



“BEHIND THE SCENES” VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers who choose to interact with our Family Promise guests need to be trained and complete a confidentiality agreement. Below are descriptions of various volunteer roles that do not require watching the training video or completing a confidentiality agreement.

- **WEEKLY GROCERY BUYER:** A few days before we host, our church will be given a list of groceries that will provide for the daily needs of our guest families during the work/school week. These groceries will be consumed at the downtown day center location. A sample previous host week grocery list is below. The actual list will change from week to week based on need. We estimate that this particular grocery list would cost approximately \$150. The families typically leave their previous host church around 1:30 pm Sunday and arrive at our church around 2:00 pm. Usually, the grocery buyer hands off the groceries to the Family Promise bus driver upon the guests initial arrival. The Family Promise driver drives back downtown and puts the groceries away.
 - 2 gal of milk
 - 2 big boxes of cereal or, 3 variety boxes
 - 1 gal OJ
 - 2 juice or fruit punch
 - 2 small packs of deli meat
 - 2 loaves of bread
 - 1 pk of bagels
 - 1 big box of breakfast sandwiches
 - 2 boxes of waffles and breakfast sausages
 - Bag of variety chips
 - small bunch of bananas
 - small bunch of grapes
 - kid snacks - cookies, rice crispy treats
- **SUNDAY BAGGED LUNCH GROCERY SHOPPER:** Groceries/supplies for the bagged Sunday lunches should be brought to the church kitchen before 10:00 am that day. Example groceries include: sandwich ingredients, bagged chips, apple/bananas, desserts, drinks, and gallon size Ziploc bags to package the meals. Our Youth Group will make the bagged lunches during the Sunday School hour from 10:00-11:00.
- **WEEKLY DRINK VOLUNTEER:** Common drinks are water, tea, milk, and lemonade. A drink volunteer would agree to provide drinks during our host week. Drinks should be labeled and placed in the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator. After each meal, any leftover drinks are put back in the refrigerator. The drink volunteer checks on supplies during the week to make sure there are adequate drinks available. Ice is available in the ice machine in the kitchen.
- **LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERS:** When our guests depart, volunteers wash the linens used during the week. Linens consist of twin sheets, twin blankets, and towels. The average number of guests during a host week is 10-12 with a maximum of 14. Each guest is provided a set of sheets (to be used on a blow up bed), blanket, and towels.
- **OTHER DONATIONS:** At times St. Johns' guests need particular items like diapers, medicines, toiletries or other items. These items are specific and are communicated on an as needed basis.

- CLEANING HELP: Anytime you invite guests into your home, you like for the space to feel welcoming. The same is true with welcoming Family Promise guests into our church home. The dominant spaces we use (the Loft and Kirk House) need extra cleaning before and after our guests arrive and depart.