

### LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2022 was the year that changed everything. After two years of sharing the dream of convening community together in a repurposed firehouse in Cocoa, we broke ground. You visited, you listened, you believed, you helped, and you invested. Before the year's end, over 100 partners stepped forward to bring Firehouse #1 to life.

Despite the excitement of what was to come, it was also a year that was bittersweet. Services did not stop, they increased 172%. With rent increasing between 33 and 41% since 2020, 9 out of every 10 calls we received were from families about to lose their housing because they could not keep up. We began to hear from our business sector leaders that they could not attract talent because our county has a shortfall of 27,000 housing units with rents that are affordable. We had to think differently.

So, 2022 was a year of intentional growth. We expanded our team to meet the needs of our community. We grew our development and finance teams and hired a director for Elevate Brevard, a community initiative that focuses entirely on closing the skills gap and elevating families to a higher living wage. These moves positioned us to share our story with a wider audience, invite more companies, foundations, congregations, and families to make an impact, and address the root causes of homelessness by expanding our investment in education and landlord engagement.

You made it possible. Working together in 2022, our community and staff impacted the lives of 1,500 families.

Through it all, you were there. We could not have chosen a better word for the year; you truly showed us what **community** looks like. Our community built and furnished The Firehouse by leveraging resources and relationships. Our community helped us support and relaunch our rotational shelter program. Our community donated snacks, diapers, furniture, welcome home baskets, and funds to support local families who were struggling. Our community attended and sponsored the Emerald City 5K and the 10th Annual Golf Scramble to come together around a common cause. Our community believed in our mission and supported us in every way they could, and we are eternally grateful.

Now as we reflect on 2022 with gratitude, we are equally excited to share our vision for 2023. As you read these pages, you will read how together we changed lives last year and you will be invited to live out our word of 2023: **commitment**. We are celebrating 10 years of community impact this year because of your commitment to us, our commitment to families, and most importantly, families' commitment to themselves.

The future is good.

Gratefully,

Tara Pagliarini, MSW
Executive Director



I remember witnessing Tara's passion for uplifting the community through the Family Promise of Brevard mission as she spoke at the Good Morning Space Coast breakfast. I believe strongly that passion begets passion. I was immediately inspired to learn more! At Sky Peak Financial we understand that we have a responsibility to uplift the community we serve. Family Promise of Brevard has effectively partnered with so many individuals and organizations to effectively bring families a path to stable housing in an environment that helps them to maintain their hope and dignity. Family Promise of Brevard has our support!

**Jeremy Lindquist**Owner, Sky Peak Financial

### **OUR BOARD**

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# **Values**

Empathy, community, dynamic, and empowerment



# **Mission**

Our mission is to leverage the strengths of our community to empower and elevate families facing homelessness.

# **Vision**

Our vision is a Brevard in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a stronger future.



# IMPACT AT A GLANCE



1,500 families served



6,000+

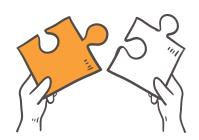
volunteer hours

Over 200 volunteers donated their time serving in shelter, at events, and with our relocation



96%

of program participants exited to stable housing



1,000+

case management hours.

Our programs team provides direct case management through three programs: prevention, shelter, and stabilization



\$615,670

saved in shelter expenses.

for every family we serve in our prevention program, the community does not have to spend \$3,997 on shelter



5,000+

meals provided by congregations and community members

volunteers covered almost 100% of the cost of meals for families in shelter in 2022

# OUR COMMUNITY POWERED MODEL

We believe that a committed community transforms lives. In everything we do, we seek ways to invite local families to help their neighbors. Our community is at the foundation of our impact, and provides an immeasurable amount of support, services, and care to the families who enter our programs.

### OUR PROCESS



We assess households facing a housing crisis by taking the time to fully understand their current situation, diverting them back to natural support when possible, and intervening when needed.



### PREVENTION

We prevent families from becoming homeless through short-term case management paired with eviction prevention.



### SHELTER

We shelter families during an episode of homelessness through short-term shelter, meals, and supportive services to transition to stable housing as quickly as possible.



