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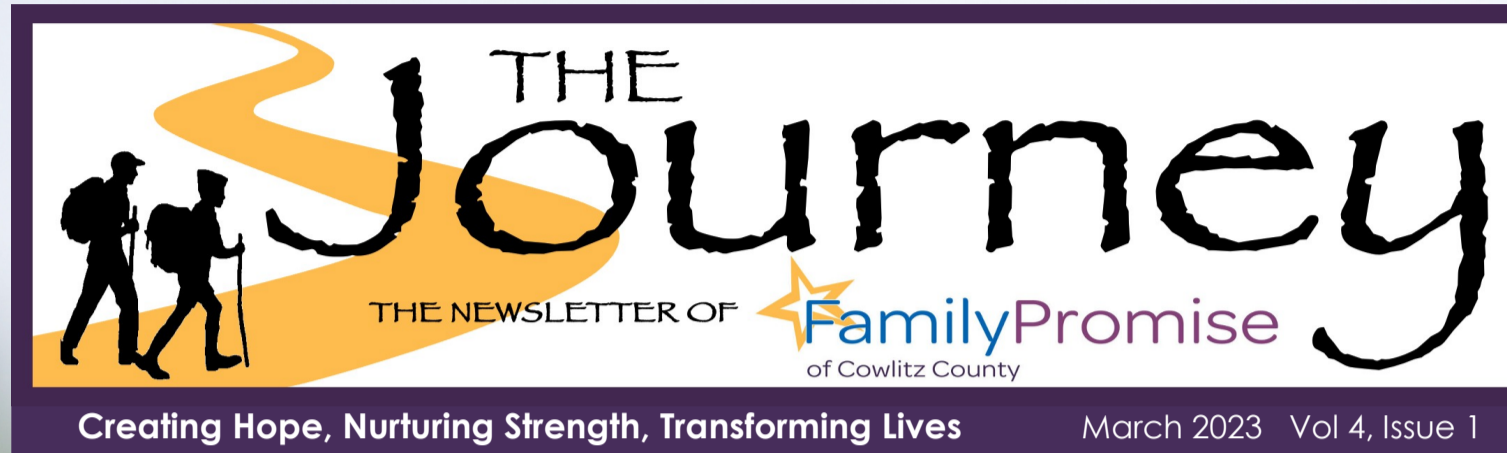
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Creating Hope, Nurturing Strength, Transforming Lives

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## Sowing Seeds for a Future Harvest

by Vonda McFadden, Board Chair

Scripture tells us in Genesis 8:22, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

While we may still be in the throes of winter, this is the time of year we start thinking about planting our crops for the summer and which we will harvest in the fall. I know as a young girl I worked with my grandfather in his gardens all spring and summer. It was wonderful to see the bounty of our work as the leaves began to fall.

All of us doing the work at Family Promise of Cowlitz County have been planting seeds for these last three years. It takes a lot of people to do the work of planting seeds of hope in our guests. That's what you do every time you donate money, bring food, pray or just give a kind word.

The difference is we don't always see the bounty of our work. We are joyful when our families graduate, of course. But the seeds of hope we are planting now will bring fruit for many years to come, long after we are gone.

There are many of you that do so much good planting behind the scenes that your contributions are not known to many. But God knows, you know, and we are blessed by all that you do.

In 2 Corinthians 9:10 it says, "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

So, know that some of the seeds you are planting will be harvested this year, but others won't be for years. It is this good work we do each and every day that brings hope to others and will leave a legacy for the future.

You are a part of the Kingdom of God and through you God is working in this community. I give thanks for each of every day. Blessings to you!

