

# Family Promise of Lee County Donation Guide

## Family Promise of Lee County Donation Guide: Ways to Give

We rely on the generosity of our community to provide essential support to families experiencing homelessness in Lee County. This guide outlines our current needs and various ways you can help.

### 1. Essential Goods for Current Families (High-Priority Needs)

We accept high-quality, gently used items. Please note that storage space is limited, and items must be clean and in good working condition.

- **Financial & Retail Gift Cards:** Grocery and Walmart Gift Cards are always needed to help families purchase personal items, fresh food, and fill specific needs as they transition into housing.
- **Furniture & Household Items:** We accept gently used furniture, especially larger pieces like beds and tables, which are critical for setting up a new home. We also need general household items and kitchen items.
- **Bedding & Towels:** New or gently used bedding and towels are accepted.
- **Pantry & Hygiene Supplies:**
  - **Non-perishable food** to stock our pantry and support families with immediate needs.
  - Toiletries, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies.
- **Clothing:** Due to limited storage, we only accept donations of clothing for families *currently* in our program.

### 2. Financial Support & Partnerships

Your financial gifts are essential for funding our shelter, meals, and case management services, which focus on eliminating barriers to homelessness for families.

- **Online Donations:** We offer easy, user-friendly online donation options. We prefer payment platforms like Square due to lower fees and direct deposits.
- **Sponsorships:** We welcome partnerships and sponsorships for our major events, including *Spring for the Promise*, *Swing for the Promise*, and *Ravenfest*. Contact us for details on sponsorship levels and benefits.

### 3. Volunteer Your Time

We are always in need of dedicated volunteers to support our operations.

- **Logistics & Maintenance:** Help is needed for cleaning and organizing donations (furniture, household items) and with building maintenance.
- **Administrative & Clerical:** Opportunities include phone answering and general clerical work.
- **Event Support:** Join a fundraiser committee or volunteer at events.
- **Mentoring:** Dedicated sign-up options are available for those interested in becoming a mentor.

### 4. Drop-Off Information

Please contact us to coordinate a drop-off time for essential goods. We refer families to local resources like food pantries, clothing banks, and diaper banks for more extensive assistance. Local churches also partner with us by bringing in supplies weekly.