

## **Family Promise Volunteer Roles**

First Congregational Church of Southington

### **Setup Crew:**

(Time Varies, Sunday)

Pitch in to make necessary preparations ahead of the guests' arrival. Help convert a few rooms upstairs to private bedrooms for our guests and night angels. Involves moving chairs and tables, making beds, etc. Set Up Crew will be led by the Set Up Coordinator. Volunteers leave as soon as work is done (possibly less than 1 hr 30 min).

### **Dinner Cooks:**

Dinner Cooks will work with the Meals Coordinator to divvy up the planned dinner for that evening (for our guests and evening volunteers). Dinner Cook volunteers will be asked to purchase and cook their portion of the dinner. Cooking is done in your own home and then delivered to the church (FCC's Memorial Hall) ahead of dinner (by 5:00 pm please!). (Dinner Cooks are not serving dinner or eating with the families on the night they cook.)

Dinner Cook volunteers do not need to attend any training. (Training for volunteers is only required for volunteers who will meet and interact with our guests. If Dinner Cooks also want to participate in a role with our guests, then you will need training for that.)

### **Evening Shift:**

Most evenings you will help with dinner (provided from the Dinner Cook volunteers): heat up and serve, some clean up. Volunteers also invited to partake in dinner after guests have been served first.

After dinner: Just be there for the guests in general. Sometimes activities will be planned and our Evening Shift will help (like movie night). A chance to interact with our guests - a 'people person' type of volunteer.

At least one volunteer should be at least 21 years old. Volunteers will receive Family Promise volunteer training (an online video - just ask) and First Congregational Church's Safe Conduct training (a form for background check and written safe conduct instructional) in advance. Mom and Dad volunteers: Your children of any age are also welcome to join you (no training or background check for minors).

### **Night Angels:**

Night Angel duties: Arrive at 8:30 to meet guests. Night Angels also sleep at the church (there to support in event of emergency). Night Angels provide wake up service at 6:00 am and help guests with breakfast and such before guests leave at 7:00 -7:15 am. Night Angels free to leave as soon as guests have gone.

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### **Saturday Morning Breakfast Crew:**

Make and serve a nice hot breakfast (pancakes? omelettes?) for our guests. Help make a relaxed atmosphere. Help clean up also. I know!

Saturday Morning Breakfast Crew also invited to have breakfast after guests have been served first.

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### **Sunday Morning Breakfast Crew:**

Sunday Morning Breakfast Crew duties: Serve a continental breakfast for our guests. Help make a relaxed atmosphere until the Family Promise van arrives (time varies) to pick up our guests who move on to the next church.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Crew also invited to have breakfast after guests have been served.

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### **Take Down Crew:**

The guests have moved on to the next host church. Our host week is over. Just need to put everything back where it belongs and ahead of Sunday School which utilize same rooms. Take Down Crew will be lead by the Take Down Coordinator. Volunteers leave as soon as work is done (possibly less than 1 hr 30 min).

Anyone can serve! No restrictions or requirements.

### **Pool of On-Call Volunteers:**

With 60+ volunteer slots for a host week, it is common for a volunteer or two to be unable to fulfill their sign up (examples: volunteer sickness or unfilled volunteer slot...). We would like to ask for a handful of volunteers who could be 'on call' for when a cancellation does happen. Then we would call and ask if you are able to step into that particular volunteer slot at the last minute (we sometimes have less than 24 hours notice).

\*\*\*THE POOL WOULD BE FOR ANY DAY OF THE WEEK (since we never know in advance)\*\*\*