

## Family Promise of Longview

When you think about hope and unity, the first things you think about would be family and a place to stay. In Longview, I have been able to see an organization help many families around my town. Family Promise of Longview is a program that provides temporary housing (shelter and meals) to families experiencing homelessness. A variety of services helps families in self-sufficiency: comprehensive case management, personal hygiene, clothing, child care, and medical care. I have seen this program give families hope by giving them shelter, supplies, and meals.

I have been able to see what goes around this program. I have seen Family Promise of Longview provided many services, but the main one that brings families together would be the shelters. This program opened in two thousand five; since then, it gave shelter to one hundred ninety-three families. This would equal up to six hundred sixty-seven individuals or four hundred thirteen children and two hundred fifty-four adults. This helps the families to stay until they can finally get enough money to live on their own. I have seen many families separated become whole again at this organization.

Thirty-five percent of people are experiencing homelessness, and most of the homelessness comes from starting families. This program does not only shelter you, but it also gives you many necessities. It gives you items for personal hygiene, clothing, child care, and medical care. Which helps give hope to the families, giving them a chance to survive and get started in our community.

I have seen this program not only give shelter and supplies. Family Promise of Longview also provides each family healthy meals to eat. I have seen multiple children overcome by sadness from their circumstance, but one healthy meal changes their mood. Showing that the

most important thing is having a meal with your family; thus helps relieve stress, and bring a separated family together.

In conclusion, Family Promise of Longview does many things for my community from food, shelter, and supplies. Provides me hope that people are helping others, and others are still joining and helping. A simple donation to their website can make a world's difference. Seeing shattered families become whole once again can change how you see life. I learned that you should always have hope, never take anything for granted, and cherish the time you have with your family. Because there are people out in the world that can help, and you never know what can happen in the future.