



Family Promise
of Seacoast, NH

20 years of
Guiding Families Home



The mission of Seacoast Family Promise is to empower families with children who are experiencing homelessness to achieve sustainable independence through a community-based approach.





The Joshua House EXPANSION



Stability

The first step in the journey out of homelessness is finding sure footing. With your support, *The Joshua House Expansion* will double the capacity of Seacoast Family Promise to provide shelter and support to more families and children- and help them begin a new chapter in their lives.



Hope

Seacoast Family Promise provides pathways to financial security. *The Joshua House Expansion* will double these opportunities so more families can develop the skills they need to generate savings, gain employment, and create a bright future for their children.



Success

When families thrive, the community thrives. *The Joshua House Expansion* will greatly expand Seacoast Family Promise's proven services to help families and children become active, contributing members to healthy communities for generations to come.

Your support for The Joshua House Expansion help guide many more families out of homelessness and into a life of stability, hope, and success..

Seacoast Family Promise: At a Glance

- The mission of Seacoast Family Promise is to empower families with children who are experiencing homelessness to achieve lasting self-sufficiency through a community-based approach.
- Incorporated in 2001 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and started operations in November 2003
- Prior to COVID-19, engaged more than 1,600 volunteers from regional congregations, businesses, community organizations and individuals, donating more than 20,000 volunteer hours annually
- Post COVID-19, engage more than 800 volunteers annually
- Can currently house a maximum of 14 individuals, making up a total of 5 homeless families at a time
- 90% of SFP families have remained stable and self-sufficient for up to 19 years

2022

- SFP served 12 families in-house
- 40 individuals
- 15 adults
- 25 children
 - 13 children age 13 and under
 - 8 children age 5 and under

Home Again aftercare program

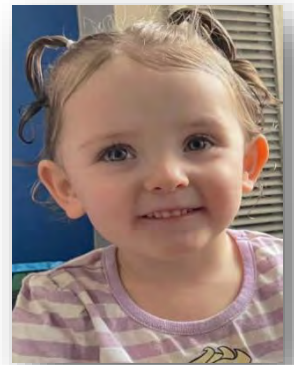
- 56 families
- 196 individuals

All Time

- 295 families
 - 927 individuals
 - 370 adults
 - 548 children
 - 490 age 14 and under
 - 279 age 5 and under
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- In 2016, relocated to new, expanded day center at 27 Hampton Road in Exeter through capital campaign, NH tax credits, volunteer labor, and grants (no mortgage or liens on this property)
 - Purchased building at 25 Hampton Road in Exeter in 2018 and converted it into two affordable housing units for former guest families to maintain stable residency
 - In response to COVID-19, purchased property at 480 Breakfast Hill Road in Greenland (known as the Joshua House) from Bethany Church and began single dwelling, overnight hosting with support services; purchased through grant from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery, with no mortgages or liens
 - Annual budget: FY2022: \$536,278
 - Annual budget: FY2023: \$519,476

Guiding Families Home for Twenty Years

Turning 20 in 2023, Seacoast Family Promise has been serving families with children in the Seacoast region who are experiencing homelessness, as they work to regain and maintain their self-sufficiency. As a New Hampshire 501(c)(3) nonprofit we provide safe family shelter and work in a unique model, pioneered by Family Promise national,



An efficient and effective program, Seacoast Family Promise provides basic needs and shelter, case management, counseling, trauma-informed care, parenting support, financial planning and budgeting, employment and education search, and ongoing support through Home Again aftercare program.

More than 90% of the families we have served have moved to and have maintained stable housing for as long as 19 years – an impressive statistic made possible by a powerful and caring network of individuals and organizations.

With the onset of COVID-19, many things changed. Our former shelter model, which relied on local overnight hosting in otherwise underutilized facilities, ended. *What were we to do?*

Thanks to a grant obtained through the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR), Seacoast Family Promise purchased the building known as the Joshua House in Greenland, NH, which provides safe, overnight shelter and individual family rooms for privacy. And now our story continues.

Case for Expansion

The numbers of “the hidden homeless,” New Hampshire families, has grown annually with no end in sight. Family homelessness is one of the fastest growing segments of the homeless population nationally.

