

Family Promise Ministry Hosting a Meal

1. Sign up for a specific night to provide dinner via email, phone or other communications, e.g. bulletin board.
2. You will receive an email confirmation from Family Promise coordinators as well as information on the number of adults and children. Also, included will be any dietary restrictions that the Family Promise office has provided.
3. Begin planning your meal. Typically meals include a main dish, a vegetable (unless included in the main dish), a salad (dressings are already available in refrigerators), bread and a dessert.
4. Confirm meal plans with Family Promise coordinators. We want to avoid serving the families repetitive meals, e.g. pasta every night. Also confirm if you will be able to stay with the families during dinner or if you can only set up and drop off the dinner.
5. Arrive by 5:45 to set up for your meal. Place plates, silverware, and napkins on the serving table in Taliaferro Hall. All these items are stocked in the kitchen. Set out ice, cups and beverages. Typically, there are gallons of tea, milk or lemonade available in the refrigerator. Pitchers for water are in the kitchen.
6. Be sure to listen for the doorbell to let families in since the doors will be locked.
7. Food can be heated in the microwave or convection oven if needed. A Family Promise coordinator will be available if you have questions or need to locate items in the kitchen.
8. Set out food on the serving tables by 6:00.
9. Welcome families to dinner. Some hosts like to ask if the children would like to say a blessing (usually there are several volunteers!). Feel free to eat dinner with the families or just sit and visit.
10. Once the families have finished and departed to their rooms, clear the dishes; cover and put away left over food in refrigerators, which are marked Family Promise.
11. Be sure that all tables used in Taliaferro Hall are cleaned.
12. If possible, load the dishwasher or scrape and stack dishes next to the dishwasher.
13. You're done! Thanks for being a wonderful host.