

Family Promise & Your Community

A Collaborative Hospitality Outreach Program
that Works *Right Here...*

Local Support with local community resources.



Family Promise®
of NewRock

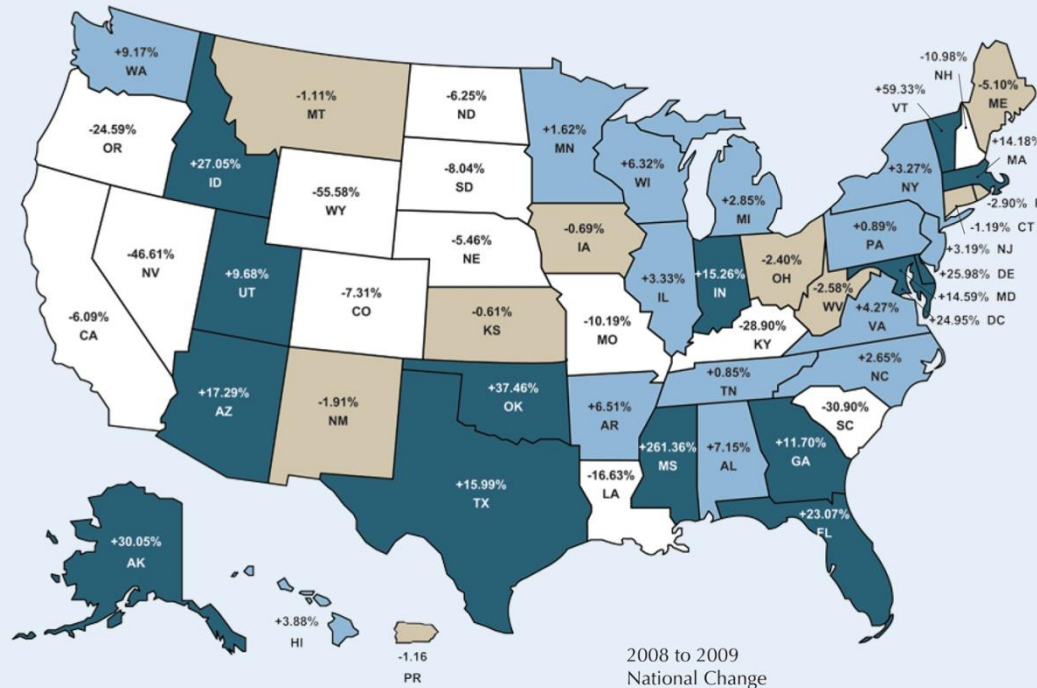
Building Community, Strengthening Lives

What is **Family Promise** of NewRock?

- ▶ A non-profit program for Homeless Children and their Families **in Rockdale & Newton**
- ▶ **Collaborative**, Non-denominational, Inter-faith & Self-supporting
- ▶ **Transitional hospitality** services– not a shelter
- ▶ Leverages **existing community** facilities & human resources
- ▶ **Proven concept**: 177 Networks, in 41 states, 53 in development; 25 year history

Family Homelessness is Growing

MAP 1.3 Family Homeless Population by State

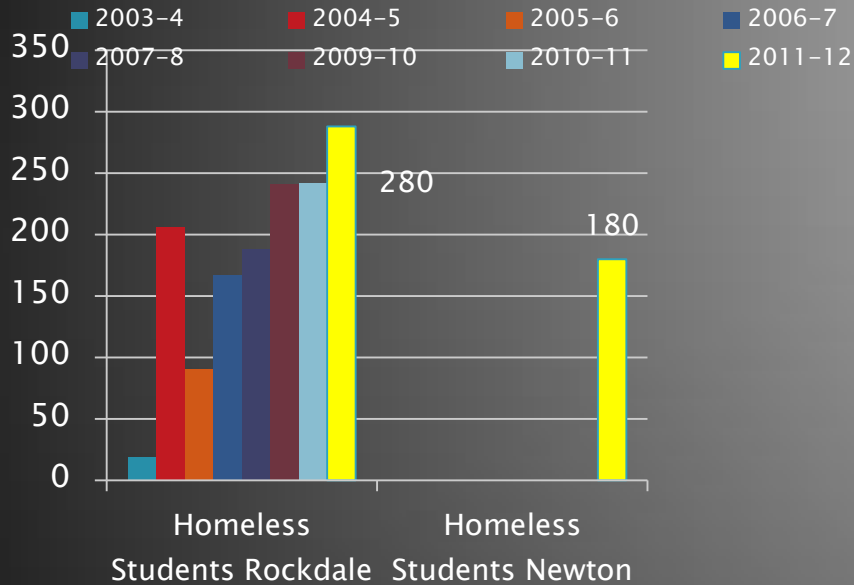


Homeless Persons in Families % Change 2008 to 2009

White	-55.58% to -5.46%	Light Blue	+0.01% to +9.67%
Tan	-5.45% to 0.00%	Dark Blue	+9.68% to +261.36%

Per the “State of Homelessness in America 2011,” a report by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, **Georgia** showed the **13th largest increase** in Homeless Persons in Families, measured 2009 over 2008, **at 11.7% .**

Why Do We Need/Want This Here in Our Own Community?



