

Mission Moment

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

Sometimes it is hard to quantify the impact of a ministry, but that is not the case with one of our regular ministries of service in the community, Family Promise. The mission of Family Promise of Greater Des Moines is to help homeless families achieve stable housing and income through compassionate care, hospitality, and professional support. Family Promise cannot fulfill its mission without the support of a network of congregations united around the common purpose of sheltering and addressing the needs of homeless families with children.

Family Promise certainly has a high profile in the life of the congregation because it takes a huge number of volunteer hours to pull off a successful host week, which we do about four times per year. You hear about the need and unfailingly respond with the generous offering of your time, talent, and resources. Jamie Charlton does a bang-up job of organizing your efforts.

The following statistics from Family Promise provide another way to look at our contribution to the program. Last year WHLC's efforts resulted in:

FAMILIES SERVED: 13

VALUE OF MEALS: \$1,620

ADULTS SERVED: 16

VOLUNTEER HOURS: 767

CHILDREN SERVED: 32

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS: \$17,431

NIGHTS OF SHELTER: 270

ANNUAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT: \$1,000

MEALS PROVIDED: 810

TOTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT \$1,038

Wow! Way to make a difference in loving and serving the neighbor!