



Mission: Family Promise of Montgomery County serves homeless families with children by uniting faith communities in a cooperative effort to provide shelter, meals, transportation and other compassionate assistance leading to independence.

Dear Church Family,

Family Promise is a ministry that our church is committed to. We host the families of Family Promise once a quarter for one full week. During our host week, it is our responsibility as a church to cover specific volunteer opportunities to make the week run as smooth as possible. Opportunities to volunteer are explained in detail below. We would love to have you aboard the Family Promise team. If you are interested, please contact Cindy Sanders in the church office at (936)760-1911.

For more detailed information about Family Promise, visit www.familypromisemontgomery.org

Host Week - Volunteer Jobs & Descriptions

Set-Up Team - We have to prepare the hilltop for our guests; take down chairs, move in beds, distribute sheets, blankets, etc, prepare the bathrooms, set up the kitchen - basically turn a Sunday School setting into a home setting. We usually do this after Sunday morning church services and depending on how many help, it takes 1 to 2 hours. Guests arrive at 5 pm.

Van Drivers - Responsible for transporting the guests from the day center to the church each day and then back to the day center or their jobs every morning. The program owns their own van.

Meal Preparation - Our church is responsible for feeding the guests each day. Breakfast foods are bought and placed in the kitchen where the guests can make their own. Lunch materials are also provided for the guest so that they can prepare a sack lunch to take with them.

Meal Preparation continued - The evening meal is the major need - we have to prepare a fresh, balanced meal for the guests each evening and at least one person has to be with them for the meal. Usually a Bible Study class or group of individuals will pick a night and plan a meal together so that one person is not responsible for the whole meal. The dinner host class sets up for the meal, serves it, eats with the guests and cleans up afterward (with the help of the guests). The dinner host has to stay until the overnight hosts arrive.

Overnight Hosts - Two people have to stay with the guest at the Hilltop for the entire evening. Many times families choose to host with their children. Children are invited and welcome to stay! We set up a host room with beds and a private bath. The overnight hosts can arrive at 6 pm and eat with the guest, or they must be at the facility by 7 pm. They visit with the guests, make sure that everyone is in and comfortable. Things are locked up and lights are out by 10 pm. At 6 am (or later on Saturday), the hosts wake up the guests, set out breakfast stuff and make sure everyone is ready to leave when the van arrives. The van usually arrives by 6:30 am and leaves for the day center by 6:45 am.

Saturday Hosts - WE are responsible for the guest all day on Saturday. Someone from our church has to be with them at all times if they are on campus. We either plan an activity for the guest or just let them “hang-out” at the hilltop. Volunteers are needed all day - we usually have folks come in for 2 hour shifts.

Take-Down Team - On the last Sunday morning of the week, guests have to be up and out by 8 am. They have the choice of attending the 8 am church service or they can attend another church if they make their own transportation arrangements. At 7:30 am, the take down crew comes in to turn the home setting back into a Bible Study setting—taking down beds, picking up laundry, vacuuming floors, cleaning bathrooms and setting up chairs.