

Ways to Support Families Facing Homelessness

- Volunteer for efforts that ADVOCATE for children, youth and families; especially those experiencing homeless/near homeless circumstances in our communities.
- Serve as a PROJECT HOME* site or a FAMILIES MOVING FORWARD* site for homeless sheltering.
- Subsidize temporary hotel vouchers (to put families up at a hotel during their transition).
- Provide on-site/drop-in child care for families working on stabilizing their housing situation.
- Offer rental assistance support and/or food support funds.
- If you're a local landlord, consider contacting SRFC to help match our Community Social Workers with your properties so that families struggling to find affordable rental units in the community will receive stable housing and you, the landlord, will receive partnership support from one of our social services.
- Offer clothing donations such as winter coats and boots for both adults and children/youth. Clothing for the young children/preschoolers is especially a critical need.
- Donate laundry facilities so families can wash their clothes and feel comfortable sending their kids back to school.
- Provide onsite make-and- take cooking or financial management classes. Parents come to the church for one of the sessions and a meal. After the session and the meal, they are given take-home meals for the family.
- Collect food and other items for local food shelves or schools in Suburban Ramsey County on an ongoing basis.
- Collect toiletries, diapers, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, combs and brushes, and school supplies such as crayons and other school supplies for children in shelters.
- Organize holiday drives to help families who lack resources to give their children a holiday experience.
- Consider adopting a family and supporting them on their journey back to housing stability.
- Sponsor a forum on homelessness to bring awareness to your community.



Contact the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative if you would like to know more about how to support families at 651-604-3514.

*PROJECT HOME and Families Moving Forward are faith based organizations that provides temporary emergency shelter, permanent affordable housing and supportive services to low income families with children.