days, 2 families graduated to permanent housing and 1 adult from these families found employment. The cost per family is \$8,185 for the period.

***How did this grant energize or transform your congregation or community?***

14 congregations in Ontario County provided overnight accommodations, meals and volunteers to serve our families. 346 bed nights and 1,038 meals were provided. 510 volunteers donated 3,154 hours. All congregations involved have said that this was an uplifting and powerful experience.

***What did you learn from this project and what are your next steps?***

Our anticipated outcomes for the next 12 months include assist 18 families with a total of 58 individuals with 75% of them graduating to permanent housing. Our current temporary Day Center in Geneva is too small to accommodate 4 or 5 families at a time. We are actively working to relocate the facility to Canandaigua that is also more centrally located in the county.

Family Promise of Ontario County Inc. is most appreciative to have been selected for this grant.

Submitted by:

Claire Hauenstein, Treasurer, Grants Chair  
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