

## Family Promise of Cobb County

**Mission** SPSP and 15 other Cobb County Churches, provide shelter, food and loving support for Homeless Families as they work to get back into permanent housing. Family Promise has a staff dedicated to helping these families stay together and find homes to move into to get their lives back to normal.

### We grow Disciples of Jesus Christ through . . .

- We host homeless families for 1 week at a time, 4 times per year (once per quarter). Usually there are 3-4 families who stay at SPSP during our hosting week, about 10-15 guests typically at any given time.
- Garden Room, Sunday School rooms, and Garden Room Kitchen support visiting family needs. Sunday School rooms are converted to private bedrooms for each family. Garden Room Kitchen is used to store food and serve meals, and Garden Room itself serves as a dining room and an area where families relax during their stay. 2 downstairs bathrooms & newly completed shower are provided for their use.
- SPSP Volunteers help either by providing dinner each night, spending evenings as dinner hosts to eat and hang out with the families, or staying overnight to make sure we have people familiar with our church there for them should any emergencies arise. We also have volunteers who set up the bedrooms and common area at the start of the week and tear down at the end of the week.

### Value of this Ministry in one's walk with Christ

- For families - gives them time to find permanent housing while providing a safe place to sleep, good, healthy food and a chance to interact with volunteers who provide loving care during their stay.
- For SPSP Volunteers - spending time with families in need, providing their basic needs of shelter and food. However, the greatest reward is in the relationships that are built helping those in need, spending time with the parents and children, trying to make the time they spend with us as enjoyable and "normal" as possible.

**SPSP Volunteer Time Commitment** we host families for 1 week every 3 months, so time commitment is small.

- Set Up and Tear Down on the first and last day takes 1 hour each.
- Providing dinner takes as long as it takes to prepare food and drop it off at church. You usually volunteer to bring dinner 1 night and usually it is split with other volunteers. Usually no more than 1-2 hours.
- Dinner hosting means eating dinner with the families and spending time with them for the evening. 6-9 pm, about 3 hours of your time.
- Overnights stay all night to make sure the families get a restful nights' sleep. 8:30pm to 7 am, most of it spent asleep, about 10 hours of your time.
- Coordinator - during Non-Hosting Weeks...4-5 hours total in the 3 weeks leading up to the hosting week. 2-3 hours per quarter for additional planning purposes and meetings.
- Coordinator - during Hosting Weeks....10-12 hours during the hosting week in making sure all slots are filled and volunteers are in place as well as cover some volunteer slots as needed.