



Family Promise[®] of Cobb County

Building community, strengthening lives.

Annual Report 2014

First Family

2014 was the year we started with our first families. FPCC was taken from dream stage to functioning entity. January 4, 2014 saw a single mom and her son become the first guests of FPCC. They made their way through our first congregation, St. James Episcopal. They graduated into an apartment. They became members of a hosting congregation. They remain in their apartment. This is the story of our first FPCC graduate.



Building Community

We housed 12 families in 2014, and eight of them left us to go into housing immediately. We blessed 12 adults and 13 children in such way that they left homelessness and became housed. In March, we hosted our Grand Opening and Karen Olsen, founder of Family Promise came to give us her blessing. We held our Second Annual One Family concert, at Transfiguration Catholic Church, a community event to promote interfaith cooperation.



Collaborations

In November, FPCC was awarded the Cobb Collaborative Bill Hanson Collaboration Award. We had spent our first year building relationships with other local agencies interested in helping homeless families. We continue to nurture those relationships and hope that we will have increased partnerships in 2015.



Partners

McClesky East Cobb YMCA, Massey Automotive, Simple Needs Georgia, PetSmart, Life University, Recycled Rides, and Home Depot. All of these organizations have the same thing in common; they were instrumental in our success. They take classes and exercise at the YMCA, their children participate in swim lessons and camps, they are able to do routine maintenance on their cars, and can keep their pets safe while they are saving and getting back on their feet. Their birthdays are celebrated and they are given necessity filled bags to make their journey through our rotational shelter easy. They become stakeholders in the community during their experience in shelter.



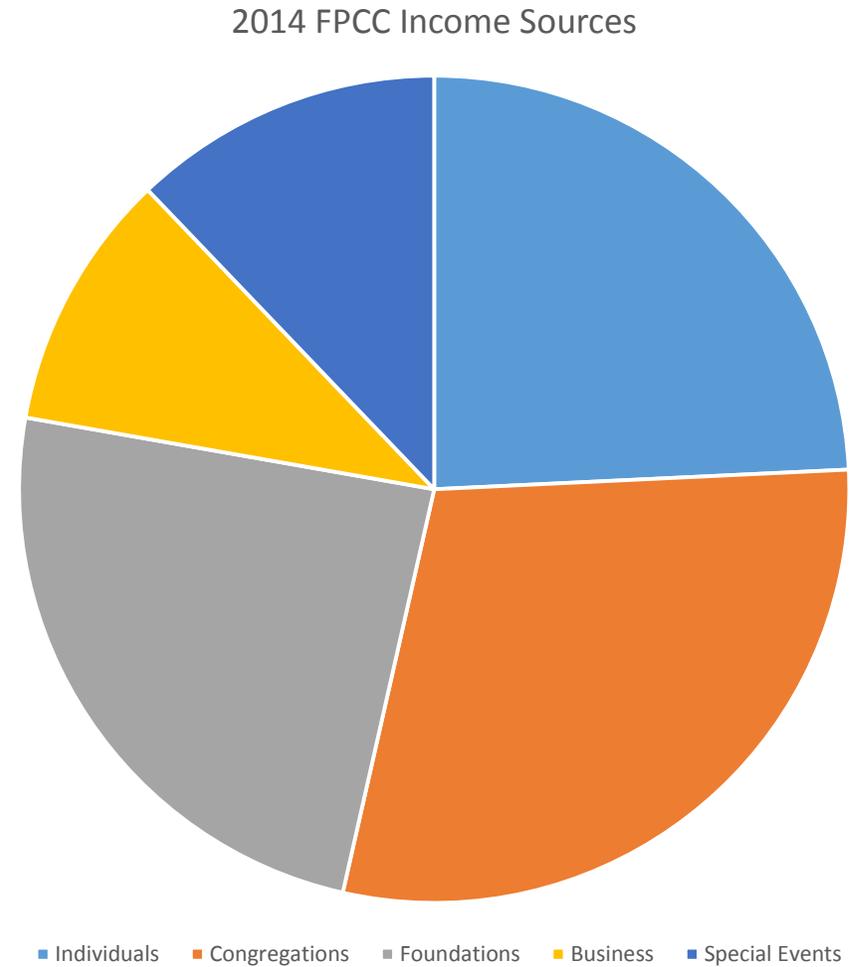
Growth

As 2014 wrapped up, one of our graduates was blessed with a car, through our partnership with Recycled Rides. FPCC continued to seek out new relationships to benefit the families in our community. 2015, will bring a transition house in partnership with Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. FPCC also seeks to add more hosting congregations, support congregations and additional relationships with landlords to facilitate more families moving into permanent housing.



