

## **Family Promise of Wayne County**

WPC wrestled with the idea of providing more than a band aid to cover the problem of poverty. Family Promise was the mission project that came from those discussions in 2013. WPC has been there from the beginning in planning, recruiting, telling the story so homeless families could achieve housing security, and, in 2018, once the first family was selected WPC was there to be the first host. WPC members have volunteered in many ways while we were hosting, in a variety of ways at the Day Center, and in many fundraising events.

COVID-19 hit us in 2020 as it did everywhere, world-wide, and we shut down for a few weeks, and then we found apartments in Savannah and continued to serve those in need of housing by moving the families into apartments and 2 – 4 families had a place to shelter during the pandemic. WPC has taken their turns bringing food to the families while they were in the apartments in Savannah.

As we move into the fall of 2021 Family Promise is beginning its fourth year. Family Promise is still not using the rotation model but are looking to finding apartments nearer to the Day Center in Lyons. This will keep the advantage of having families shelter away from the churches and possible spread of COVID but allow the family access to the day center and in turn give WPC volunteers the chance to provide hospitality, companionship, and community again.

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