### STABILIZATION

We stabilize families in their housing through ongoing case management focused on goal setting, financial coaching, landlord mitigation, tenancy education, and resource linkage.



It is an honor to support Family Promise of Brevard. Their passion for our community is unmatched and is felt by those they support directly and by anyone their staff encounters. The Family Promise mission, vision, and promise are not mere words but lived principles. Their passion and purpose are magnetic, inspiring, and proven in the Community Collaboration and Firehouse Project. Brevard County is beyond blessed to have such a dynamic force in our community.

### **Shayla Murray**

Owner, The Virtual Glue and Coordinator, Diversity, Inclusion and Equity, United Way

# **ELEVATION STORIES**

### **JONES FAMILY** Prevention Program Graduate

"I was in a very bad situation living with family in a multigenerational home. It was hard to open up and admit I needed help... many days I cried and got little to no sleep because I was in nursing school and working as much as my body allowed. To see my son crying with me because I couldn't help myself to help them really broke me down, but I didn't give up." The Jones Family was referred to Family Promise of Brevard and

we were able to assist with move in costs and case management. Thanks to community donations, we were also able to provide the family with a welcome home basket filled with home essentials like bedding, cleaning supplies, pots, plates, and more. "Sometimes all a person needs is a jump start to get going and that's what Family Promise did for me."



## THE MENDEZ FAMILY Stabilization Program Graduate

"When we moved in together, I was 19, he was 21, and we didn't have any real direction prior to that. We had a little guidance from parents, but there was such a difference between their situation and ours that it was difficult for them to help." When the Mendez Family entered shelter with their two children worries about the present made it hard for them to plan for their future. Once they increased their wages by starting positions at TD Bank, they were able to move into a new home and make plans beyond paying rent and bills.

"Before, it wasn't even 'How are we going to get better?'
- it was 'Are we ever going to be where we're good?' And
now that we are good, we can focus on being great...
We had been so uncomfortable for so long, even being
around other people because of what we've been
through. Fran, Summer, and [the rest of the staff] were
so amazing and made us feel comfortable. You didn't
judge us."



# THE FARMER FAMILY Stabilization Program Graduate

When her husband passed away from Covid-19,
Monique Farmer's life changed forever. "My husband
passed, and it was very unexpected. We went from
being a two-parent house, to a single parent one in
the blink of an eye. I went from being able to maintain
a house...to sleeping on my daughter's couch. Then
my son goes to Holy Trinity, and just by the grace of
God, someone heard our story and reached out."
Community played a pivotal role in the Farmer family's
story. Holy Trinity connected the family to Family

Promise of Brevard. While in our stabilization program, the family saved enough money to move into a new home, where they currently remain housed. With help from Elevate Brevard, Monique's sons found college funding, alleviating the burden from their mother. Both boys have maintained a 3.5 GPA or higher and the family continues to thrive. "I am now in my own house, working on my credit, and living my best life. If it wasn't for Family Promise and Holy Trinity, I wouldn't be here right now."



In 2020, amid the pandemic and growing housing crisis, we fearlessly asked the question "**WHAT IF?**".

**WHAT IF** we re-envisioned how we worked by taking a place-based approach by relocating our base of operations into the highest need zip code, pouring everything we had into that one location?

**WHAT IF** we invited alongside us the services that were missing from that community so that they are across the hall instead of across the county?

Better yet, **WHAT IF** we brought this all together in a building falling to blight and invited the community to power it?



The road to completing The Firehouse had obstacles and delays but more importantly it had supporters, advocates, and believers. We spent most of 2022 sharing our Firehouse vision and progress. Armed with renderings and layouts, we toured, presented, and wrote about what was possible. Enthusiastically, the community embraced our vision and invested in the project.

Three years and over 100 community investors later, we entirely refurbished Firehouse #1 into a vibrant hub of services. A building filled with extraordinary people and partners from the community who believe that the sum of the whole is greater than the individual parts.

# **YOU made The Firehouse Project possible:**



In-Kind \$100,000 Family Promise of Brevard Reserves \$60,000

# **COLLECTIVE IMPACT**



### **ELEVATE BREVARD**

Elevate Brevard brings the community together to elevate, educate, and employ Brevard County residents. In 2022, Dr. Synthia Doaks was appointed as the first Director of Elevate Brevard and hit the ground running, sharing the possibilities of the collective impact approach, and building a list of committed partners. The first year saw a focus on Cocoa High School seniors with partnerships and investments from Community Foundation for Brevard, United Way, Space Coast Health Foundation, and more.

