

Family Promise
Report to the FUMC Governance Board
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OVERVIEW OF MINISTRY

Family Promise is a national organization, but we partner with the local affiliate - Family Promise of Greater Lafayette. fpglinc.org. From the website - "Family Promise of Greater Lafayette, Inc. is a non-profit 501c(3) organization that provides shelter and services to local families in a housing crisis. Our goal is to provide short-term emergency shelter to families with children, and to assist them in securing the resources they need to get back into housing and self-sufficiency." In the past, FUMC assisted Family Promise by hosting guests at our church. Now, Family Promise of Greater Lafayette is in the process of building a new facility where up to five families will stay and churches will provide volunteers in the evenings and provide meals. The new building is expected to be complete in late summer with a grand opening scheduled for September 16th.

UPCOMING WAYS TO SERVE

FUMC is next scheduled to host the week of July 29th to August 5th. The families will be staying at the Day Center in Lafayette during the day, and at the LUM shelter at night. Meals will be provided on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings at the Day Center and volunteers will also be needed to staff the Day Center on Sunday, August 5th. The signup genius link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4ba9ac2b0-family16/10932865>

Even though funding for the new building is complete, there are other ways for FUMC to assist. The director of Family Promise of Greater Lafayette, Laurie Earnst, has also set up an Amazon Wish List for supplies needed for the kitchen. https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/22CQALQ9NQIGE/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

Also, during the last coordinator meeting, Laurie mentioned an endowment fund that people or churches can contribute to. I can provide those details later if requested.

Thank you so much,
Heidi Bagnall