<u>Family Promise Housing Drive</u> <u>Frequently Asked Questions and Responses</u>

1. What is the size and price range of the rentals you are seeking?

- a. Studios
- b. 1 bedroom and 2 bedrooms between \$1,000 \$1,500

2. What kind of families would we be seeking housing for?

- a. All of the families in our program have children, work full-time, do not use any drugs or alcohol, and do not have untreated mental illness.
- b. All families practice budgeting skills for the entire duration of their participation in our program and are required to turn in pay stubs and bank balances every two weeks and follow their budget.
- c. All families receive financial literacy and "Hot to be a Good Tenant" training.

3. How can we reassure landlords that there will be some help with tenants if things go poorly?

- a. Family Promise staff follows up with families who move into housing for up to a year following their exit from our program.
- b. If **any** problems arise, staff will do the very best they can to help remedy the situation and provide support to the landlord.

4. Does Family Promise provide assistance with rent or deposits?

- a. We do provide some kind of rental assistance to families when they move into their homes. We provide the first month's rent in most cases.
- b. Some families also qualify for a *permanent* rental subsidy whereby they pay for a portion of the rent and the program pays for the remainder.

5. Does Family Promise pay for back-rent if a family is unable to pay?

- a. We do not pay for back-rent, but over 80% of our families have never returned to homelessness because of the financial stability they gain and the skills they learn while in our program.
- b. We can refer families to other programs to help with backrent when the funds are available.