



Fifteen dynamic congregations from across Greenville County serve as GAIHN Host Churches. Pendleton Street Baptist Church serves as the site for our Day Center. Each day our GAIHN guests devote their time and energy to seeking permanent employment and affordable housing opportunities. GAIHN's program is unique because we are the only emergency shelter in Greenville for single mothers with older children.

- Did You Know?**
- ◆ Over one-fourth of those who are homeless in the US are children.
  - ◆ Families with young children now comprise 40% of America's homeless.
  - ◆ Over 20,000 South Carolinians are homeless.
  - ◆ In the Upstate, 5,600 people experience homelessness at any given point.

**Facts about Family Homelessness**

*"The root cause of homelessness is simply the lack of sufficient family income to maintain decent, affordable housing."*



GAIHN's hospitality strategy is to provide homeless families with emergency shelter at our host congregations for about 10-12 weeks, followed by 2-4 months in transitional housing (with ongoing case management and counsel provided). At GAIHN one of our major goals is to assist all of our guests in their search for permanent housing that is affordable and adequate for their needs. We also help parents in their search for permanent employment.

**Hospitality Counts!**

**GAIHN congregations make a difference that lasts!**

For ideas on how you can help homeless families go to [www.GAIHN.org](http://www.GAIHN.org). Check out the latest edition of "GAIHN News," get GAIHN membership information, support our fund-raisers, and link directly to our host and support congregations and to many of our partnering agencies.

**Want to Help?**

The Mission of the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (GAIHN) is to assist local congregations to share hospitality (in the form of emergency shelter and meals) with homeless families, and to help those families achieve self-sufficiency and self-fulfillment.

**Hospitality Matters!**

Our ultimate goals at GAIHN are to reduce homelessness and promote family integrity among Greenville County resident families.

"GAIHN was there for our family just when we needed them the most."

- a GAIHN Guest Family

Fifteen dynamic Greenville-area churches generously use their Sunday school classrooms and other church facilities to share safe lodging, nourishing food, and genuine hospitality with homeless families for one week at a time.

Each church hosts the guest families about four times a year on a rotating weekly schedule.



GAIHN is proud to be a United Way Community Partner.

**GAIHN Host Churches**



- Bethesda UMC
- Buncombe Street UMC
- Covenant UMC
- Lee Road UMC
- St. Matthew UMC
- Trinity UMC

- First Presbyterian, Greer
- John Knox Presbyterian
- Providence Presbyterian
- St. Giles Presbyterian

- Messiah Lutheran
- Trinity Lutheran

Springwell Church

Greenville Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship

First Baptist, Greenville



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"Is not this the fast that I choose... to share your bread with the hungry, and to welcome the homeless poor into your house?"

- Isaiah 58:6-7

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