



# TOWN COUNCIL – AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THIS FORM WILL BECOME PART OF THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION USED BY THE COUNCIL AND PUBLIC

Please submit Agenda Request Form, **including back up information**, 8 days prior to the requested meeting date. **Public Hearing requests must be submitted 20 days prior to requested meeting date to meet publication deadlines** (exceptions may be authorized by the Town Manager, Chairman/Vice Chair).

## MEETING INFORMATION

Date Submitted: September 7, 2018  
Submitted by: Family Promise of Greater Nashua  
Executive Director Pamela Tibak Small  
Department:  
Speakers: Pamela Tibak Small

Date of Meeting: October 25, 2018  
Time Required: 20 minutes  
Background Info. Supplied: Yes:  No:

## CATEGORY OF BUSINESS (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Appointment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recognition/Resignation/Retirement:	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Public Hearing:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Old Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>
New Business:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nonpublic:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>

## TITLE OF ITEM

Family Promise of Greater Nashua Presentation

## DESCRIPTION OF ITEM

Family Promise of Greater Nashua (FPGN) to make a short presentation to the Town Council about who they are and what they do.

## REFERENCE (IF KNOWN)

RSA:	Warrant Article:	_____
Charter Article:	Town Meeting:	_____
Other:	N/A	

## EQUIPMENT REQUIRED (PLEASE PLACE AN "X" IN THE APPROPRIATE BOX)

Projector:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grant Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easel:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Meeting:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Seating:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop:	<input type="checkbox"/>	None:	<input type="checkbox"/>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPROVAL

Town Manager:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Chair/Vice Chair:	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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## What is Family Promise of Greater Nashua at Anne Marie House?

### Our Mission

Imagine, as a parent, not knowing where you and your children will sleep at night. Imagine all your belongings loaded into your car and having nowhere to go. Imagine not knowing what you will feed your family for dinner or where you will eat. **This year in America, more than 2.5 million children and their parents will experience homelessness.** Right here in New Hampshire, 45% of our homeless population is comprised of families with children. Further, 50% of those families are in Southern New Hampshire. Our goal is to End Homeless, One Family at a Time. Our objective is to equip families with the tools and skills they need to rise from homelessness to self-sufficiency; from crisis to sustainable lifestyles that include secure housing, steady income, and reliable transportation.

### Our Unique Charge

Unique in the area, FPGN serves families of all compositions, including single-fathers (a growing portion of the homeless population), two-parent families, single mothers, pregnant women, and any other types of families; other programs in the region are strictly for single mothers. We also serve veteran families that do not qualify for other veteran programs. There are no restrictions on the age of the parent or the child. For example, a homeless 36-year old single mother with two children, ages 15 and 8, would not be eligible for other programs in the Nashua region because the upper limit for children is 12. Our focus is on protecting the family unit and saving families by teaching them the skills they need to both become self-sufficient and maintain independent lives.

### Our Programs and Services

Families arrive with a multitude of issues -job, health, legal, child care and others - that impede their progress toward a stable, self-sufficient life. Each family works with the Director of Family Services to develop comprehensive financial and housing plans. With the goal of self-sufficiency and permanent housing, they establish short-term objectives to overcome these obstacles and they are held accountable for making progress. They meet weekly with Family Services to monitor their progress, alter the plans as circumstances improve, and establish new timelines. In lieu of rent, the families are required to save 70% of their disposable income. We prefer to teach them to budget and save their earnings toward security deposits and/or down payments, allowing them to secure and maintain sustainable housing when they graduate from the program. Each adult is required to participate in the group Financial Literacy Course that meets once a week and to meet individually with the course instructor to assess progress toward their financial objectives. In addition, families must also attend parenting classes to learn the skills and tools to effectively parent their children and to help them deal with the stresses of homelessness. Children who experience homelessness are twice as likely to have behavioral issues. Families are so well prepared when they leave FPGN that 85% achieve and sustain housing independence one year after graduating.

### Our Impact

Since our inception, we have saved over 130 families from homelessness and put them on the path to self-sufficiency. What began in 2001 as an effort of local faith congregations to serve the needs of homeless families in the Nashua region has grown into a regional organization that provides homeless families with a secure, compassionate, home in which to rebuild their lives. FPGN is an affiliate of the national organization, Family Promise, which has nearly 200 affiliates in 41 states, serving homeless families. In 2005, FPGN began serving families at Anne Marie House, the former novitiate of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary. Today, there are 10 families and 28 individuals who call Anne Marie House their "*Home for Now.*"

Ending homelessness one family at a time

## HOW FPGN WORKS

At Family Promise of Greater Nashua, working families find a *Home for Now* while learning how to become and stay independent.



