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To Whom It May Concern:

Christ Church Episcopal has been involved with Family Promise, formally known as Interfaith Hospitality Network, since its genesis.

We are one of 16 faith communities who open up our facilities and function as host sites for homeless families. Four times a year, we provide shelter, meals, and hospitality for three or four families representing fourteen people for a week, Sunday through Saturday.

During the day the families are at a state of the art day site where they can feel safe and be secure as they look for jobs, housing and take care of the necessary business to get their lives back on track. In all my years of ministry I have never seen such a successful program where 75% of the families find jobs and housing and make a successful reentry into our community.

One of the things lacking in this program is the need for other faith communities to participate. Family Promise is the only program in our community that house families together. If more faith communities would get involved in this program, the number of families served could be doubled, maybe even tripled.

Statistics show that Las Vegas is the fastest growing city in the country with an average of 5,000 people moving into our county each month. Some of these people, many of whom have families, find themselves homeless and without any means to take care of their families. Family Promise is there to assist them.

Family Promise needs your support and your cooperation as we continue to meet the needs of the less fortunate.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Bonnie Polley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bonnie Polley'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.