



FAMILY PROMISE OF ST. TAMMANY

What is Family Promise of St. Tammany?

Family Promise of St. Tammany is a non-profit interfaith organization that is ready to help homeless families transition into permanent housing and financial security. The plan is to help the more than 1000 homeless children and their parents living in St. Tammany Parish to continue living together and establish a better living condition for them in the future. The families selected for the programs are screened for this very structured program. Family Promise works in collaboration with other Social Service agencies. Local social service agencies refer families and may also help guests find or provide housing, jobs, and other needed services.

Two of the essential parts of this organization is a Day Center which is presently in the Christ Episcopal's Wheeler House in Slidell, and the Host/Support congregations in St. Tammany parish. The Day Center provides a place for the families from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, where the case manager provides case management services. There, the parent/parents of the families will get help with employment, tend to the school children, take showers, and do laundry. The day center provides guests with a mailing address and a base for housing and employment searches. Many guests are employed during the day, while older children attend school.



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WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO HERE AT ST. ANSELM AND HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We here at St. Anselm will be one of the 18 Host/Support Congregation. Guests will be at our location from 5:00 pm to 7:00 am for one week, twice this year. The Family Promise Network will provide a van to transport guests to and from the Day Center to Host locations and other places as needed. The Network also uses its van to carry bedding and luggage to the next host congregation.

Our first week is June 10TH through June 17TH. This year we have only one Host Week. The expectation is that we will host three to four families or a maximum of 14 people at one time. During this time, we have the honor to serve as "innkeepers" for these families, providing meals and lodging.

Our responsibility is to provide private space for each family. Family Promise provides the cots for sleeping at the Host locations. Our volunteers will then unload the cots and make the beds (we provide the linens and pillows) in preparation to receive the families.

Our success as a Host location depends totally on the aid of many volunteers. Volunteers are essential to our success and provide a wide range of services like cooking and serving meals, playing with children or helping them with homework, interacting with guests with respect and compassion, and providing overnight security. You can provide a meal, or be a chaperone overnight, or even simply donating items from our Family Promise Tree in church. Money is also accepted to purchase necessities for the guests if needed.

Your donation of time, service, and supplies will provide shelter and support services to homeless children and their families. Your compassion will enable us to raise awareness about poverty and mobilize thousands of volunteers into service.

You can make a change in the life of a family today.