

Organization Name Family Life Services (FLS)



Liaison(s) Terry Thatcher

Who is served FLS serves single moms and their children in El Paso County who are exiting homelessness and domestic violence. Through our residential (9 apartments on campus) and non-residential programs, FLS launches single moms to be the stable heads of their households, equipped to meet their children's needs. All the children we serve currently are in families led by single moms, an at-risk demographic according to the Brookings Institution. Some of our families are facing a sudden financial emergency or a domestic violence situation, and some are digging their way out of generational poverty. All are courageous, building new life patterns and leaving old ones behind. FLS moms are working moms who are also working hard at transformation. Since we began welcoming families to our campus in the 1970s, we have housed 205 families, including 434 children, in our 9 on-campus apartments.

Funds used for If awarded, the Outreach Grant will be used for Operations and Program expenses to equip single moms to become the stable heads of their households. Utilizing best practices and the latest research in trauma-informed care, FLS' programming for single moms includes one-on-one coaching and community-based support.

Mission of Organization Family Life Services helps single moms and their children build new futures through faith-based community.

How St. Michael's Can Volunteer We rely on approximately 600 volunteers each year for children's ministry, mentoring single moms, housekeeping, raking, gardening, light maintenance, apartment clean-outs, administration, design work, and more. An ongoing need exists during our Monday evening Families Building Futures program from 6-7:30 pm when moms gather for group and children are cared for in Courageous Kids. Engagement with the children (ages baby to older teens) and a Monday meal for the families are ways volunteers enjoy contributing weekly. Child care/engagement needs also occur every second Saturday from 10 am to noon during our outreach program, Women of Courage.

How St. Michael's has Engaged in the past 2024 is first year to request grant funds. Thatchers have a long history of personal involvement. Owen C. recently connected to involve St Michael's youth.