

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING GOALS FOR PEACE VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your faith venture to Love God, Love people, and Serve here and now in this way!

This is an outline of what Peace, one of 12 host congregations, provides our homeless neighbors while they work for family sustainability. We host up to families and their children for one week every three months. You may volunteer to help by signing up on our Family Promise hosting sheet or online at through Sign-Up Genius.

To get started, simply fill out and sign a Background Check and Confidentiality Agreement (which will be provided once you attend training).

FIRST AND FOREMOST, GOALS:

1. Welcome home (temporarily) all with whom Jesus identified himself - “the least of these.”
2. Protect guest identity, well-being, and safety with your attention and complete confidentiality.
3. Respect our guests where they are in life and do not attempt any heroic “saving” measures.
4. Be your Christ-caring self, open to learn rather than teach as the Spirit moves among us.

Sunday Morning Set-up: From 9:00-10:15 am, we dedicate the parish hall and transform our classrooms into their bedrooms by bringing in fold-up beds from the FP trailer and making them up for their arrival Sunday evening. We tote tubs of their belongings to designated bedrooms and re-program three thermostats for their comfort while they are present each day from 5:30 pm till 6:30 am. We invite anyone able to pitch in for set-up.

Breakfast, Lunch, and Drink Supplies for the week will be provided – bottled water, 2% milk, juices, ice, as well as fruits, yogurt, nutritious snacks, and sandwich ingredients for caregivers to choose.

Dinner Hosting: We aim to nurture our FP guests with tasty and nutritious evening meals usually served at 6:00 pm. Our *Family Promise coordinators* at Peace Lutheran organize volunteers – 1) *Main Course Host*, 2) *Side and Salad Host*, and 3) *Dessert** and *Fellowship Host* who cleans tables, dishes, and kitchen till *Overnight Hosts* arrive by 8:30 pm. Often guests will offer to help.

**Desserts draw/distract children (of all ages) from the main meal and will be served on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, with left-overs available on other days.*

Overnight Hosting: Our FP guests tend to be early to bed as they rise early and leave by 6:30 am. For a chance meeting, come before 8:30 pm with pillow in hand (and bed roll, if preferred). Learn any special needs from *Fellowship Hosts* The host room has two-fold-down beds made up for you. If you sleep in them, please strip, remake, and put used linens in laundry bag provided.

8:00 pm lock-up! No one leaves the premises without prior pass from the FP Director. Call 830.832.0291 in case of questions or 911 in case of emergency. **5:30 am make coffee! Leave building locked!**

Sunday Morning Take-down: Starting at 6:45 am: Load beds and belongings in the FP trailer for transport to next church. Take linens in bags to laundry room. Clean up as needed and restore class rooms and thermostats as they were.

Give thanks for all the gifts shared in Christ!

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