

# THE SCOOP

FAMILY PROMISE OF WAKE COUNTY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

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Wow! 30 years! Family Promise of Wake County, then known as Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network, was officially formed on September 7, 1993, and its first meeting of the Board of Trustees took place two months later. How far we've come! And we could not have helped more than 2,000 families without your support. Thank you!

In 2022, FPWC served 120 families in our now 6 programs: A Hand Up (homeless prevention – new in 2022), Emergency Shelter, Safe @ Home (post shelter stabilization – new in 2022), Rapid Rehousing (2017), Transitional Housing (2011) and New Lease on Life. This is the most families served in one year since our inception!

As we emerge from the COVID pandemic, we all have learned the importance of adaptability. Nationally, there are 200 Family Promise affiliates. Prior to the pandemic, nearly 98% of FP affiliates provided emergency shelter services using a rotational "church/host" model while less than 20% of affiliates provided any type of prevention or shelter diversion programming. Now, our National FP predicts that less than 25% of affiliates will return to rotational shelter model. Instead, they will provide a static shelter model where church partners bring dinners, activities and fellowship opportunities to families who are in shelter during their host weeks. What is more amazing is now more than 80% of FP affiliates across the country have implemented homeless prevention and shelter diversion programs. You can see a national paradigm shift from reactive to proactive programs.

We are no different. Late last year, our Board voted to continue our static shelter model indefinitely. Earlier in the year, we implemented our new Prevention program to help families facing eviction to be able to remain in their homes and avoid the trauma of becoming homeless. While our program is still new, we are finding that \$530 maintains a child in their home, preventing them from experiencing homelessness.

We now have more tools in our toolbox to serve the families who are at risk of or experiencing temporary homelessness in our community. We feel so blessed that our community, you, have really embraced our new programs.

On behalf of our Board and Staff, thank you for your support over the past 30 years. And thank you for your support over the next 30!

# TAKE A PEEK!

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## AFFORDABLE RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### BROCCOLI & CHEESE CASSEROLE (\$0.87/SERVING)

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 egg, beaten
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 3 (10 ounce) packages frozen chopped broccoli
- 8 ounces shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 dash paprika



#### DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Butter a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- Whisk condensed soup, mayonnaise, egg, and onions together in a medium mixing bowl until combined.
- Place frozen broccoli into a very large mixing bowl and break it up if necessary; add soup mixture and mix well to coat. Sprinkle with cheese and mix well; spread mixture into the prepared baking dish. Season with salt, pepper, and paprika.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

# PROGRAM UPDATES

FAMILY PROMISE OF WAKE COUNTY SERVED MORE FAMILIES IN 2022 THAN EVER BEFORE:

## 2022 OVERALL NUMBERS



1 2 0

families in 2022

## 2022 NUMBER OF CHILDREN



2 4 1

in 2022

## WAYS TO HELP IN 2023