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## 2022 At A Glance

Family Promise of Cowlitz County services covered 6 program areas:

- **Sanctuary** program at the Family Center, including housing, meals and Case Management
- **Stabilization** program, post-graduation extended Case Management, financial and life skills development
- **Prevention** services including landlord mediation and housing location
- **Diversions** programs such as rental assistance and general housing location
- **Outreach** including such things as a food pantry, clothing closet and holiday gift program
- **Referrals** which put people in contact with other agencies or organizations without directly providing FPCC services or Case Management

### Sanctuary Program

Assisted:  
29 individuals  
8 families  
20 children, including 4 who were age 5 or under  
For 4 of these families it was their first encounter with homelessness

### Referrals

Assisted:  
211 families

### Stabilization Program

Assisted:  
28 individuals  
8 families  
18 children, including 4 who were age 5 or under

### Outreach

Served:  
40 individuals  
21 families  
18 children, including 4 who were age 5 or under

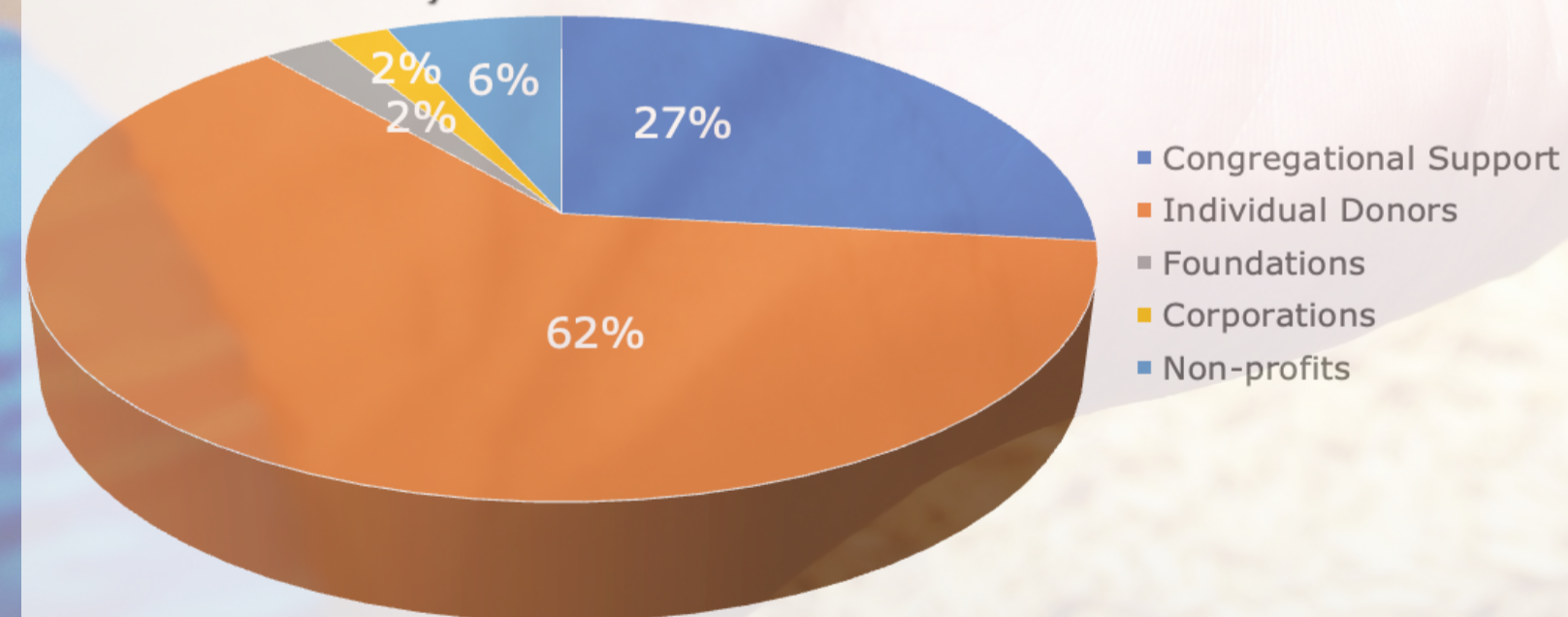
### Prevention Services

Assisted:  
189 individuals  
45 families  
85 children

### Diversions Programs

Assisted:  
36 individuals  
17 families  
2 children  
For 5 of these families it was their first encounter with homelessness

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