



UNION COUNTY
COMMUNITY SHELTER



Promise Partners
Program

Harvest
House

Strategies to move
from Homelessness to
Housing

Want to
HELP?

I want a presentation or more information

Name/Agency _____

Email _____

Phone _____

- I want to Become a Promise Partner
 - \$2,500 to house a family for 6 months
 - \$1,500 to house an individual 6 months
- I want to make a one time contribution to help a homeless family or single adult acquire housing

One time donation of \$ _____

Monthly donation of \$ _____

Checks to *Union County Community Shelter*

Name on Credit Card: _____

Card No. _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code _____

Address: _____

Zip Code of Card Billing Address: _____

Signature _____



Promise Partner Model

The Promise Partners project is a joint venture with the Union County Community Shelter (UCCS) and local churches or other community partners who want to help end the cycle of homelessness for individuals or families.

UCCS Responsibilities

- ◆ Select the family/individual, provide active case management and monitoring services for each participant (including drug screen)
- ◆ Locate an appropriate rental for participant
- ◆ Handles all business transactions (no money is given directly to participants)

Promise Partner Responsibilities

- ◆ Contribute a financial donation to UCCS for deposits, rent, etc. (monthly or lump sum)
- ◆ Meet the family or individual participant
- ◆ Form Mission/Support Team that will communicate with participants and provide collateral family support and fellowship activities (e.g. furniture acquisition, lawn maintenance, recreation opportunities, babysitting, life skills, role modeling, etc.)

Shared Responsibilities

- ◆ Invite participants to community events
- ◆ Offer mentoring support (i.e. budgeting, job coaching, life skills, reputation building,)
- ◆ Celebrate participant successes and special occasions



Promise Partner Goal

The priority goal is for Promise Partner participants is to partner their own resources with a partner's resources to pay expensive up front rental costs, and stabilize their situation over a six month period to move from subsidy to self-sufficiency. Every participant must invest personal funds into their new rental; it is NOT 100% subsidized which builds accountability and budgeting skills over time. While in the emergency shelter (and motels), participants must maintain employment and save resources to pay their portion of their new rental. The lease will be in the participant's name so they can continue to reside in their apartment after the six month subsidy. UCCS works with local landlords to locate an appropriate rental that is safe and affordable for the client's income level, while working with the participants in appropriate money management techniques. Families are stabilized quicker and more effectively

Promise Partner Subsidy

A donation of just \$2,500 can help sustain a participant for the entire six month project. The money is used for both up front moving costs and subsidized rent for the six month period.

An example case is as follows:

\$700— 1st month— to be used for housing or utility deposits and/or first months rent

\$500— 2nd month— Rent assistance

\$400— 3rd month— Rent assistance

\$400— 4th month— Rent assistance

\$300— 5th month— Rent assistance

\$200— 6th month— Rent assistance

*Each participant will receive a customized case plan to assist them in achieving their success and becoming self sufficient.

Harvest House Model

The Harvest House Model is a joint venture with the Union County Community Shelter (UCCS) and local churches or individuals who have vacant properties that can be used to house a homeless individual or family for up to six months. While there, participants can save money and work on skills to be used in moving into an apartment of their own and maintaining self-sufficiency. No financial assistance.

UCCS Responsibilities

- ◆ Select the family/individual, provide active case management and monitoring services for each participant (including drug screen)
- ◆ Sign a participant agreement, and ensure an inventory check prior and post move.
- ◆ Pay for the utilities of the house, and ensure client rules are followed to minimize risk to the property.

Harvest House Responsibilities

- ◆ Allow UCCS to use the property rent –free, and maintain structural systems of the property
- ◆ Meet the family or individual participant and provide collateral support functions (i.e. stock the cabinets, lawn maintenance, etc.)

Shared Responsibilities

- ◆ Furnish the home, including dishes/linens
- ◆ Offer mentoring support
- ◆ Celebrate participant successes and special occasions