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## Hendricks County Community Foundation

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# Family Promise: Changing Our Community, One Family at a Time

"People who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do." - Rob Siltanen

No one would have ever thought that a small group of dedicated people in Hendricks County would start a fund at the Community Foundation and become a game-changer in the fight against homelessness. But that is exactly what Family Promise has done, and is continuing to do. The Hendricks County Community Foundation is excited to partner with this amazing organization to help families in our community go from homelessness to independence, from hopelessness to joy.

This summer, the Community Foundation awarded Family Promise a \$25,000 grant from the Deedee Daniel Opportunity Fund and our Family Legacy Funds to purchase their new home in Plainfield-an old church building converted into a beautiful and useful facility for families in the Family Promise program.

Family Promise operates two programs: the Residential Program and the Stability Services Program. The Residential Program provides housing and food to 4 families at a time, in partnership with 22 Hendricks County churches who host the families for 1 week each quarter. The host church provides meals and sleeping quarters for the families during the evening and morning hours, and Family Promise transports the children to school and the parents to their places of employment during the day.

The Stability Service Program helps those families who are living in hotels, in their vehicles or are in danger of eviction from their home. The heads of household in both programs are required to work full time to achieve financial independence. Each family in their program is also given access to housing assistance, affordable childcare, transportation, living wage job assistance, and 2-year follow up services after graduation.

Because of our generous donors, HCCF has been able to provide over \$85,000 in grants to support Family Promise since 2013. In 2018 alone, 95 Hendricks County families graduated from the program into homes and jobs of their own. Most families are able to go from homelessness to independence in the Family Promise program in less than 90 days.

Julie Randall, Executive Director of Family Promise, said, "The Community Foundation listens to the community and addresses the real needs as they occur. Thank you HCCF for leading the way and being by our side every step of the way."



Family Promise family member on his way to his new home.

The Hendricks County Community Foundation partners with generous people to realize their charitable goals while addressing community needs in meaningful and lasting ways. The Community Foundation manages assets of over \$14 million in a collection of funds created by individuals, families, businesses and organizations for charitable purposes. In 2018, the Community Foundation gave over \$590,000 in grants to charitable organizations and scholarships to local students. For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.



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