

Our Affiliate joined the Second Annual Night Without A Bed event, inviting Cowlitz County residents to sleep one night without their bed by choice in recognition of the many who do so without choice. The event is primarily to raise awareness of the growing crisis of family homelessness; many Affiliates also fundraise at the event.

Of those who did raise funds, we were number 5 in the county, with 73 donors total. Our 8 fundraising participants had 58 donors; 15 chose to donate directly to the Affiliate. Donations totaled \$5,095.54, matched by \$5,000 from our Board of Directors, to bring in \$10,095.54 in operating funds. All donations remain local.

Several of the gifts were made in memory of Katie Frei, Alissa Brech, and Sue Sari; others honored current Affiliate supporters Joyce Purcell, Kay Purcell, Annette Despain, and our newest staff member, Sara Wallace. Some donors wrote messages of encouragement:

"I am proud to donate to Family Promise of Cowlitz County because they are doing what has to be done and they are doing it in the right way."

-Pati Tracy

"I am proud to give this donation to Night Without a Bed. This is just the first but important step toward ending homelessness in our community."

- Board member Ron Naff

Prize winners have been announced on our [Facebook page](#).

Our deepest gratitude goes to those who braved the heat dome and slept without a bed that night so others don't have to! And thanks so much to everyone who gave so generously to enable us to help those families and children who do.

We have big plans for next year's Night Without A Bed! We're inviting youth groups to get involved, and God willing, we will be able to gather to spend a night outside our own beds in a central location as well as in our own spots. Start planning where you'll spend your Night Without A Bed next June!