



SEPTEMBER 2020

MONTHLY SNAP SHOT



Updates for family, friends, and partners

Number of adults and
Children impacted in
September

33

% of individuals were children?

64%

% of families applicants
received assistance

100%

\$ provided for rent and utility
assistance in past September

\$1474

- Success
- Opening preparations
- S.H.A.D.E.
- Events

What a month! Family Promise of Roane County has been busy serving the community and preventing families from losing housing by providing rental and utility assistance.

FPRC has been preparing to begin our rotational shelter program. Coordinating with our congregations and developing Covid-19 safety protocols.

We have been collecting donations for our "Ghoulis Goodies," fundraiser to help children be able to celebrate Halloween in a safe and touch free manner.



Stacy Pollard
@FPWesternRegDir

Love this: "We are about ending poverty, not simply managing it. We give people fish. We teach them to fish. We tear down the walls that have been built up around the fish pond. And we figure out who polluted it." Excited to have @ShaneClaiborne at Conference



S.H.A.D.E

In September we opened a poll on our Facebook page asking for suggestions on a new name for our hosting program. We had a few great suggestions and many supporters casted their vote. In the end we have chosen the title of our hosting program to be S.H.A.D.E., shelter, hope, adversity, diligence, empowerment. While we have a new name it remains to be our traditional hosting program.

Eviction Crisis

Housing and health are intertwined: families are facing eviction even if they are sick or vulnerable. Despite the CDC's moratorium, landlords have filed tens of thousands of eviction notices.

When the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a moratorium on evictions, it warned that rising homelessness could increase coronavirus infections. It's not an abstract worry. The CDC's moratorium could help families stay in their home through December, but it's not automatic. Renters have to submit a form to their landlords. And starting in January, they may still be on the hook for all the rent payments they missed or face eviction again.

For millions of Americans, a home is a hard thing to hold on to right now. The CDC's eviction moratorium, announced earlier this month, explicitly tries to avoid housing instability. The idea is that family members should not be doubling up in housing or moving into homeless shelters right now.

These are all settings where you increase your contact with other people, and by virtue of that, you increase your risk of contracting COVID-19 and spreading that virus.

NPR Bram Sable-Smith, "Eviction Crisis Grows Despite CDC's Moratorium," September 27, 2020

<https://www.npr.org/2020/09/27/917424851/eviction-crisis-grows-despite-cdcs-moratorium>

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

The FPRC board is always working to improve the Family Promise experiences.

September was filled with plans for the successful fall rummage sale. We are currently in the midst of selling Christmas wreaths, a project that is sponsored by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with all of the profit going to Roane County Family Promise. Now we have turned our attention to the startup of another season of housing Roane County's homeless families with our "Sure Home" program, even in the midst of the coronavirus. We are considering several options that will protect the health of everyone concerned. The board is excited to be able to begin this mission again.

-Anne McGehee
Board member

EVENTS

FUN-RAISING

St. Andrews Church is hosting a Holiday fundraiser to benefit Family Promise of Roane County.

You can purchase beautiful wreaths, tabletop trees, or a centerpiece all made with fresh-cut pine. They make great gifts for grandparents, business associates, aunts, and uncles, or out of town family and friends.



All of September we have been collecting donations for our "Ghoulish Goodies" fundraiser. This is a fun and safe way for children to participate in Halloween. Each pail is \$5 and comes with 1 pound of goodies. We offer peanut free and teal pumpkins (no candy.) You can purchase one for your children, grandchildren, niece, nephews, or neighbors. You can also sponsor a child. Purchasing will be open online beginning the 1st of October. Pails will be delivered to you doorstep during the day on Halloween. If you would like more information visit our website Familypromiseroane.org or you can contact us via email or call 865-245-8255



Opening soon

As the cold season approaches us, FPRC is preparing to begin our rotational hosting program now known as S.H.A.D.E shelter, hope, adversity, diligence, empowerment.

Family Promise of Roane County has seven host congregations, therefore we are limited to providing a transitional space for families to 28 weeks. Winter can be the harshest season for a children and families to be without a safe and secure home.

FPRC is working closely with our volunteers and congregations to establish a rotational schedule that will be safe and healthy for our volunteers and guests. We will continue to share the love and hospitality our program strives to provide for our guests.

There are new opportunities for volunteers to work with our guests in a remote fashion. these new options will be posted soon



Volunteer Training

Soon there will be a virtual training option. This is a good opportunity for new volunteers interested in FPRC in addition to previously trained volunteers to be updated on newer topics and refresh what they have learned. Be on the look out for these trainings on our Facebook, Instagram, and website.