### **HEALTH FIRST**



In 2022, we entered a 3-year commitment with Health First to address the health and wellness of our families. Through this partnership, FPOB is addressing homelessness and housing instability as social determinants of health due to lack of access to healthcare services. Housing instability is associated with worse physical and mental health outcomes including higher rates of emergency room use, mortality, disruptions in employment, and trauma. By helping families stabilize in housing, providing case management to work alongside families to define and reach their goals, and connecting them to healthcare services, families will not be forced to choose between paying rent or for medicine and other healthcare related costs.

### CHICK-FIL-A



In 2022, our Executive Director was selected as one of 15 leaders from across the country to participate in the 10-month Chick-fil-A Impact Accelerator cohort program, with a focus on sustaining our organization's purpose and scaling our impact. The cohort program culminated in a "Stories of Impact" event, where Tara was one of 5 participating nonprofit leaders who was selected to share our Firehouse journey and learnings over the past 10 months, detailing how each organization plans to elevate our community influence. To conclude the program, each organization was presented with a \$10,000 grant to support their next chapter.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition is a proud supporter of Family Promise of Brevard. Their dedication and service to our families experiencing homelessness is invaluable. Their collaborative new firehouse project is a game changer in our community, and we look forward to seeing the impact it will have on Brevard's most vulnerable families. Family Promise is an incredible asset within our homeless system of care.

**Amber Carroll** 

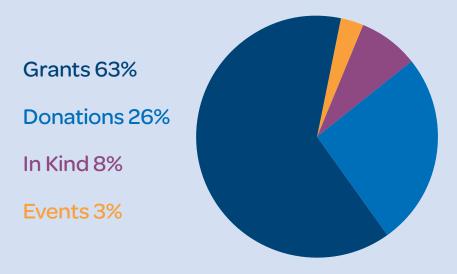
Executive Director, Brevard Homeless Coalition



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

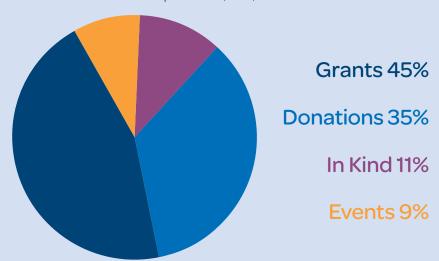
### 2022 Revenue Breakdown

Revenue: \$2,904,705 Expenses: \$1,254,900 Capital Expenditures: \$1,514,102



# 2023 Expected Revenue Breakdown

Revenue: \$1,909,391 Expenses: \$1,909,391







Everyone needs a faithful family to love them. Everyone needs a secure place to call home.

Everyone needs a caring community where we find support from each other. This is what Family Promise of Brevard stands for and Church at Viera is proud to stand with them in this significant cause. Thank you, Family Promise, for the way you make our county a more caring place to live for all people. We are for you, and we are with you.

Pastor Mark Ragsdale

Church at Viera

# 2023 VISION

### FROM HERO TO HOST

One of our superpowers is convening community. The Firehouse allows us to transition to a "host" model where we are not only delivering our programs, but we can now connect families to multiple services in one accessible location rather than trying to solve the wicked problem of family homelessness in a silo.

Today, CareerSource Brevard, Early Learning Coalition, and Brevard Health Alliance are onsite service providers. Families residing in 32922 can easily access certification courses taught in our community classroom because of the efforts of Elevate Brevard, and like-minded companies and organizations can host their meetings or classes in one of our collaboration rooms.

Our vision for 2023 is a year of listening, learning, and sharing as we commit ourselves to this new way of working to break the cycle of generational poverty. As innovators in the field, we have a unique opportunity to study and replicate this collaborative hub of services, creating a blueprint that can be utilized by underserved communities throughout the county.

We envision a year filled with community projects and opportunities for local families and companies to invest and serve. And as we enter our 10th year of community impact, our vision includes a time for celebration and appreciation for everyone who got us this far and those who will help us in our next chapters.





