



Family Promise Transitional Housing

Something exciting is going on in the Bradenton area, right now. Family Promise of Manatee County via the hospitality of many area churches provides temporary food and shelter in the churches on a weekly basis for homeless families in the community through Family Promise - Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Because of the passion, vision, and determination of members of Harvest and Trinity United Methodist Churches to make a greater difference for homeless families, a new program has been created to provide more permanent transitional housing to these families. Trinity has offered the use several of their properties and members of Harvest and Trinity are currently providing labor, donations and expertise to renovate several old houses into transitional homes for a once homeless family.

They will be able to move into these homes for rent payments that they can afford so they can become more financially stable and independent. Then, as things become more stable for them, they can transition into other housing.

Project needs and opportunities to serve:

- Homes - Five more homes are needed, hopefully a 5 unit apt building so that the families can be together to help each other and to build a community.
- Cars - Another big issue is teaching and helping the families to maintain their cars. Donated cars or parts and repair jobs are needed.
- Mentoring Program - These families have tapped out all of their resources or just don't have the mentors to teach them basic life skills, i.e. keeping a house budget, organization, goals, prioritizing, etc.
- Volunteers to work on the renovation of the houses



If you would like to learn more about this project or you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Bill Pretyka at

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