



## **Family Promise & One Community Church**

OCC has worked as a support church to help provide meals for Family Promise's homeless shelter for many years, including being a host church! Due to COVID, our past several years have been a reduced role of making and delivering meals, headed by Sharon Kestermann.

Their new facility, located in Lebanon, returns to in-person volunteering and we will need committed volunteers approximately 4 times a year to help with cooking and serving meals, after-dinner entertainment and engagement with the children, and overnight hosts on call for emergencies. Some may remember these roles from years past- when families were travelling from church to church, with support from other congregations in the area. Moving forward, all volunteering roles will occur at the facility in Lebanon- families in the program have their own, motel-style rooms with access to the career and day centers and Family Promise staff.

All volunteers interested will need to attend Family Promise's Volunteer Orientation- currently being held every Saturday 9am-noon or 1-4pm. Orientation includes a tour of the facility, a comprehensive overview of the facility and program's history, and a discussion of all volunteer expectations. Please contact Kelsey in the office to sign up for a training session! In addition, all volunteers will need to have current fingerprints on file with the police department- Monroe Police Department, just down the street from our church, does these on Tuesdays from 10-11am, and Thursdays from 5-6pm, no appointment needed. The cost is \$27/person, and the church is able to reimburse you. Please contact Kelsey in the office with any questions, or for a reimbursement form if needed!

### **Volunteer Positions:**

#### **Dinner Hosts: 4:30-6:30pm, 2-4+ volunteers**

Led by Sharon Kestermann, a group of volunteers will help cook the meal, either at the church or onsite at Family Promise, and then serve dinner. Note: If cooking at OCC, not all volunteers will need to travel to Family Promise's facility. Only 2-4 volunteers are needed on-site to serve the meal. The meal will need to be ready to serve and at the facility by 5:30pm. If interested in being a dinner host, please contact Sharon Kestermann.

#### **Evening Hosts: 6:30-8pm, 2-4 volunteers**

After dinner, parents attend self-sufficiency classes while kids are supervised by volunteers in the Day Center. There are multiple rooms available for activities such as helping with homework, movie night, playing with toys, etc. It is encouraged to bring an activity or game to play with children and spend quality time providing a healthy role model and connecting with families. Parents will return approximately 7:15pm to participate as well. If weather permits, playgrounds are available.

#### **Overnight Hosts: 8pm-6:30am, 2 volunteers (one must be female)**

These two hosts spend the night in a private room with a trundle bed (possible accommodation available to use ADA room next door), and are on call through the night for emergencies, such as a parent requesting medication for a child or inclement weather that requires precautions. They will spend approximately an hour with the families prior to quiet hours, and then are able to retire. Overnight hosts are rarely disturbed and are done with duty at 6:30 the next morning when FP staff arrives.

Additional Information about these roles will be provided at Volunteer Orientation- this is meant to be an overview to determine which roles you may be interested in! We will be provided with the breakdown of the families who are currently in residence at the facility approximately two weeks in advance of our date. Our next date is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.