

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK/ FAMILY PROMISE

### What is it?

A network of over 12 Hunterdon County churches and 20 support churches, this program helps low income families from our immediate area that are temporarily homeless. St. John Neumann is a support church, working with Spruce Run Lutheran, our local host church, to supply a comfortable and safe shelter, and the means for basic resources.

### When will we be involved?

**Dates for 2016 include: Jan 24-31, May 8-15, & Aug. 28-Sept. 4.** Look for the link on St. John Neumann website/Social Ministry a few weeks before for specifics. See <http://www.signupgenius.com> for specific times.

### What is involved?

We have been asked to help by being present to provide hospitality, providing a meal and being there for an overnight shift. Please check Sign Up Genius for specific times needed. For the most part we need at least 2 people for each 3 hour shift

If you are a dinner/evening host...You may need to provide & help serve dinner for the guests, help with homework, conduct an activity or just be present. You DO NOT have to participate beyond your comfort level. Someone just needs to be present whether you sit & read a book to yourself, or engage the guests. If you can't commit to the full slot listed, you may split the time with someone else. This would be a great family activity to help those less fortunate in our midst. We just ask that anyone under age 18 be accompanied by an adult. You are welcome to come with a friend, family member or neighbor as well.

If you are an overnight host...Two people spend each night at the church. You will have an air mattress, linens & a private room, or feel free to bring your own sleeping bag, etc. You would need to make sure guests are awake in the morning and ready to leave by shuttle bus at 6:30am on week days. You may leave as soon as they depart.

In all instances, you will be there to help out, but do not have to handle any difficult situations or decisions. The Spruce Run coordinator will be available 24/7 to take care of any issues that arise.

### Who should volunteer for this?

If you are looking to make an impact on the life of another person or family, YOU should. If you want to teach your children to appreciate what they have in their lives, YOUR FAMILY should.

## **VOLUNTEER!**

**The most important hour of your week may be the one you give away!**

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