

Homelessness can seem like an overwhelming problem. Many people wonder what one person or congregation can do to truly make a difference.

The Family Promise of Ontario County program provides a way for faith communities to work together to help homeless families. Each congregation participating in the program provides overnight lodging and meals for three to five families (up to 14 persons) for one week, 3-4 times a year. Program "guests" stay in each congregation from ~5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. Each morning guests are taken to the Day Center where they meet with the Director, care for pre-school children, make phone calls and seek housing and employment.

The FPOC program enables us to meet important basic needs of homeless families. Families with children make up the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Usually, over half of the guests in the program are children, and most of the children are under the age of six. Nationally, over 6,000 congregations participate in Family Promise programs with literally thousands of volunteers who help families regain their independence.

Volunteers are the foundation of FPOC. There are many ways that you can help. Whether you provide a hot meal, arrange activities for children, or stay overnight, you can make a difference in the lives of families who have suffered the ordeal of losing their home.

Our congregation is committed to being a part of this important ministry. It will take all of us to ensure that participating families are greeted with the hospitality, hope, and care that we are called to provide. Please indicate your area of interest on the form on the other side.

I will assist in the Family Promise of Ontario County program for homeless families in the following ways:

- Supper and Evening Volunteer (5:30 pm - 8:30 pm)**
- Overnight Volunteer (8:30 pm - 6:00 am)**
- Breakfast Volunteer (6:00 am - 7:00 am)**
- Meal Preparation and Serving**
- Sunday Afternoon Setup (beds, tables, room dividers)**
- Sunday Morning Cleanup (7:00 am getting beds ready for pickup)**
- Help with Weekly Cleanup**
- Help with Laundry (towels and sheets)**
- Doctor on Call** **Nurse on Call**
- Donate non-perishable food items (cereals, snacks, juices, coffee, tea, peanut butter, jelly, etc.)**
- Co-Coordinator**
- Call Group (making calls to schedule volunteers)**
- Tutor**
- I would like more information**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____