

Dear Friend of St. Francis,

For the past 35 years, St. Francis Family Housing has been an integral piece of the support system for homeless families with children in our community. Whether in recovery from substance abuse disorders, domestic violence, struggling to make ever increasing rental payments, or trying to reunite with their children, St. Francis has been a safe place for over 1,000 families. Families come to us to heal from the trauma of homelessness, learn critical life-skills to help strengthen their families, and find a safe, permanent place for their family to call home.



Since 2001, our on-campus capacity has been fixed at 20 units. Everyday we are reminded that the need for our services far exceeds our capacity. Real estate and building costs have made expanding our campus a dream for another day until now. In November 2021, we were shocked and saddened by the loss of our friend and long-time supporter, Sheila Harrison. Sheila was a champion of St. Francis! She and her family volunteered on our campus, hosted our annual event, and helped us grow our program. After Sheila passed away, we, at St. Francis, searched for a meaningful way to honor her legacy. We reached out to her family and shared our dream with them – to grow our program with a building right next door!

And just like that – our dream became their dream. A beautiful new building with 6 additional 2-bedroom units right on our campus. The Harrisons have generously agreed to serve as general contractors for the project and have contributed the first \$250,000 needed to meet our \$1.5 million goal. Other community partners have gotten on board, and we are so grateful and honored to say that we have raised over \$1 million towards our goal! But we are not there yet. Homelessness doesn't just affect families who are grappling with it, it impacts us all. And this project -6 new units- will allow us to say, "yes" to more vulnerable families.

We are so honored to be able to tell our story and ask for your support of our longstanding dream. If you have questions or would like to talk more about our project, please reach out by phone at 503-588-0428 or email me directly at Kim@sfssalem.org. We welcome donations via the enclosed envelope or on our website at sfssalem.org. Thank you again so much for your support of our work.

Peace,



Kim Lemman
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Scott Daniels
Board Chair
St. Francis Family Housing



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Sheila's Dream

An expansion of St. Francis Family Housing

A gift to our campus and community

Sheila Harrison was a consistent and generous supporter of our mission at St. Francis. Her compassionate heart found her helping with everything from decorating apartments to offering up her family's ranch as the home of our annual fundraiser. To honor her memory and her belief in our work, the Harrison Family is working together with St. Francis Family Housing to expand our campus!

Sheila's Dream

Sheila's Dream will provide 6 two-bedroom, one bath, fully furnished apartment to provide safe, transitional housing for families with children in Marion and Polk Counties. The need for families in our community exceeds our current capacity and this project will allow us to serve more families. These apartments will be built adjacent to our existing 20-unit complex at 1820 Berry Street and will allow us to help even more families secure safe, stable housing in our community.

A community project

An exciting opportunity for donors to contribute to Sheila's Dream is the sponsorship of an apartment or apartment furnishings. Donors who choose to sponsor an apartment can have the apartment named for them, a loved one, their foundation or business. Furnishing sponsors will be listed on the plaque near the entrance of the unit.



\$25,000
Sponsor a
2-Bedroom Unit

\$5,000
Furnish a
2-Bedroom Unit



For more information, contact Kim at 503.588.0438 or email kim@sfssalem.org
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