Source: Rockdale Co. /Newton Co. School System 5/2012

**THESE STUDENTS, THEIR SIBLINGS NOT
YET IN SCHOOL AND THEIR PARENTS
DO NOT HAVE A HOME.**

**NOT "SOMEWHERE . . ."
RIGHT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY.**

Who & How Does This Help?



▶ Guests: max 3–4 Families (14 people) at a time

- Safe, homelike environment
- Children continue in school
- Parents receive job & home placement assistance to regain sustainable independence
- Families stay together

▶ Volunteers

- Make a difference, directly & locally
- Wide range of activities, flexible schedules, levels of commitment
- Opportunity to network and collaborate within the community

▶ Congregations

- Fulfill a Basic Mission: “Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto Me.”
- Local outreach using existing facilities & human resources
- Interfaith effort builds community

▶ Community

- Cost efficient & collaborative use of existing resources
- No institutional shelter issues
- Easy integration with agencies and local programs avoids duplication
- Fosters commitment to mutual goals



Does it Really Work? (national results)

Homeless Individuals served as Family Promise
Guests in 2011 = 12,246

- Guests who are **children** = 56.4%
44.4 % are age **5 or under**

- Average length of stay = 63 Days

Housing Status at Exit

- ▶ Families securing permanent housing = 58.5%
- ▶ Families securing transitional housing = 18.8%

Bottom Line Results:

77% **NOT homeless** after 63 days

What's Involved to Make this Happen?

▶ 13 Host Congregations

Provide physical space, dinner & breakfast, and fellowship for 14 (max) people or 3-4 families for seven consecutive nights, approx 4 times per year.



▶ Support Congregations or Other Groups

Provide volunteers and financial help.

▶ Day Center

Hub for network, Director's Office for case management, counseling & support services; Shower & laundry facilities.

Day Center is shared with Phoenix Pass based on written agreement.

▶ Transportation

15 -passenger van for daily transport
Truck/van/trailer to relocate family belongings to Host Congregations

▶ Volunteers

35-50 positions per week, from meals to homework, financial counseling to just compassionate "being there."

▶ Community Agencies

Initial screening, qualification & intake for guests.

Experienced, "System-wise" Support & Guidance, Grant- Funds Integration.

▶ Funding

501(c) Non-Profit, self-supporting. Must raise funds through contributions & grants. (Need is Approx \$100,000 for 1st year budget)

Status of NewRock Network Today

Committed Congregations

From diverse faiths
in Rockdale &
Newton Counties.

Volunteer Participants from many
local churches and community
groups are actively working to
fulfill the promise.

Extensive training by regional and
national Family Promise staff is
occurring for Volunteers at all
levels.

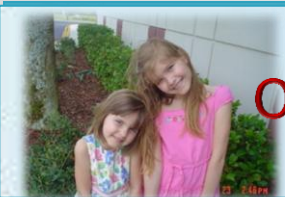
Collaboration with Phoenix Pass,
Habitat, & all related existing
community outreach programs is
fundamental.

- ✓ **Launched 11/13/11**
 - First Families graduated!
 - 4 adults & 7 children in our program today.
- ✓ We have a dedicated,
experienced Network Director.
- ✓ The Network Board is expanding
to enhance leadership.

Building Communities. . . Strengthening Lives.

How can **YOU** get involved?

- ▶ **Q & A**–Find out More.
- ▶ **Think & Pray:** *Who can we talk to that YOU know?*
- ▶ **Communications**– Give us your E-mail so we can keep you informed.
- ▶ **Spread the Word**
- ▶ **Volunteer**– Pick a way to start making a difference **TODAY**.
- ▶ **Contribute** time, wish list items, or money.



Open my heart, Lord. Teach me to love like You.



Want to Do MORE?

Help Fulfill the Wish List

- Donations to cover Operational Costs
- Furnishings for “Graduating” Guests
- More Congregations in the network
- More Volunteers
- Grant Finding and Writing Support
- Help w/ Fundraisers

Make Tax- Deductible Contributions– ALL Currently being MATCHED 100%

- ▶ **Designate Gift through United Way**
- ▶ Give through Church Collection–MARK envelope clearly

Build the “Highways to Change”

- ❑ Hwy 20: One-Time \$20 Contribution
- ❑ Hwy 138: \$138 OR \$11.50/Month over 1 Year
- ❑ Hwy 278: \$278 OR \$5.50/ Week for 51 weeks or \$23.00/ Month
- ❑ *Donate ANY amount you can manage!*

What Creative Solutions Can You/YOUR Group Offer?

“If you planted hope today in any hopeless heart;

**If someone’s burden was lighter because you did
your part;**

If you caused a laugh that chased some tears away;

**If tonight, your name is named when someone kneels
to pray,**

Then your day has been well spent.”

Author Unknown