Financial Support from our friends

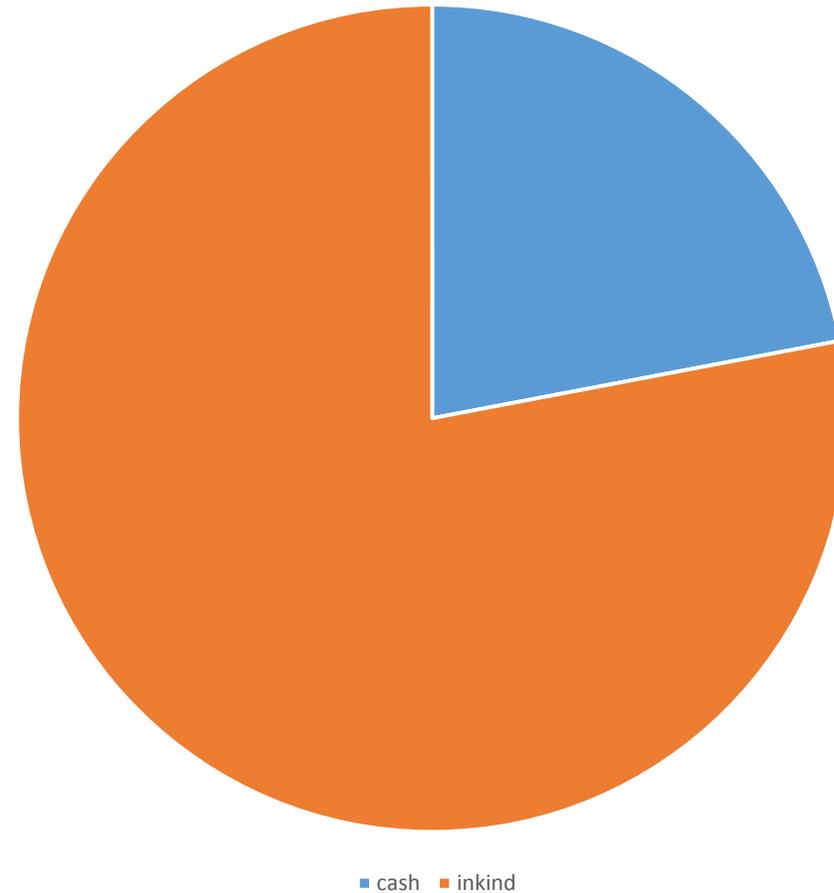
FPCC found support throughout the community. As one can see from the adjacent chart, most of our income from 2014 was evenly distributed between individuals, congregations and foundations.



Volunteers make all the difference

Our volunteers are as varied as the families who experience homelessness. They come from different faiths, different income levels, and different parts of Cobb County. But they all have a willingness to serve and make a difference in the lives of homeless families. Looking at the entire FPCC budget, including the value of volunteer time, meals, and donations, our in-kind contributions dwarf our actual cash budget. We are able to provide more than a traditional shelter due to the generosity and passion of our volunteers.

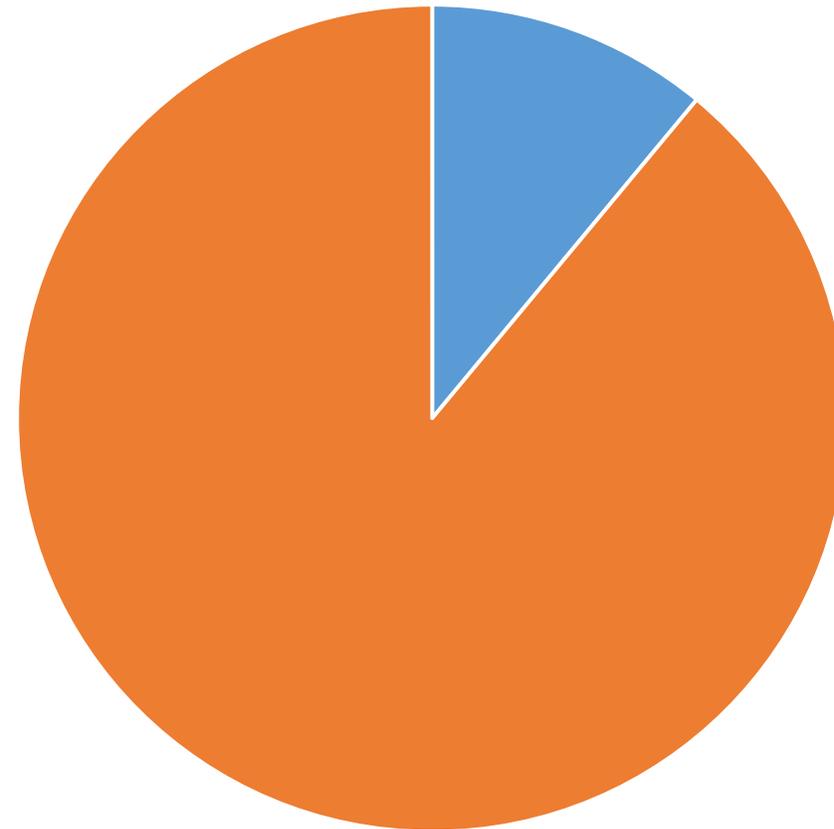
In kind donations vs cash



Stewardship of Donations

FPCC works hard to be responsible stewards of the resources granted to us by our supporters. We already represent a significant cost saving over traditional shelters. In addition to that, we work hard to funnel as much as possible directly to our guest families.

Administrative vs Program



■ administrative costs ■ program cost

FPCC Fast Facts 2014

- 12 Families Sheltered
- 20 Children and 17 Adults in program
- 8 Families Graduated into their own housing
- Average length of stay 71 days
- 2508 shelter nights provided
- 1095 meals served
- Three veteran families served and housed.
- 67% of families served gained long-term housing
- Three new support churches added to the network.

