

# The Promise Paper

## Welcome Summer & Welcome Home!



Here we are again, celebrating another inspiring family success story as they move into permanent housing! Childhood sweethearts Michael and Bridgette have been there for each other through some really tough times. After losing touch for 20 years, they reconnected and started building a wonderful life together.

But then things took a turn for the worse when Michael got sick and couldn't work anymore. As his health got worse, Bridgette gave birth to their second son. While she was recovering, Michael's condition got so bad that he couldn't even hold their new baby.

In the next 3 months, they faced one problem after another, losing their home, car, and savings. With no family to lean on, they were desperate for support and a stable place to stay together as a family.

Their journey took them from a home to a motel, and then from one shelter to another, with the stress really getting to them. "It got so bad I almost took my life," Michael recalls. Bridgette also struggled with depression but kept her head down as they navigated their family through homelessness. After a close call, Michael decided to get help, unsure if his illness or mental health was the main issue.

## Volunteer Opportunities

Summer 2025 is here and we want you to be a part of the family at Family Promise of Greater Modesto!

Connect with us to volunteer this summer!

### OPPORTUNITY ONE

- Be a meal provider

We are looking for individuals, church groups or groups of friends that will provide dinner once a month for our families.

### OPPORTUNITY TWO

- Volunteer for an event!

We have several events coming up! Movie nights, gala & more!

Contact Logan for more info  
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In a pivotal moment, he discovered a bright and shining light of resources emerging from the darkness. He connected with BHRS for support with his medical needs and mental health services. “I couldn’t do it anymore; I realized I needed to find a job because I never wanted to face this situation again, and I needed to provide for my family,” Michael shared. Over 6 months, he applied for more than 300 jobs, went through 5 interviews, attended 2 second interviews, yet faced disappointment.

Fortunately, he had an incredible partner who stood by him and secured a job. Working overnight shifts, she understood the urgency of finding a supportive environment for their family. She reached out to Family Promise of Greater Modesto and discovered an available spot for them to stabilize, reset, and continue moving forward. Michael was able to focus on his health, while Bridget took on additional training at work.

Emerging from their struggles, they found resilience and were finally ready to create a home of their own. The children are thriving and now they have their own place! They have also reunited with their two older daughters, bringing their family back together under one roof. This family has come a long way, and we are delighted to have played a part in their story, and to have supported them during this season of life. Although a challenging and difficult time they will always have a family in Family Promise. Bridgette encourages others in need, saying, “Trust the program, and you will find your way.”

Every day, we encounter families like theirs, aware that we have more to give and support to offer. Will you join us in promising families a stable and safe home together? Your monthly donation is invaluable to the lives of these individuals. Please consider contributing \$100 each month to support families just like theirs.



## A Message from our Director

As I reflect on the past several months and see the incredible growth of our program I see that we have already made such a great impact on our community and it only continues with each family that comes and goes. It is with great joy that I get to tell you about yet another success story! Since this Fall when we opened the Transitional Living space for families we have seen 7 families transition successfully into permanent housing! Of course we are not doing this alone and I am so grateful to have such a supportive community. Will you partner with us to continue to be the light that these families need in their darkest moments? I would love to partner with you this summer to support even more families!

*Mariah Brazil*  
Executive Director