① Families are referred to our program and, once accepted, become residents.



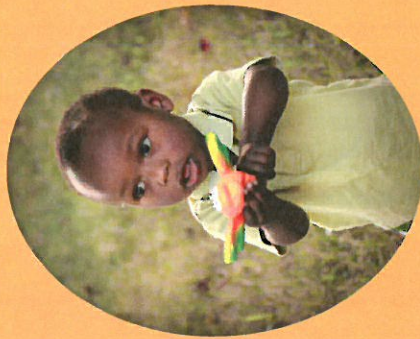
② Parents receive case management addressing parenting and family advocacy, finances and career development.



③ In less than a year, the families leave to begin their independent lives!



Family Promise is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Your donation may be tax deductible.



## For More Information

Visit us online at  
[www.annemariehouse.org](http://www.annemariehouse.org)

Like us on Facebook at  
[Facebook.com/AnneMarieHouse](https://www.facebook.com/AnneMarieHouse)

Follow us on Twitter at  
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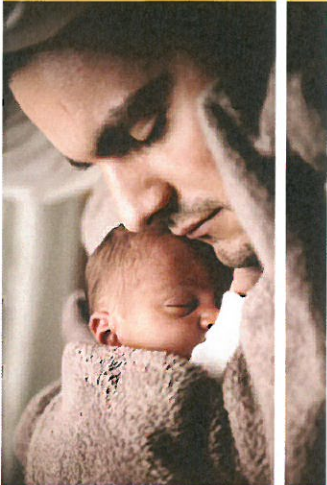
to Family Promise  
of Greater Nashua

This year in America, more than 2.5 million children & their parents will experience homelessness. Between 2016-2017, there was a 22% increase in families experiencing homelessness in NH. In Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties alone, there are over 200 homeless families.

## 2017 STATISTICS

- 18 families
- 59 persons
- 85% attained independence
- 9,990 nights of shelter
- 29,970 meals
- 313 days average stay

We believe that keeping families together is of utmost importance in ensuring our families achieve successful and sustainable lifestyles. We Aim to End Homelessness, One Family at a Time.



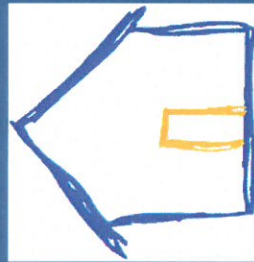
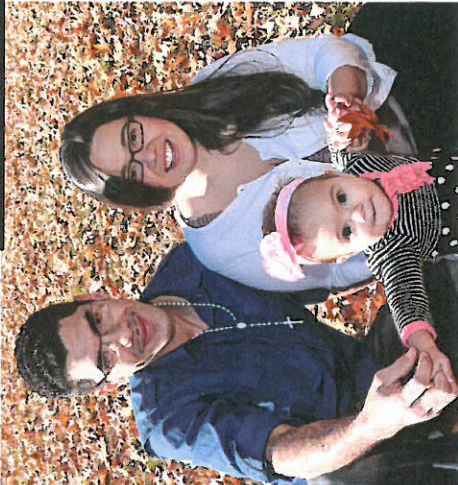
## Our Mission:

Through safe housing and education, Family Promise of Greater Nashua guides families as they rise from homelessness to sustainable independence. Our goal is to equip families with the skills they need to achieve stable lifestyles that include secure housing, careers, and reliable transportation.

Join us in helping families transform their lives!

## WE ACCEPT

- Two-parent families
- Single-parent families, including single fathers
- Families as they identify themselves
- Veteran families



Every child deserves a home....  
and you can help give them one.

## Volunteers

We are staffed by volunteers 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In fact, it takes about 120 volunteers a week to keep the program running! In 2017, volunteers donated 7,686 hours. We need your help! As a volunteer, you could help with...

- \* Family Activities
- \* Donations
- \* Events
- \* Fundraising
- \* Meal Planning & Preparation
- \* Maintenance & Landscaping
- \* Special Projects