

# Want to Get Involved?

## Volunteers Needed

Want to give back in a meaningful way? We are looking for more volunteers to engage with our Circles Program. Email us at [info@familypromiseorlando.org](mailto:info@familypromiseorlando.org) for more information.

## Join our COT Team

Our Community Outreach Team (COT) meets once a month on Zoom to discuss ways to spread the word about Family Promise. Email us! [info@familypromiseorlando.org](mailto:info@familypromiseorlando.org)


## Suitcases Needed

We are looking for suitcases for the families in our Shelter Program. Many of them show up with all of their belongings in trash bags. Would



you be willing to donate new or gently used suitcases for our families? Email us at [info@familypromiseorlando.org](mailto:info@familypromiseorlando.org).

[www.fporlandofl.org](http://www.fporlandofl.org)

  
Family Promise  
of Greater Orlando  
1000 Clay Street  
Winter Park, FL 32789

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## Building Community, Strengthening Lives

### Letter from the Director



As we enter this season of giving, we want to pause and express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who make our work possible. At Family Promise of Greater Orlando, we are incredibly thankful for the families we serve, and for the community of supporters who help us transform lives.

To our **Board of Directors**, thank you for your guidance and leadership. To our **volunteers**, your time, compassion, and dedication are at the heart of everything we do. To our **donors**, your generosity enables us to provide critical services and support. And to our incredible **staff**, your commitment and care make all the difference for the families we help.

As we reflect on all that we are grateful for, it's important to remember the direct link between gratitude and well-being. Studies show that focusing on the things we're thankful for can improve both our happiness and our health. By acknowledging the positive in our lives, we cultivate a mindset that reduces stress, boosts our mood, and can even lead to better physical health. Gratitude is not just a feel-good practice—it's a powerful tool for creating a life of greater joy and resilience.

**We invite you to share your positive feedback about our staff and volunteers with us at [info@familypromiseorlando.org](mailto:info@familypromiseorlando.org).**

Please use the word "gratitude" in the subject section of your email. Your words of encouragement inspire us to keep working together to create lasting change.

In this season of thanksgiving, we are reminded that our collective effort makes Greater Orlando a stronger, more compassionate community for all.

**Thank you for being part of this important mission.**

Kathie Southern  
Executive Director

### Gift Card and Gift Drive

We will be collecting gift cards and unwrapped gifts for our client holiday party. We are looking for gifts for children, teenagers and parents. Please bring gifts unwrapped to the

**Day Center**  
1000 Clay Street  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
by Friday, December 6th.





## Family Promise National Conference

We are proud to announce that **our Director, Kathie Southern, was a featured presenter at the Family Promise National Conference this October.**

Kathie led a session titled “Investing in Human Resources” alongside Family Promise National COO Shari Competiello and Family Promise of Orange County California’s Jocelyn Fermin, where they shared key strategies for building resilient HR practices within affiliates. Their discussion included best practices for recruitment and onboarding, creative approaches to wages and compensation, and the development of employment policies that support sustainable growth.

We are so grateful for Kathie’s dedication to strengthening our Affiliate and her commitment to advancing Family Promise’s mission on the national stage—congratulations, Kathie!

## Recent Grants Received



Thank you for the \$20,000 grant for our Circles Program and your \$5,000 microgrant!



Thank you for the \$2,000 Transportation Grant.



\$5,000 grant for Barrier Buster



## Lunch n' Learns

Want to learn more about how we’re helping families rebuild their lives? Join us for Lunch & Learn on the second Tuesday of every month. Bring a friend and enjoy a delicious meal while discovering how you can make a positive impact. We host these lunches the second Tuesday of every month!

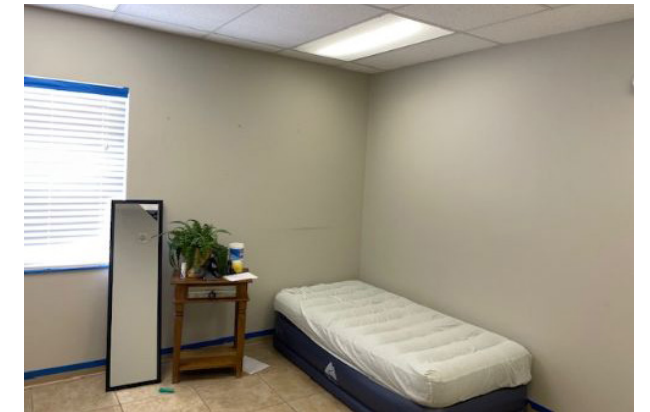
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## Serenity Rooms



What’s better than a warm, cozy cup of chai... or coffee? Having a safe, welcoming place to call home. Thanks to our partnership with the Poinsette Foundation, we’ve transformed our shelter rooms to offer families in our program just that.



With beautiful new furniture and decor thoughtfully designed by Interior Designer Rebecca Hudson, four of our guest rooms now provide enhanced comfort and functionality for families experiencing homelessness. These upgrades create a more dignified, supportive environment for both children and parents, reinforcing the Poinsette Foundation’s commitment to advocating for the well-being of children in our community.

