



# ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley  
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# Message from the Executive Director

In a year marked by transition, resilience, and growth, it has been my great privilege to join Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, first as Manager of Shelter Operations and now as Executive Director. From the moment I stepped through our doors in June, I was struck by the strength of the families we serve and the incredible commitment of our staff, volunteers, and community partners.

2024 was a year of renewed focus and intentional support. We introduced practices that centered family preparedness, such as our reimagined shopping room, which fosters dignity, planning, and self-determination for every household. We strengthened internal systems to create more consistency in care, and we began the groundwork for deeper community collaboration through our resilience programming.

Our mission to help families experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence came to life in countless ways: in a child's joyful first day at a new school, in the quiet strength of a parent planning next steps, and in every small act of kindness that happened behind the scenes.

As we look ahead to 2025, we do so with clarity and purpose. We are committed to expanding services that heal, empower, and build lasting stability. And we remain rooted in the belief that every family deserves a safe place to grow, plan, and thrive.

Thank you for standing with us. Your partnership makes this work possible.

With gratitude,

Semone Thomas

Executive Director

Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley

# VISION

We envision a day when – Every child has a place to call home and an opportunity for a brighter future.



# MISSION

Family Promise will: Advocate for and support families who are homeless in our community by providing temporary housing and support services, and by fostering independence.

## At A Glance

Each year, Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley supports more than 30 families in shelter and another 10–15 families through stabilization services. Whether a family is just entering shelter or transitioning into independent housing, we walk alongside them with personalized, compassionate support.

Every family’s journey is different. Some face job loss, others navigate health challenges or find themselves incapacitated by low and unstable income. But they all come through our doors seeking the same thing: a chance to stabilize, rebuild, and thrive.

What sets our work apart is a deep commitment to dignity, structure, and true partnership. Our approach isn’t just about providing a place to stay; it’s about helping families regain control of their lives. Through consistent routines, thoughtful case management, and individualized planning, we help parents build the skills and confidence needed for long-term success.

This work is only possible thanks to the generosity of our volunteers. Each week, individuals and groups step forward, preparing meals, mentoring children, helping with household tasks, and offering their time with compassion. They are the hands and hearts that allow us to extend care far beyond what staff alone could accomplish.

Together, we’re not just meeting needs. We’re helping families reclaim their future.



## Family Story

### She Stayed the Course

They arrived as a family mom, dad, and children, weighed down by eviction, illness, and job loss. But within weeks, the cracks in their relationship deepened. With quiet strength, she made the decision to separate choosing safety and stability for her children.

It wasn't her first shelter stay, but this time felt different. She was tired not just physically, but emotionally. She remained determined to build a new foundation.

She stayed longer than most, not because she was stuck, but because she was healing. She secured multiple jobs, increased her income, and began therapy. She showed up, did her chores, supported others day after day.

Now, eight months after leaving shelter, she remains housed and is dreaming bigger. She's working, parenting, and exploring starting her own small business.

*She wasn't finished. She was just getting started. Her main goal was to keep her children together.*

## Congregations

Immaculate Conception

St. Olaf

Hope Lutheran

First Presbyterian

Hope Methodist

Trinity Lutheran

University Lutheran

Lake Street Methodist

Christ Church Cathedral

Haven Church

First Congregation

Newman Church

Immanuel Lutheran

Unitarian Universalist

Sacred Heart

St. Pat's

St. James

Grace Lutheran

Lake Street Methodist

Christ Church Cathedral

Bethesda Lutheran

Hope Methodist

## Financial Support

City of Eau Claire

Department of Energy, Housing &  
Community Resources

Eau Claire Community Foundation

United Way of the Greater Chippewa  
Valley

## Community Partners

YMCA

Paws & Claws

Feed My People

Sojourner House

Literacy Volunteers

Eau Claire Children's Museum

King's Closet

Catholic Charities

LSS Gaining Ground

UW Extension

Salvation Army

Workforce Resources

VFW

La Peach Foundation

Tweet Garot

Goodwill Industries

Hope Gospel Mission



**Case Manager,**  
Christina Hassemer

**Outreach Specialist,**  
Aisha Browman

**Admin Specialist,**  
Brianna Rodriguez

**Executive Director,**  
Semone Thomas

## **Board Members**

**David Norgaard - President**

**Dr. Omar Parks - Vice President**

**Paul Rudersdorf - Treasurer**

**Jennifer Brantner**

**Jenny Lavick**

**Katie Zook**

## Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley, Inc.

## Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 RCU (Savings)	108.06
1005 RCU (Money Market Checking)	101,573.47
1010 Royal Advantage Checking	28,175.67
1015 RCU Certificate of Deposit	212,898.64
1045 Charter Bank (Savings)	0.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$342,755.84</b>
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	3,750.03
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$3,750.03</b>
Other Current Assets	
1500 Cash on Hand	0.00
1505 Prepaid Insurance	0.00
1510 Pledges Receivable	7,500.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$354,005.87</b>
Fixed Assets	
1600 Furniture & Fixtures	50,793.57
1605 Building	927,780.25
1610 Land	60,000.00
1615 Equipment	9,873.00
1620 Vehicles	6,968.17
1625 Accumulated Depreciation	-534,254.52
1630 Construction in Progress	0.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>\$521,160.47</b>
Other Assets	
1300 EC Foundation - Endowment	139,568.71
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$139,568.71</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$1,014,735.05</b>

# Annual Report

## Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	12,502.19
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$12,502.19</b>
Credit Cards	
2005 Credit Card Payable (RCU)	2,596.20
2010 Credit Card Payable (Cap. One)	0.00
<b>Total Credit Cards</b>	<b>\$2,596.20</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
2100 Payroll Liabilities	
2105 Federal & State Payroll Taxes	-2,019.15
2110 Simple IRA Payable	827.03
2115 Child Support Payable	0.00
2120 United Way Payable	417.00
2125 Health Insurance Payable	0.00
2130 SUTA Payable	-53.65
2135 Dependent Care Payable	0.00
2140 AFLAC Payable	0.00
2145 Garnishment Payable	848.66
<b>Total 2100 Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>19.89</b>
2200 Accrued Wages	6,444.75
2205 Accrued Vacation	4,567.06
2300 Due to Western Dairyland	0.00
2305 Deferred Revenue	0.00
287 Accrued Real Estate Fees	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$11,031.70</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$26,130.09</b>
Long-Term Liabilities	
2310 CDBG Forgivable Loan (Lana Ln)	265,775.00
2810 Land Contract (Mel Raskin)	0.00
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$265,775.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$291,905.09</b>
Equity	
3000 Retained Earnings-Unrestricted	595,784.12
3010 Retained Earnings - Restricted	264,283.82
Net Revenue	-137,237.98
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$722,829.96</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$1,014,735.05</b>

# CONTACT US



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