SERVE 6.8 Family Assistance Fund

FAQ for Partner Church Pastors

SERVE 6.8 uses the Family Assistance Funds as part of its efforts to build the Church of Jesus Christ through empowering the collective of church partners to financially assist families facing homelessness. The initial $50,000 of the fund was given by a private donor with the intent to help churches care for their members and meet the increasing need of rental assistance in the Northern Colorado community.

Frequently Asked Questions

**Goals:**

1. Reconcile all to Christ, lead families to a Church body
2. Support partner churches with their Benevolence ministries
3. Prevent homelessness
4. Instill dignity and worth in individuals and families empowered to be a part of their solution

**Need:** *What expenses does the Family Assistance Fund cover?*

* Rent, mortgage, deposit, utilities (IF directly connected to housing cost), car expenses, day care, phone bill (IF required by work), health expenses, internet (IF required by work)

**Exclusions:**

* Hotel or gas vouchers, utilities not impacting housing stability, debts without “payable to.”

**Gift Card Use:**

* Gifts cards collected throughout the Adopt-A-Family season may be used, as needed, for additional support for the FAF
* Gift cards will continue to support pastors and school counselors working with families by providing an option to offset expenses with gift cards to free up money for rent
* **Allowed Expenses:** groceries, prescriptions, gas, multi-use visas for misc. bills
	+ **Receipts** can be requested for bill payment

**Priorities & Procedures**

* Families connected to a partner church are our first priority to assist through this fund, but will work with families regardless of church affiliation on a case by case basis
* The FAF Fund is dedicated to assist churches to stretch their benevolence dollars
* Let the Resource Center Coordinator know if you refer someone to the RC and what your plan is to relationaly or financially assist them
* Salesforce is available to churches as a case management database tool to coordinate cases
* Churches are encouraged to create a contract and goals with families they assist
* SERVE 6.8 will follow up with individuals / families assisted by the fund in 3-month intervals