

*Family Promise ESFV is
people of faith working together
to provide homeless families
with HELP for today and
HOPE for tomorrow.*

Family Promise ESFV formed in March 2008. We are one of over 140 networks across the country affiliated with Family Promise, a national nonprofit organization committed to helping low-income families achieve lasting independence.



Family Promise helps mobilize communities to provide safe shelter, meals and support services for homeless children and their families and through programs designed to address the underlying causes of homelessness.

Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley exists through the commitment and giving spirit of the congregations listed here. FP-ESFV continues to invite congregations of all faith traditions to participate.

(As of August 2009, H designates Host Congregation)

- Adat Ari El Synagogue, Valley Village
- American Lutheran Church, Burbank
- Burbank First United Methodist
- Burbank Seventh-Day Adventist **H**
- Burbank Temple Emanu El
- Calvary Chapel Burbank **H**
- Emmanuel Church, Burbank **H**
- Faith Presbyterian Church, Valley Village
- Fellowship Church, Burbank
- First Baptist Church, Glendale
- First Christian Church of Burbank **H**
- First Presbyterian Church, Burbank **H**
- Glendale Church of the Brethren
- Glendale First United Methodist Church **H**
- Magnolia Park United Methodist Church, Burbank **H**
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glendale **H**
- Temple Beth Emet / St. Jude Episcopal Church, Burbank **H**
- Temple Sinai, Glendale
- Village Church, Burbank
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burbank

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Why We're Here

Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Over 40% of the U.S. homeless population are families with children. One out of every 50 children, or 1.5 million children, are homeless.

Children experiencing homelessness have increased health problems, increased mental problems, struggle in school, and have an estimated graduation rate below 25%.



Your Help is Needed!

Please help us provide compassion, care, and hope for our homeless families in the East San Fernando Valley. You, your family, your community, and your congregation can help Family Promise in three ways:

1

Money. Please consider making a financial contribution to Family Promise. All donations are tax-deductible (*Tax ID #26-2458342*). Please mail your contribution to our address: *10153-1/2 Riverside Dr #470, Toluca Lake, CA 91602.*

2

Volunteers. Volunteer opportunities are available for all ages, skills, talents, interests, and experiences. Consider how you can help the homeless families within our community.

3

Goods. Family Promise is in need of unused personal items, gently used household goods, and office supplies and furniture.

Volunteer opportunities and our 'wish-list' for goods is located on our website, <http://www.FamilyPromiseESFV.org>

How Family Promise Works: The five essential components.



Host Congregations

About four times a year – for a week at a time – each host congregation provides a place to sleep, meals (supper, breakfast and bag lunch) and compassionate hospitality for up to four homeless families in the Family Promise program. Hosting rotates among congregations, which house the families from dinner time to the next morning.



Volunteers

Volunteers are the core of the Family Promise network. At the hosting sites volunteers cook, serve meals, socialize with the guests, play with the children and stay overnight. Volunteers also help with running the Day Center, as well as fundraising activities and guest events.



Transportation

A van transports guests daily to and from the Day Center. The van also carries beds and personal belongings from one host congregation to the next.



Social Services

Local agencies screen guests and refer families to the network, ensuring there is no active substance abuse, domestic abuse or psychiatric problems.. They may help guests find housing, jobs and government assistance.



Day Center

The Day Center is the business hub of our network. Guests are brought from the hosting congregations to the Day Center from 8 am to 5 pm, their daytime home base. Here, homeless families work one-on-one with a professional case manager to look for employment, housing and address problems that stand in the way of permanent independent housing for these families. The Day Center also provides families a mailing address, a place to shower, and a place to do laundry.