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What a Night!

Our 3rd Annual Kentucky Derby Gala on Friday, May 2nd, was a spectacular evening filled with celebration, community, and purpose. We were thrilled to honor two of our incredible volunteers, Jan Rybka and Donna Smith, whose dedication and compassion truly inspire us.

Guests enjoyed a spirited hat contest, an exciting silent auction, and the smooth, soulful sounds of Geol's Jazz Band.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Family Promise of Roane County. Your presence and generosity help us continue our mission of providing shelter, support, and hope to families in need.



Continuing Our Mission to Prevent Homelessness in Roane County

At Family Promise of Roane County, we remain committed to supporting families and individuals in crisis. Thanks to your generous donations to Family Promise and the Roane County Cooperative Ministries (RCCM) fund, we've been able to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Just last month, we helped four families with children, along with several individuals, avoid homelessness by providing critical assistance with rent and utilities through donations to Family Promise and the RCCM fund.

In these times, the need continues to grow, and our resources are limited. That's why we're asking for your support. Your donation to Family Promise of Roane County will help us continue this vital work and reach even more families on the brink of homelessness.

Together, we can make a lasting impact.

Thank you for standing with us.

The Family Promise of Roane County Team

Exciting News: Expanded Hours at the Family Promise Thrift Store

We're thrilled to announce expanded hours at the Family Promise Thrift Store, located at **215 W Rockwood St in Rockwood!**

In addition to our Tuesday through Friday hours (Tue & Fri 10:00 – 4:00 PM & Wed & Thu 10:00 – 6:00 PM), you can now shop with us during these new extra times:

Every second Saturday of the month, open from 9:00 AM to Noon

Main Street Mondays: Join us on the second Monday of each month (from April to October)

We offer extremely affordable prices on furniture, clothing, jewelry, and a wide variety of quality thrift store items. We're also always accepting donations of gently used items to support our mission.

Some shoppers have even called us the *“bougie-est” thrift store in Roane County*, and we take that as a high compliment! Come see what makes us special and support a great cause while you shop.



Looking Ahead: Plans to Expand Our Shelter Capacity

Family Promise of Roane County is excited to share that we are in the early planning stages of expanding our shelter program. Currently, we operate one shelter for families with children, but we're working toward adding at least one additional shelter in the future.

While this concept is still in development, we wanted to give you a taste of what's ahead. Expanding our shelter capacity will allow us to serve even more families who are temporarily experiencing homelessness, offering them a safe place to stay while they work toward long-term stability.

Families typically stay in our shelter program for about six months. After that, they continue working with our case manager, Tabitha Lawson, for a year or more to ensure they remain housed and supported on their journey toward lasting independence.

This potential expansion marks an exciting step forward for both our organization and the families we serve. We'll be sure to keep you updated as plans progress. In the meantime, thank you for your continued support; it's what makes progress like this possible.

Executive Director's Update: One Month In

I'm honored to serve as the new Executive Director of Family Promise of Roane County. Since starting on April 21, I've spent the past month learning, meeting dedicated community members, and gaining a deeper understanding of the work ahead.

It's been a whirlwind, equal parts challenging and inspiring. I've been especially moved by the generosity of our donors, the dedication of our volunteers, the leadership of our board, and the commitment of my colleague, Tabitha, our case manager.

With the orientation phase now behind me, I'm shifting into action. Over the coming months, I'll be focusing on building a strong foundation: working on the budget, expanding our donor outreach, and pursuing grant opportunities.

Our mission is vital for Roane County, preventing homelessness when possible, and helping families quickly return to permanent housing when it occurs. I'm incredibly grateful for the warm welcome I've received, and I look forward to what we'll achieve together.

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