

Dear FHF Friend,

For the past 15 years, in good economic times and bad, you have made it possible for us to provide housing and mentoring for desperate yet highly motivated homeless families. Our FHF graduates have gone on to become teachers, nurses and successful business professionals who have purchased homes and sent their children to college. We are a small but mighty group and we are **profoundly grateful** for your support.



Because we have no paid staff or overhead...
we are all volunteers and even this mailing was donated):

- **\$30 Provides housing for a family for 1 day.**
- **\$210 Provides housing for a family for 1 week.**
- **\$900 Provides housing for a family for 1 month.**

Please detach and mail with your donation to:
FHF, 825 Lyndhurst Court, Naperville, IL 60563

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Email address (needed for emailing your receipt): _____

Donation: (Check made out to FHF) \$ _____
(If your company offers to match your donation, please include this information with your check)

Visa/MasterCard (circle one): # _____
Verification Code _____ Expiration: _____
Name on Card _____
Authorized amount to charge \$ _____

Questions- or to make a payment via phone-
Call Vicky at 630-355-1043

Families Helping Families *Ultimate Goal*

Two years go by so quickly! But that's all the time FHF clients have in our program. In that short time we:

- Move families into safe housing
- Provide supportive mentoring
- Coordinate community resources
- And change lives

***Did you notice that last item?
How exactly do we measure that?***

Like any organization, we have to measure our success with results. One of our favorite clients has recently **graduated** from FHF.

This is Amy's exit interview:

- Entered FHF with no degree making \$7.50/hour. Left with a B.A. earning \$43k/year
- Came in \$2500 in debt. Left with savings.
- Began with no binding child support. Left with court-ordered, secure child support.
- Entered homeless. Now lives in an affordable, safe home near her work.

These are measurable, positive changes that will continue with your donations to Families Helping Families.

This is a great result, a great exit. We are thrilled for Amy!
But our work must continue.

With each exit, there is an entrance.

Meet Our *Newest Client!*

FHF is so excited to begin working with Carrie and her young daughter. Carrie already knows the most important thing she can do to improve her family's life is to complete her education. We could not agree more!

But Carrie enters FHF with some very familiar concerns:

- She and her daughter have been devastated by personal tragedy.
- They have no safety net to fall back on.
- Carrie was never taught financial literacy.
- Without guidance and support, Carrie will not be able to complete her education and provide a secure future for her daughter.

Despite all her set-backs, Carrie is bright, personable and positive. She is eager to succeed. She is already proving this having earned a scholarship at Waubensee Community College where she is studying nursing!

With the help of our generous donors, FHF wants to help Carrie live up to her potential and to achieve self-sufficiency.

True change happens gradually. We have only two years with our clients. The months in which to measure profound life changes race by.

We congratulate Amy on her success and welcome Carrie at the start of her journey with our Families Helping Families community.

Visit us at
www.famhelpingfam.org

Help FHF Go Paperless!

Do we have your preferred email address?

We are very proud that everything FHF accomplishes is entirely through generous individual and community donations. That even includes the costs of printing, mailing and postage.

But as many budgets tighten, those donations have been greatly reduced and we need to conduct most of our business electronically. It's more efficient and more cost-effective. And it's much more environmentally friendly!

Please ensure that we have your electronic contact information by providing your email address to FHF@wowway.com.



Honor Someone Special

Make a donation in honor of that Special Person!

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Memorials ~ Teacher Gifts
Coaches ~ Scout Leaders

Please call Yuneh at 630-527-1368 or email her at buttercup96@wowway.com.

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FHF needs your help!

Families Helping Families provides housing for homeless DuPage County families as they work toward self-sufficiency.

With your generous donations and support, FHF will continue to pursue our core goals of encouraging once homeless families to:

- balance budgets
- finish educations
- parent with skill and love
- and believe that through hard work, success is attainable.

FHF continues to provide these transformative services entirely through the efforts of our volunteers.

Every dollar you donate goes directly to support our families!

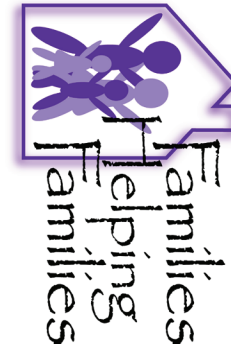
Are You Looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Joan, via email: tancks5@wowway.com.

Opportunities include mentoring our families, group service projects, fundraising and much more.

Visit our website for more information.
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