



Portland Housing Bureau

Mayor Ted Wheeler • Interim Director Shannon Callahan

Lents Shelter

May 16, 2018

Lents Shelter

- \$500,000 from **Lents URA**
- Shelter **26 families** with children and provide wrap-around services to help families transition out of homelessness long-term.
- PHB has the right to purchase land if not used for shelter or affordable housing.



Families First: Lents Shelter

Portland Homeless Family Solutions

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Brandi Tuck, Executive Director



Portland Homeless Family Solutions

The mission of Portland Homeless Family Solutions is to empower homeless families with children to get back into housing – and stay there.

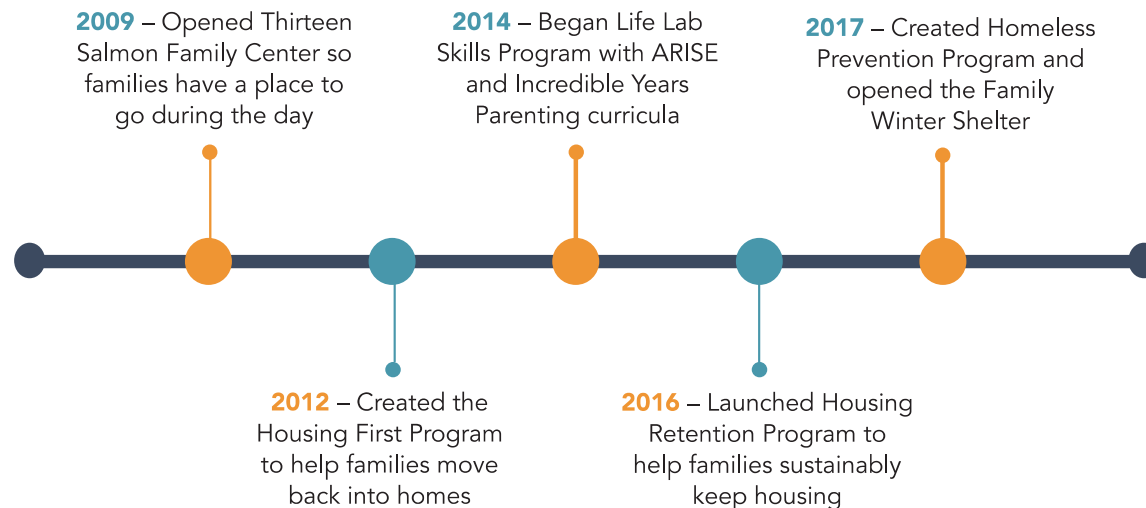
Since **1994**, the Goose Hollow Family Shelter has housed eight homeless families with children every night of the year. Located at the First United Methodist Church of Portland, Goose Hollow welcomes families to shelter at 6pm each night.



From Goose Hollow to PHFS

The shelter offers dinner, family and kid activities, laundry and showers, computers for housing and job searches, storage space for families, and a safe space to sleep at night. **Each morning, families are invited to a continental breakfast and they then exit the shelter by 7:30am.**

Over the years, PHFS has expanded our shelter programs into a robust, well-respected social service agency that helps 200 homeless families with children every year.



Our annual impact:

Housing First

Families experiencing homelessness move back into housing as quickly as possible and then receive long-term support to stay there.



185 families moved from homelessness to housing



94% kept housing long-term

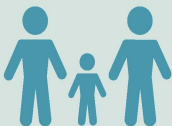


Homeless Prevention

Families with a 72-hour eviction notice get to keep their housing.



\$2,200 average investment per family

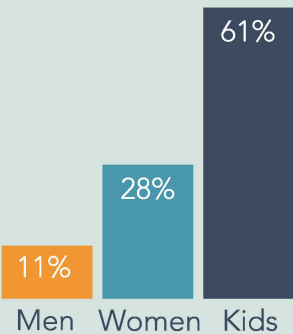


51 families prevented from losing their home



Shelter

Families have a safe, warm place to sleep every night of the year.



54

days average shelter stay



45%

of kids were under the age of five



105

shelter beds at Goose Hollow & Family Winter Shelter



Everyone in Portland can see a crisis...


- ▶ What everyone doesn't know is how many people who experience homelessness are kids and their parents



Families experience homelessness

- ▶ 4,317 students experienced homelessness in 16-17 school year in Multnomah County alone
 - ▶ This doesn't count their little brothers & sisters or their parents
 - ▶ 50% of PHFS kids are under 5
 - ▶ Likely 12,000 moms, dads, and kids homeless in Multnomah County
- ▶ Over 800 families with children on homeless family system waitlist right now

**Families have to wait a year or more before they get help moving into housing.
Our shelters are over capacity.
Kids don't have a place to eat, shower, do homework, or just relax.**



**We need to do better.
PHFS has a plan to do better.**
Families First Campaign

“PHFS changed my life and my whole situation.”

-Angela, single mother of four

Families First - PHFS' Moon Shot

🏠 Increase our capacity in shelter from 8 families a night to 26 families a night.

This triples the number of families who now have a safe, warm shelter that will change their lives.

🏠 Provide 24-hours of continuous service for families. No longer will families have to get out the door with all their kids by 7:30am. Families will each have their own, private room that they will have access to 24-hours a day with constant staff support.

🏠 Be closer to the communities where families actually live: the east side. Families have to travel an hour or more on public transportation from our downtown shelters to school, work, and daycare on the east side. Then they have to travel back downtown for shelter, life skills classes, and retention resources. Our families want our services to be closer to them.

🏠 Implement trauma informed programming and other national best-practices.

🏠 Own affordable housing. We know the solution to homelessness is helping families move into housing. With this purchase, PHFS acquires eight units of housing. At first, we'll run these as shelter and then transition them to permanently affordable housing in the Lents neighborhood.

🏠 And there's room for growth.



Meet Tiffany and her kids

