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The need we are meeting

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- Volunteering at our Family Promise® center during the week and on weekends. Our center is well-equipped for the comfort of our guests and our volunteers, including high-speed WIFI internet access.
- A loveseat for the living room and outdoor patio furniture.
- Monetary contributions are needed & appreciated. You can donate by check or online. See our "Donations" page on the website. All donations are tax-deductible.

See our website page "Needs" for updated information.

Appreciation for our Volunteers



Family Promise® is successful only because of our hundreds of volunteers. Shown here is a group from White Clay Creek Presbyterian that helped with the work day in February.

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation for those of you that have volunteered, you are wonderful examples of living out your faith as you take care of our homeless children and families. Thank you again for your hospitality.

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