

**You can rescue children  
like Andrea from the  
nightmare of  
homelessness with a  
gift to Family Promise.**



**And it won't cost you a dime.**



**Family Promise<sup>®</sup>  
of Greater Phoenix**

Building Community, Strengthening Lives

## Imagine Andrea's Reality

*A true story of a family currently at Family Promise*

Imagine the fear of a ten year old girl living in the back seat of a car, hungry, cold, dirty, scared to death. She goes to school un-showered and in wrinkled clothes, too embarrassed to make friends with other kids. When she does homework, it is in a fast-food restaurant where there is heat and light. Her single mom, a hard working, dependable woman, lost their home when her employer of 6 years closed for good.

Thanks to Family Promise and its partnership with ecumenical congregations, those days are just a bad memory. Family Promise not only provides shelter, food, clothing and the support of a caring community, it breaks the downward spiral toward chronic homelessness. The parents learn how to find jobs, manage their finances and connect to resource groups.

Andrea's nightmares have been replaced by dreams of a better future. But hundreds more children in families with similar stories desperately need Family Promise's help.

## Your donation can end homelessness forever for a girl like Andrea...

### And it won't cost you a dime

Under a State of Arizona program that benefits the working poor, donors to Family Promise who itemize deductions can claim a **personal tax credit for the amount of their contribution** (up to \$200 for an individual, \$400 for a couple filing jointly). **This is not just another tax deduction**

**– it's a tax credit that reduces the amount you owe the state... dollar for dollar.**



## Here's how to give to Family Promise at no cost to you:

- 1 Make a donation to Family Promise by check, credit card or cash no later than December 31, 2011.
  - a. You can mail your gift, call our office and use your credit/debit card,
  - b. contribute on line at our secure donation website, [www.FamilyPromiseAZ.org](http://www.FamilyPromiseAZ.org), or
  - c. drop your donation by our office.

We've included an envelope. If you prefer to make your gift later this year, just use the same card to note your intention.

- 2 As soon as it is made available by the state, Family Promise sends you an Arizona Personal Tax Form 321 showing the amount of your Tax Credit.
- 3 If you use a tax preparer or accounting firm to complete your taxes, just include the completed form 321 along with the other tax information you provide. If you complete your own 2011 Arizona Personal Tax return, include the amount of your credit on the appropriate line. That amount will be subtracted from the amount of your tax liability to either increase your refund or reduce the amount due.

## It's a powerful win/win/win opportunity

- First and most urgent, your gift to Family Promise will provide safe emergency shelter for families with children like Andrea.
- Equally important, Family Promise programs give parents the structure, skills and opportunities they need to get on their feet and become self sufficient.
- The state of Arizona saves precious tax dollars when homeless parents move from government recipients to working taxpayers.
- Your Tax Credit Donation to Family Promise is deductible on your federal tax return, reducing your federal tax liability.

## Already give a tax credit donation to a school?

That's great! They are separate credits, so you can give to both Family Promise and the school of your choice and receive the full tax credit for both contributions.

**Thank you  
for helping us  
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