In New Hampshire, family homelessness grows on average of 19 – 21% a year.

To expand the existing building into a larger facility to accommodate demand. The expansion will allow for double the current capacity and maintain a CDC approved quarantine space.

Seacoast Family Promise will serve twice its current census and provide rehabilitative services to families with children who might otherwise be in vehicles, campgrounds, or doubled up with friends and family.

A shelter is not a mere structure for temporary sleeping, it is a “living” building which must grow to meet the needs of the ever-changing landscape of family homelessness. The key is to accommodate all families without prejudice or judgment and provide what each individual family needs to return to the community as healthy, participating members.

Expanding to Meet the Need

Seacoast Family Promise has been a leading catalyst for successful change for families with children experiencing homelessness. With a team-based and community support approach, SFP has developed an intensive trauma informed program approach, increased efficiency in its system of service and resources, and has provided timely and safe case management for families.

The cost to serve families has continued to rise but more importantly, the number of families in need of services has continued to grow. The Joshua House Expansion will provide double the current family census which means more stable families and healthier communities for us all.

Over the past year, we restructured our services and hired an additional case manager. To serve the families at the house we also hired four overnight support staff while continuing to engage our community volunteers as meal hosts and mentors.

While our goal of \$900,000 is ambitious, it is necessary, and we know we can meet that goal through the continued generosity of our donors and the community. Every dollar that we raise will go directly to supporting the growth and services needed today.



How You Can Play an Important Role

We need your help to reach our goal. While your gift to the Joshua House Expansion will depend on your own financial situation, we would be pleased to help you make a gift that meets your needs and the needs of our families.

In addition to one-time gifts, our expansion plan recognizes donors who pledge to support us over each of the next three years. Your gift of \$5,000 a year for the next three years will allow us to complete the expansion and provide all program services necessary. Your gift can be paid yearly, quarterly, or monthly and auto-debiting is available. Your multi-year pledge will also give you the opportunity to choose one of the dedicatories listed, and enjoy the recognition you deserve for being one of our supporters.

We gratefully accept gifts of bequests, estates, real estate and stocks and would be happy to provide you with all the information you need to leave a legacy of love and support for those in need.

Building Our Future

Every year, over 1,000 individuals, corporations, foundation, and government agencies join together to support Seacoast Family Promise. Their support, and yours, is needed more than ever this year. It's time to make sure that every family has a home and a dream for the future.

The newly expanded facility will include:

- Larger rooms to meet the needs of larger families who often cannot find shelter due to their size
- Capacity to serve double our current census
- CDC compliant quarantine suite
- Safe, fenced, play area for children and adults
- Adequate storage for each individual family
- New HVAC and fire suppression systems
- Water filtration system
- New septic system
- Outdoor storage for tools, bikes, and other activity supplies
- Waste screening and natural screening for privacy
- Interior and exterior electric service and lighting
- Expanded parking



The Joshua House Today



The Joshua House Tomorrow

Dedicatory Opportunities

The following opportunities will allow you to participate in building healthy communities.

Your dedicatory can be made in honor of or in memory of a friend, colleague, or loved one, business or organization, or event (e.g., birth, wedding, graduation, etc.).

Naming Opportunities	Levels
Joshua House Campus	\$100,000
Family Activity Room (2)	\$50,000
Playground	\$50,000
Family Technology Center	\$50,000
Main Entrance/Atrium	\$50,000
Nursery	\$35,000
Family Kitchen	\$35,000
Family Dining Room	\$25,000
Family Storage	\$25,000
Safety Fencing (3)	\$15,000
Bedrooms (multiple naming opportunities)	\$10,000
Tribute Wall Listing	\$5,000 and above

Our Tribute Wall will recognize those who donate to the
Joshua House Expansion

All \$5,000 donations and above will be displayed on our Tribute Wall.

Donations of \$4,999 and below will be listed on a plaque at the facility.

ALL donations may be made in honor or in memory of a loved one, friend, anniversary, special event, or other memorable moment you desire.

Please contact Pati at 603-658-8448 with any questions you may have.



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