



# MONTHLY SNAP SHOT



Updates for family, friends, and partners!

## Family Promise of Roane County

The COVID-19 crisis has been a developing base for Family Promise of Roane County, our volunteers, and partners across the county. As service providers we are resorting to unique and creative measures that ensure vulnerable families continue to receive the support they need while working to regain independence.

It has required some forethought and hard work, but Family Promise of Roane County, has managed to take the COVID-19 pandemic in stride. It has been quite a way to celebrate our first year!



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

This month we had to adjust the way we serve our community. We are following the national office and CDC guidelines. However, we continue to work with families and the community.

We thank all of our supporters and volunteers that continue to work with with FPRC through the last month.

We were able to help our latest guest secure housing. We have launched a few new programs to continue to support families of Roane County and surrounding areas

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



**Thank you for the 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 are currently unable to shelter new guests as many congregations are still in the process of re-opening.

Our last guest of the season was able to secure housing in the second week of May. We had many volunteers help to move furniture into her new home and donate other items needed.

Several supporters continue to give throughout this month helping us to launch a few new programs that will prevent families from becoming homeless.

## 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, 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

## #DidYouKnow

Volunteerism improves mood and lessens stress.

## Board Members

Sunny Ridings  
Christina Shuey  
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Sherry Paris  
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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

I first heard about Family Promise in spring of 2019. After learning more about the program, I was amazed by the depth of the services provided and the commitment to helping displaced families in our community.

I signed up for volunteer training in early December to help at the day center facility. In January I was asked if I had any interest in joining the board. I couldn't say no! Along with two other new members, I attended my first board meeting in March. Unfortunately, since then, the COVID-19 pandemic has kept us all from meeting in person. We have continued communicating via email and Zoom to put our heads together and figure out how to continue serving our community with new and ever-changing safety guidelines and precautions.

Our director Shannon has done an amazing job, especially through this difficult time, and I couldn't be more appreciative of her hard work and impressed with her creative thinking in regard to fundraising. Sunny, board president and the rest of the board have such a passion for Family Promise and what it stands for and I am incredibly happy to serve alongside them to assist the families in our community who are in need. Strengthening lives.

-Emily Gonzalez, Board trustee



## EVENTS

May was a fantastic month. We were able to help a pregnant mom and her one year old secure housing. Before she graduated the program we were able to through her a baby shower. "I never had a baby shower," she stated as she gleefully participated in the games and opened her gifts provided by volunteers and supporters.

Family Promise of Roane County was awarded a \$10,000 grant from Trinity Health Foundation. This grant has allowed FPRC to launch our prevention and diversion program. With this program we hope to continue to help families avoid homelessness.



# Prevention and diversion

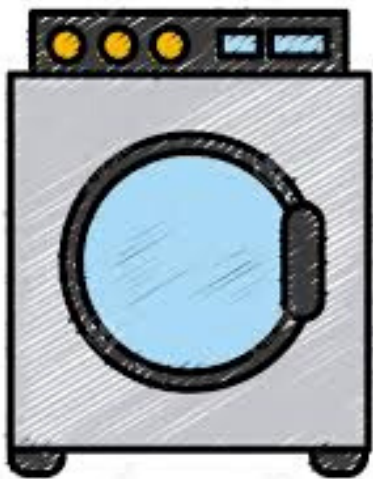
Family Promise of Roane County would like to announce the launch of our latest program. We are now offering prevention and diversion services. This is a program we are now able to begin thanks to the funds granted to FPRC by the Trinity Health Foundation.

What do these services entail?

Prevention and rehousing helps families avoid the trauma of homelessness by keeping them housed through providing small amounts of rental assistance. We can assist a family on the verge of homelessness with rental assistance or help with first month's rent or deposit on a new lease. Assistance is one time. Follow up case management is also offered to support families as they maintain housing.

Diversion helps families experiencing homelessness identify quick housing options, with the goal of diverting families from the shelter system and into short term or permanent housing. Services may include family mediation, reunification/relocation, transportation assistance, and limited financial/rental assistance. Diversion is a very short-term intervention (the goal is 7 days), meant to quickly divert families from literal homelessness when our program is unable to provide shelter. This program is not meant to help families get rehoused if that is not an immediate option.

Families should call 865-245-8255 Monday through Friday 9am-5pm if assistance is needed.



## Free laundry days

Family Promise of Roane County is excited to offer free laundry days. Every other Thursday through the Summer Families can sign-up to use our laundry facilities. Laundry soap and dryer sheets are provided.

The children play area is accessible. We will also play family friendly movies.

Masks are encouraged but not required. We have masks available along with hand sanitizer.

Due to limited time and space, we ask that each family utilize our sign up genius page that can be found on our Facebook page and website to reserve your spot.

FPRC will be limiting 2 loads per family. When signing up for your slot you can also comment on any needs your family may have such as food and hygiene items. There is also an optional survey that if completed you may receive a \$10 food/gas card while supplies last.

Any questions or help with the sign-up process please email us at [director@familypromiseroane.org](mailto:director@familypromiseroane.org) or call 865-245-8255