



Because every child deserves a home

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## **Homeless No More Challenge:** **How Prevention Saves**

In late 2018, we at Family Promise of Hawaii teamed up with [Help Us Move In](#) and [American Savings Bank](#) to create the Homeless No More Challenge. The main goal of the challenge is to raise funds for a crucial step on the path to end homelessness: Housing. Homeless No More Challenge funds are used to either help families move into a home of their own or to keep families housed through prevention. Prevention is the rapid response first step to stabilize housing for those who are on the brink of becoming homeless. Prevention funds go directly towards helping families with temporary financial assistance, to keep them in their existing housing and prevent their need for emergency shelter.

There are many benefits to prevention, but the most obvious benefit is its lower, more efficient cost. The graphic to the left provides several statistics that demonstrate its high cost efficiency. Though prevention funds and services aren't as well-known as emergency shelter programs, they keep people in our community from becoming homeless, decreasing the need for shelter and provide a lower cost way to help end homelessness. Although Family Promise of Hawaii's emergency shelter program already operates at about 1/3 of the cost of traditional shelters, prevention still costs significantly less

than that. In fact, the average cost of stabilizing housing for one family, keeping them from becoming homeless, is only \$700. That's 95% less than the average cost of \$16,829 for one family's stay in a traditional emergency shelter. Despite Family Promise of Hawaii's lower shelter costs, prevention is still 88% less expensive than our average of \$6,154 for the same family's stay in our emergency shelter program.

Studies show that preventing homelessness costs much less than providing families with emergency shelter. So why isn't it more common? Awareness is key. Many families don't even know that there are options out there to help them stabilize their housing before they lose their home, so they don't know to request them. Similarly, volunteers and donors within our community aren't aware that prevention solutions exist, or that they can be used to save even more families from homelessness at a significantly lower cost.

This year, as we expand our services and work to provide a wider range of solutions to end homelessness, Family Promise of Hawaii is focusing on prevention more than ever before. In fact, we're already on the right track. In 2018, our Prevention & Diversion program helped 31 families, including 24 children, avoid homelessness by stabilizing their housing situations.

Through the Homeless No More Challenge, we are lucky enough to receive pledges from two of our community partners to match all funds raised

specifically for this program. Help Us Move In and American Savings Bank have each pledged to match all Homeless No More Challenge donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 each. To learn more about the Homeless No More Challenge, visit the [challenge page](#) on our site.

See below for specific statistics on prevention:



## Charity Walk 2019: Public-Private Partnership at Work

Oahu's next big community event is proof that public-private partnerships really can work to make a huge impact in our community. On May 18th, Family Promise of Hawaii will join hundreds of community members to raise money and awareness for Oahu's nonprofit organizations during this year's Charity Walk. The event is hosted by the Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association and will feature plenty of stops along the five mile route where participants can enjoy food, fun and entertainment, including music, games and giveaways!

Funds raised from the Charity Walk will be donated to Oahu's nonprofit organizations, with a specific focus on those addressing homelessness on the island. Best of all, every dollar we help raise will be matched by both the Charity Walk fund and the State! That means all donations will be tripled! For every one dollar you give, three dollars will be donated, going directly to help families experiencing homelessness on Oahu. So triple your contribution and donate today to Family Promise of Hawaii's Charity Walk fund.

[Click here](#) to donate or register to walk with Family Promise of Hawaii on May 18th.

*(Waiver of Liability form will only be used if you sign up to walk with the team)*

**TRIPLE YOUR DONATION!**

Every dollar we raise will be matched by the Charity Walk & State funds

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**  
**8am start at Magic Island**

  

**Support Family Promise:**  
**Donate to our Charity Walk Fund OR**  
**Register to Walk with Us!**

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## Square Barrels Four Year Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

We're excited to announce that Square Barrels will be celebrating their four year anniversary next Wednesday, April 10! To celebrate the occasion and give back to the community that supports them, Square Barrels has generously decided to partner with Family Promise of Hawaii. Come celebrate with us next Wednesday evening and enjoy a night of food, friends and entertainment. Festivities will start at 4pm, with a prize drawing starting at 6pm. They have even pledged to donate 10% of revenue *for the entire day* to Family Promise! So go for a delicious lunch or join us that night to celebrate not only the anniversary of Square Barrels, but the health and well-being of our community. Cheers!

To learn more, visit Square Barrels Facebook [event page](#).



**SQUARE BARRELS**  
FOUR YEAR ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISER

Benefiting:  
**Family Promise**  
of Hawaii

Wednesday, April 10th  
4 pm - 10 pm

\*10% of the entire day's revenue will be donated to Family Promise\*

The poster features a dark background with white and yellow text. On the right side, there are illustrations of a burger, fries, and a beer. At the bottom, there is a row of various beer bottles.



**Next week is Volunteer Week!**

Check our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages next week for volunteer highlights, fun contests and plenty of FPH stories!