



APRIL 2020

MONTHLY SNAP SHOT

We build community. Even when we can't gather as one.

Updates for family, friends, and partners!

Family Promise of Roane County

Family Promise of Roane County has built a reputation for providing shelter, food, and hope for families facing homelessness. Now, we must address a homeless epidemic during a viral pandemic. As COVID-19 presents unprecedented social and economic challenges, low-income families in this country are some of the hardest hit. FPRC has been preparing for this eventuality. The health pandemic is a moving target, and we continue to work closely with the National Family Promise office as the situation develops to ensure families are as secure and healthy as possible in these unprecedented times. But one thing remains constant: These families need your help now!

**Housing is healthcare.
Help us keep families healthy.**



- Fundraising
- Thank you for your support
- Whats next
- Back to Normal

This month we have experienced a troubling health pandemic. We are following the national office and CDC guidelines. However, we continue to work with families and the community.

We had a wonderful Easter fundraiser "egging" families homes. Other fundraisers have been rescheduled. Church as committed to joining us as a host church. Welcome! We continue to raise funds virtually and accept in-kind donations to support Families in need. We would like to thank congregations and volunteers who continue to serve while we are at a limited compacity.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Although, FPRC has temporarily modified it's model during these trying times our community has continually reached out to support families in need. We continue to shelter the guests in our program previous to the shelter in place order to limit exposure to contagion. With our guests staying the the day center we had a need for more fridge space. Within a few days of making the need known, a donor aided us in obtaining a standard size refrigerator. We are not able to accept new guests during the pandemic. However, we have helped multiple families with groceries and supplies while they struggle to navigate their new circumstances and altered budgets. All groceries and supplies were donated by generous supporter of FPRC. In addition, our host and support congregations continue to support and supply meals, supplies, and limited fellowship to keep our guests' morale up.

Wish-List

Every Wednesday on our Facebook page (Family Promise of Roane County,) we share a Wednesday wish-list and a link to our Amazon wish list. Sometimes we need supplies for cleaning the day center, and hygiene supplies for the families, toys and entertainment for the children etc. Below are items that are needed on a revolving basis.

- Disinfectant wipes and spray
- Toilet paper
- Dryer sheets
- Hand soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Food City & Kroger gift cards
- Gas cards
- Facial tissue

☆ We need your help

- \$520** One month's worth of rideshares so a parent can travel to work & not risk exposure.
- \$200** One month of food assistance for families with limited access to markets.
- \$100** A tablet to enable a child who is homeless to go to school virtually.
- \$50** One month's supply of children's acetaminophen.
- \$10** Laundry detergent so a dad's clothes are cleaned daily from his job at the hospital.

#FPEmergencyRelief

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- Sunny Ridings
- Christina Shuey
- Donna Smith
- Sherry Paris
- Anne McGehee
- Wendy Neff
- Steve Sherman
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- Andrew Holmbeck
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Host Congregations

- Bethel Presbyterian
- First Christian Church Oak Ridge
- First Christian Church Rockwood
- Harriman Church of God
- Kingston Church of Christ
- Morrison Hill Christian Church
- Northpoint Church

Support Congregations

- First Presbyterian Church
- Williams Chapel AMZ
- Redeemer Lutheran Church
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Riverside Baptist Church



THE HERE AND NOW

LOOK WHAT WE HAVE DONE

Message From the Board

Family Promise of Roane County (FPRC) has not been immune to the challenges that individuals and organizations are facing during the global pandemic. It has been a trying time while we all have self-isolated for the health of our community, but the light at the end of the tunnel is near. As we move into a new phase of the program this summer, we are looking forward to our summer events including bringing increased awareness to Roane county about the needs of homeless children and families, the realities of poverty, the current housing crisis and demonstrating how we help families in need by empowering them to be confidently independent. We are excited about providing new opportunities for volunteers and host congregations alike to support FPRC as we seek to build community and strengthen lives.

- Wendy Neff



EVENTS

April was an interesting month. We had two events planned that had to be postponed, our annual rummage sale and the trivia night at the Grove Theater. While it is disappointing we were unable to participate in these events, fear not they will transpire. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for the rescheduled times.

Although these events were postponed we did have a fun and successful "egg my house" event for Easter. Typically, April would have many egg hunt events, but all were canceled for the safety of the community. While staying distant from families and delivering sanitized eggs we were able to drop 850 eggs to families across the county.

