Family Promise of Waukesha County is now accepting applications from families with children who need assistance in paying their rent/mortgage or utility bills. From the generous support of the Oconomowoc Area Foundation, Otto Bremer Foundation, the Friends of Nashotah and many individual donors; Family Promise created a Homelessness Prevention Fund. This project was begun in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal is to help families who are unable to pay their mortgage, rent, utilities due to losing a job, reduced hours or being furloughed to remain in their homes. While there is currently a suspension of foreclosures and evictions in Wisconsin, we encourage all families to pay their bills in a timely manner. One does not know what will occur at the end of this moratorium. Getting behind on payments can become a situation a family cannot escape.

Individuals who are seeking assistance need to fill out an application which can be found: [www.familypromisewaukesha.org/prevention](http://www.familypromisewaukesha.org/prevention) They also should review the following criteria:

To be eligible your family’s income should fit into the state of Wisconsin section 8 rent voucher program.

1-person household                        $28,850

2                                                          $32,950

3                                                          $37,050

4                                                          $41, 150

5                                                          $44,450

6                                                          $47,750

7                                                          $51,050

8                                                          $54,350

Applicants will also:

* Pay less than 30% of income for rent/mortgage.
* Be a Waukesha County resident
* Be no more than one month behind in their rent/utility bill.
* Be able to verify income, whether job loss or a reduction of hours. If applicant has a job must be able to provide reason and proof of why rent/mortgage or utility cannot be paid this month.
* Provide income information for every adult living in the home.
* Provide proof of the amount of rent/utility bill.
* Allow a Family Promise representative to speak with employer, contact landlord as well as any other service provider to determine the need for assistance.

In addition:

* Payment will go directly to the landlord, utility company or service provider.
* Family Promise of Waukesha County reserves the right to provide partial assistance.
* Families who accept financial support agree to work with the social worker to plan for the following months and connect to resources.

Family Promise of Waukesha County is proud to be able to serve families with children during this difficult time. Please help us spread the word to those in need and to those who would like to help a family avoid the chaos of homelessness.

Questions: info@familypromisewaukesha.org

Apply for mortgage/rent or utility assistance: [www.familypromisewaukesha.org/prevention](http://www.familypromisewaukesha.org/prevention)

Support families in need: [www.familypromisewaukesha.org/donate](http://www.familypromisewaukesha.org/donate)