### **OUR VISION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU:**

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# **OUR TEAM**



Adriana Aponte
Accounting/HR
Coordinator



Akili Phillips
Development Director



Andrea Defibaugh
Intake Coordinator



Cleopatra Price
Prevention Coordinator



**Diane Swain**Shelter Coordinator



Fran Feeman
Family Services
Specialist



Jennifer Cisco Operations Director



Mark Sexton
Programs Director



Mike Hoenick Stabilization Coordinator



Myrtle Smith
Office Coordinator



Nancy Dudley
Finance Director



Dr. Synthia Doaks
Elevate Brevard Director



Tara Pagliarini Executive Director

# **OUR PROMISE**

We believe homelessness should be temporary, non-recurring, and treated as a situation, not an identifier.

Our model depends on compassion, diversity, accountability, and empowerment.

Our promise to our community, and the families we serve, is to be good stewards of the resources we receive, to provide every family with dignity and respect, and to practice transparency to create strong relationships.

# FAMILY FOCUSED COMMUNITY POWERED

# 2022 & 2023 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

142 Productions

28 North Gastropub

4imprint

A. Duda & Sons, Inc.

Advent Lutheran Church

Alerion, Inc.

Alliance Cyber

Amazon Smile Foundation

American Business Interiors

Arcadier, Biggie and Wood PLLC

Arty Pagan-State Farm Insurance

Ascension Catholic Community

Bank of America

Bank of America Foundation

Beachside Family Dentistry

Benevity Fund

Blinds Of All Kinds

Bombas

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

Brevard County Housing & Human Services

Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Brevard Health Alliance

Brevard Homeless Coalition

Bristol-Hansen Charitable Foundation

CareerSource Brevard

Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC

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Chapel Foundation of IRCC, Inc.

Charities Aid Foundation America

Chick-fil-A

Christ Episcopal Church

Church at Viera

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Department of Children and Families

Dillen Charitable Fund

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Duda Ranches

Early Learning Coalition Brevard

Eau Gallie Rotary Charities Corporation

Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast

Eden Living West Melbourne, LLC

**Elevation Church** 

**Embraer Foundation** 

Epler Park

**ERC Incorporated** 

Faith Viera Lutheran Church

Family Promise National

First Church Melbourne

First Presbyterian Church of Palm Bay

First United Methodist Church of Cocoa Beach

FL Retail Advisors

Florida State Guardianship Association

Florida Power & Light Company

Freedom Forum

Frida's Plants & Vintage

G & G Roofing

Georgianna Church



Family Promise of Brevard is an exciting addition for the Cocoa community that will continue to serve all of Brevard. Their commitment to helping address the root causes of homelessness through community collaboration creates ways for all of us to get involved. If you don't serve your community now, don't expect your community to serve you later!

**Dr. Michael Cadore** 

Executive Director of Community Engagement for External Affairs, Eastern Florida State College

Glozz Garage

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Mack Foundation

Making it Matthews

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Market Street Viera

Matthew Development

Merritt Island Presbyterian Church

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MKA CPA's and Advisors

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Orlando Modern Quilt Guild

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Peoples Financial Planning of Raymond James

Pineda Inn Bar & Grill

Pizza Gallery & Grill

**PNC Bank** 

**PNC Foundation** 

**Progressive Cleaning** 

River Tree Builders

Riverside Presbyterian Church

**Rocket Quilters** 

Rockledge United Methodist Church

Rolle IT

Roswell Marine

Running Zone

**RZK Architects** 

Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church

Savings Safari

Seacoast Bank

Seaside Bank & Trust

Sky Peak Financial

Slug-A-Bug

Space Coast Association of Realtors Foundation

Space Coast Health Foundation

St. David's by the Sea Episcopal Church

St. John The Evangelist Catholic Church

St. John's Episcopal Church

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Southern Deanery Council of Catholic Women

State Farm Foundation

Steadytown

Suntree United Methodist Church

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The Harold and Mary Karp Fund

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United Way of Brevard

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W+J Construction

Watson Commercial Real Estate

Westgate Foundation

Wilkinson Family Fund

