

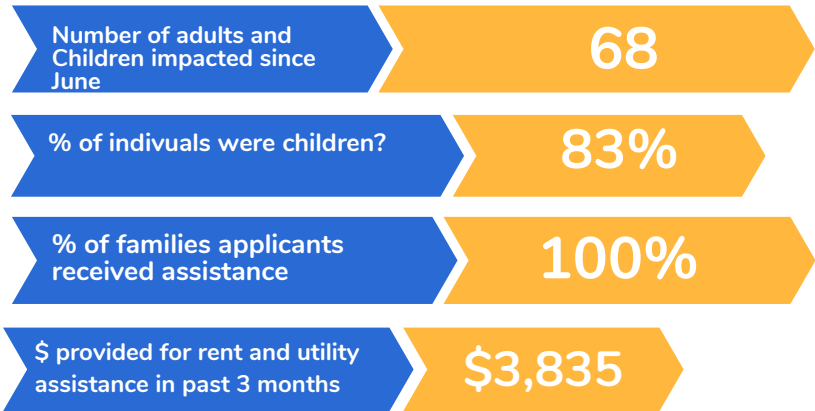


AUGUST 2020

MONTHLY SNAP SHOT



Updates for family, friends, and partners!

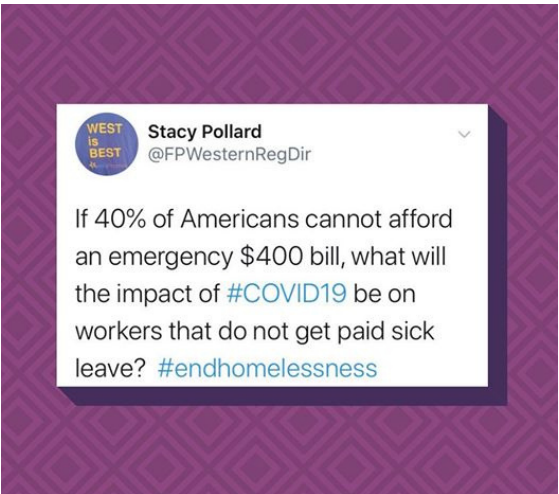


- Success
- At risk
- Events

August has been a busy month. More families facing eviction and loss of utilities. We continue to work with local families and agencies to prevent families from losing their stable housing.

August we held our 5th annual rummage sale. We were blessed with many donations and dedicated volunteers.

Future endeavors include our Halloween candy delivery service, search for a static site, and grand re-opening of our shelter program





WHAT A SUCCESS!

Wow! We had a fantastic month. Since the beginning of August Family Promise of Roane County served 14 families. These families were provided a variety of services including rent or utility assistance, food provisions, diapers, wipes, and bags full of hygiene products. Every time a new family came in for help they had the look of despair on their face. I (director) often heard "I hate to ask for help." As they walked out the door with their hands full they had smiles on their faces. I just jump for joy when I see the families faces brighten.

Since June we have provided services to 68 individuals. Eighty three percent of the individuals were children. All those who applied for assistance were given aide. We happily, provided \$ 3,835 worth of rent and utility help to ensure families were able to maintain stable housing.

Eviction Crisis

Without new relief measures to help more struggling families afford rent and avoid eviction, millions of households could face housing instability, homelessness, and greater overall hardship in the coming months.

Data shows the COVID-19 crisis impacts low-income households. Job losses have been heavily concentrated in industries that pay low average wages, and households with high housing costs and low incomes often have little financial cushion. Recent Census data show 1 in 5 renters report being behind on rent, with households of color reporting far higher rates of missed payments compared to the national average.

Congress included a limited ban on evictions in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of March, but this moratorium expired on July 24. This Act helped households avoid eviction but, did prevent families from accruing debt. People still owe rent payments even when they cannot be evicted for non-payment, so they are still at risk of eviction when any federal, state, or local moratoriums end if they are unable to pay their current rent or make up the past-due amounts.

Sonya Acosta, Anna Bailey, and Peggy Bailey, "Extend CARES Act Eviction Moratorium, Combine With Rental Assistance to Promote Housing Stability," July 27, 2020 <https://www.cbpp.org/research/housing/extend-cares-act-eviction-moratorium-combine-with-rental-assistance-to-promote>

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 have been requested by families in the month of August.

- Disinfectant wipes and spray
- Toilet paper
- Hand soap & Hand Sanitizer
- Food City & Kroger gift cards
- Gas cards
- Size 4, 5, 6 Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Child size cloth masks



A message from the board

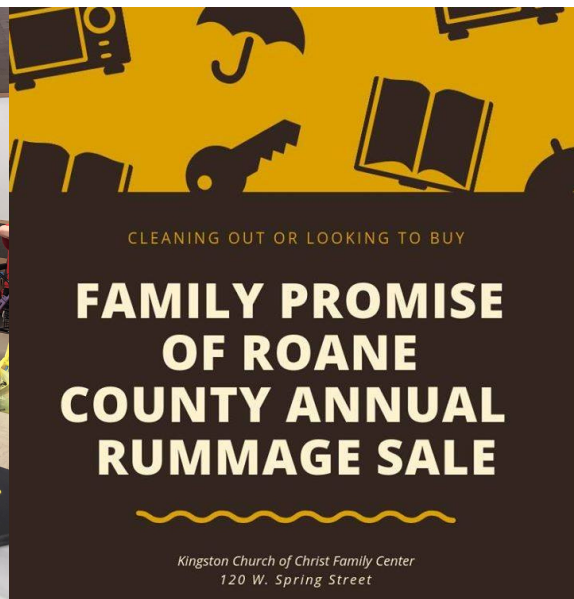
Our Family Promise rummage sale was a great success. I would like to thank the community for all of their generous donations and support. Your dedication and support contributes to help with families experiencing homelessness in our local community. We value your continued support as a community working on a common goal of building community and strengthening lives.

-Julia Lovins
Board member



Thank you for the support!

EVENTS



FUN-RAISING

August 28th and 29th Family Promise of Roane County hosted our 5th annual rummage sale. We are thankful to all the patrons who came out to support our program. We appreciate all the donations and help from dedicated volunteers. We had fun working together as a community to execute this event. In total we raised over \$2,500.

Build-A-Bear donated 95 bears for all the children in our program and community. We were able to hand some out at our rummage sale. When hugs are hard to come by these bears make a big difference.



Halloween will not be canceled!

Family Promise of Roane County will be hosting a candy drop off for children of all ages. For \$5.00 a pound of candy in a plastic pumpkin will be delivered to your front porch.

We are currently taking donations of candy and small plastic pumpkins. we will begin to collect orders the first of October.



Future Housing

With the current pandemic many congregations are not reopen yet, have limited capacity, and high risk volunteers and members. Therefore, we are looking for alternative methods of shelter for this upcoming rotation. Possibly a two bedroom house, apartment, or two one bedrooms to shelter our guests safely. If you have any leads or housing opportunities you would like to share please email us at director@familypromiseroane.org

