



OCTOBER 2020

MONTHLY SNAP SHOT



Updates for family, friends, and partners

Number of adults and
Children impacted in
October

38

% of individuals were children?

48%

% of families applicants
received assistance

98%

\$ provided for rent and utility
assistance in October

\$1417.50

- S.H.A.D.E. Open
- Family Story
- Events

Family Promise of Roane
County's hosting program
S.H.A.D.E is now in operation.

Hear from one family about
their triumph while
participating in our hosting
program.

Through October we had 2
very successful fundraisers.
Thank you to all who
contributed.



You have the power to
change the trajectory
of a homeless family's life.

WORDS FROM THE HEART

I came to Family Promise of Roane County at, what I thought, was the worst time of my life as a parent. My family had just lost our home after loosing my job. When we first arrived, I was completely terrified. I had three small children and everything I had heard in the past about "homeless shelters" had me mortally terrified. I knew immediately Family Promise was nothing like I'd heard before. The director welcomed us in with a warm smile and the day center had a home like feeling. There were toys and a tv to entertain the kiddos while I did the initial paperwork to come into the program, and it was the same place we got to spend our days when I wasn't at work.

The first week we stayed at a motel at night and volunteers generously brought us food every night. After that we began staying at "host congregations", a term I wasn't familiar with. I soon found out it meant we stayed at different churches at night, each one for a week at a time. The first time we stayed my anxiety was again at an all time high. Much to my surprise, it was an amazing experience. Each family stays in their own Sunday school room, which is set up with an air mattress/mattresses for the family members. Two people from the congregation volunteer to stay the night each night with you, and people volunteer to prepare you dinner. Everyone makes you feel tremendously loved and welcomed. No one ever makes you feel like your less than them because of your circumstances or previous bad choices. Some host congregations have showers, but so does the day center. The day center is also equipped with a washer, dryer, and fully functioning kitchen. The host congregations provide the majority of your meals, but there's a few things at the day center just in case. This way you can save as much money as possible towards getting back on your feet. Fortunately for our family, I already had a job when we came into the program, but for people who don't, the day center has laptops and internet access to help with job search.

Part of the program is also case management, where you meet with the director one on one once a week to discuss your progress, budget, needs, accomplishments, and what needs improvement. Through case management, the director set me up with classes for financial planning, auto basics, parenting, and had several other options.

While in the program, tragedy struck my family. My youngest son had to go through extensive surgeries and was hospitalized for almost three months. During that time, the director and volunteers continued to support our family and because of them I was able to not only secure housing, but also got a vehicle through the wheels to work program. Now our family is happily living in our own home again with reliable transportation all thanks to the wonderful people at Family Promise of Roane County. Without them I'm afraid to know where we would be today.

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



How can you help

-Get your congregation involved!

There are many ways your congregation can support our local families in need:

-Become a family host, host a fundraiser, spread awareness, make donations, invited members to become a volunteer.

-Become a volunteer
Various ways to volunteer: van driver, overnight host, office angel, plan activities for the children, train guests on various skills.

Host Congregations

Morrison Hill Christian Church
Kingston Church of Christ
Harriman Church of God
Bethel Presbyterian
First Christian Church of Rockwood
First Christian Church of Oak Ridge
North Point Church

Support Congregations

Williams Chapel
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints
First Presbyterian Rockwood
Riverside Baptist Church
Harriman Redeemer Lutheran Church

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EVENTS

FUN-RAISING

St. Andrews Episcopal Church hosted a Holiday fundraiser to benefit Family Promise of Roane County selling holiday wreaths.

This fun-raiser helped raise approximately \$600.00 to benefit the children and families of Roane County.

-Thank you St. Andrews!



TVA helped support our "Ghoulish Goodies" fundraiser. We would like to thank all those who also donated and contributed to this fundraiser. We deliver 58 pumpkins to families of Roane County on the morning of Halloween. We raised around \$300.00 with this fun-raiser. T



S.H.A.D.E

Shelter, Hope, Adversity, Diligence, and Empowerment is our hosting program where we provide a transitional space for families to stay together in a warm and friendly environment while they work closely with a case-manger to overcome personal barriers and obtain stable housing.

Host congregations provide a private living space, 3 meals a day, and genuine hospitality.

FPRC provides transportation to and from the host site and day center.

The day center is where families will spend their day working on their goals if not in school, at work, or pursuing employment and housing.

Case-managers works with parents to identify barriers, create goals, and work towards obtaining stable housing.

Skills training is provided for budgeting, resume building, tenet rights, etc.



Volunteer Training

Virtual training option has arrived. Beginning November 12th there will be a monthly volunteer training. Learn more about Roane county homelessness and how Family Promise of Roane County helps. You may not want to volunteer in person at this time but there are virtual volunteer options coming soon and maybe when this pandemic has subsided more people will be able to assist hands on. This is a great 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.

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