



Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley (FP-ESFV) opened in July 2010 as one of over 160 networks across the country affiliated with Family Promise, a national non-profit organization committed to helping low-income families to achieve lasting independence. Family Promise helps mobilize communities to provide safe shelter, meals, and support services for homeless families through programs designed to redress the underlying causes of homelessness. Family Promise of the East San Fernando Valley serves the geographic area that includes North Hollywood, Burbank, Glendale, and Eagle Rock, California through the participation of an Interfaith Hospitality Network of local congregations and volunteers.

How Family Promise of East San Fernando Valley works:

- **Population served:** FP-ESFV provides services for the “situation-based” homeless family with children. Our typical family is one with a steady employment history and is highly motivated to regain financial control of their life. For the safety of our guests, staff, and volunteers, all families entering the program are substance-abuse free, not involved in a current domestic violence situation, do not have any felony convictions on their records, and do not have any untreated psychiatric disorders that would prohibit their ability to live in a group setting.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Day Center:** The Day Center is the business hub of our network. Guests are brought from the host congregations to the Day Center at 7:00 a.m. The Day Center is their daytime home base until 5:00 p.m. when they are picked up and taken back to the host congregation. At the Day Center, 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. The Day Center also provides families a mailing address, a place to shower, and a place to do laundry.
- **Social Services:** In collaboration with regional agencies, our case manager works with families to find additional support services to help them with a sustainable transition out of homelessness. Partnering agencies and school districts often refer families to our program for assessment. Family Promise ESFV serves to advance the continuum of care by providing preliminary assessment and referral services for homeless individuals and families that are not suited to our program.
- **Transportation:** A van transports guests daily to and from the Day Center, to school, job interviews and other appointments. The van also carries beds and personal belongings from one host congregation to the next at the end of each week.

Host Congregations:

Burbank First United Methodist, Burbank, CA
Burbank Seventh-Day Adventist, Burbank, CA
Calvary Chapel Burbank, Burbank, CA
Eagle Rock Church of the Nazarene, Eagle Rock, CA
Eagle Rock Covenant Church, Eagle Rock, CA
Emmanuel Church, Burbank, CA
First Christian Church of Burbank, Burbank, CA
First Presbyterian Church of Burbank, Burbank, CA
Glendale First United Methodist Church, Glendale, CA
Magnolia Park United Methodist Church, Burbank, CA
St. Finbar Catholic Church, Burbank, CA
Co-Hosts: Temple Beth Emet/St. Jude Episcopal Church, Burbank, CA
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Burbank, CA

Support Congregations:

Adat Ari El Synagogue, Valley Village, CA
American Lutheran Church, Burbank, CA
Burbank Temple Emanu El, Burbank, CA
Faith Presbyterian Church, Valley Village, CA
First Baptist Church, Glendale, CA
Holy Family Catholic Church, Glendale, CA
Incarnation Catholic Church, Glendale, CA
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glendale, CA
St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Burbank, CA
Village Church, Burbank, CA

Partnering Organizations:

Baby 2 Baby
Boys and Girls Club Burbank
Burbank Housing Corporation
Burbank Temporary Aid Center
Burbank YMCA
Door of Hope
Glendale Healthy Kids
Hope Gardens Family Center
Jewish Family Services
Kids Community Dental Clinic
LA Family Housing
Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority
Northeast Valley Health Corporation
PATH Achieve
Phoenix House
Prototypes
Providence Health System
San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission
School on Wheels
Shelter Partnership, Inc.
Shepherd's Nest

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