

Join us for **Cardboard City** raising awareness of homeless families in Jacksonville

Location

The grounds of CrossRoad Methodist Church located at 10005 Gate Parkway North.



Event Schedule

Friday, November 17

4:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Registration. Time to set-up and decorate your dwelling.

6:00 to 10:30 p.m. - Activities, Speakers and Entertainment

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - A simple meal will be provided.

10:30 p.m. - Lights out

Saturday, November 18

6 a.m. to 8 a.m. - Takedown and clean-up of area. Please remove all of your belongings.

Bathrooms and security will be provided.

Since the homeless don't have a place to come in from the rain or cold, the event will be held regardless of weather conditions.

For more information call Family Promise of Jacksonville at 354-1818 or email: bethmixson@familypromisejax.org

What is Family Promise of Jacksonville?

We are a network of people working together to provide homeless families with HELP for today and HOPE for tomorrow.

Family Promise partners with 17 congregations and 800 volunteers to help homeless families to become self-sufficient. Family Promise provides case management including job search support, budget and life skills counseling to help families get back on their feet while the churches provide shelter and meals. Family Promise also collaborates with other social service agencies to avoid duplicating services.

In 2016, our volunteers provided 7,280 nights of shelter and 21,900 meals while 85% of our families returned to self-sufficiency.

Did You Know

Homeless families are the fastest growing group among the homeless and are nearly 40% of the homeless population. Every school in Duval County Public Schools has at least one homeless student.

Family Promise is part of a national network with more than 200 Family Promises affiliates in 43 states. The national vision statement calls for "a nation in which every family has a home, a livelihood, and the chance to build a better future together."



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If it could change a
homeless child's life?

Seventh Annual
Cardboard City...
A Homeless Experience

November 17-18, 2017
at CrossRoad Methodist Church



Benefiting
Family Promise
of Jacksonville



AT A GLANCE

Why

To raise awareness of homelessness and to raise money for Family Promise of Jacksonville, helping homeless families become self-sufficient.

Where

The grounds of CrossRoad Methodist Church, 10005 Gate Parkway North.

When

Cardboard City starts at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 17 and ends at 8 a.m. Saturday, November 18.

Who

Cardboard City is open to anyone! Families, youth groups and others are encouraged to attend together. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Youth groups require one adult for every eight youths, age 11 to 18 attending.

How

Raise the "rent" and become a resident of Cardboard City by collecting pledges or donating to Family Promise. We are asking everyone to have a goal of raising \$100 but all contributions will be accepted.

What to bring

Your pledge form and signed consent forms. This can be found on the Family Promise website and will be available at Cardboard City. Bring your donations, boxes or tents, items to decorate your box, sleeping bag, blankets, pillows, flashlight, a deck of cards or other quiet games.

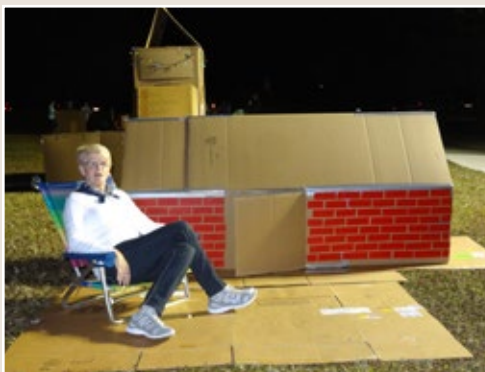
Do not bring

Valuables, electronics, pets, alcohol, tobacco or weapons.

What to Expect

People begin arriving late afternoon into the early evening. When you arrive, check in at registration to turn your forms and donations. Set up your box for the night. Be sure to plan to join in the activities to raise awareness and build understanding. We will serve a simple meal, soup line style. You'll hear the story of a former Family Promise family.

Boxes may be decorated as you chose. Please nothing offensive, demeaning or inappropriate. A box judging contest based on creativity will be held.



What I Learned at Cardboard City

"As I curled up in my box to sleep, I thought about the luxury of having a bathroom instead of the port-a-potty. . . .The idea of comfort the next day made up for the discomforts of that night.

So, we can't look at a homeless person and complain about their appearance or where they choose to live. We all have fortunes whether money, talent, or personality and we can always stretch these fortunes to help others."

- Gina Olson, a youth group member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church



How to Register

Visit <http://familypromisejax.org/cardboard-city/> for the four required forms: pledge sheet, hold harmless agreement, photo release and minor waiver.

Family Promise can provide your youth group with activities for discussion and building understanding.

Bring registration forms that night or mail to Family Promise by November 1. Forms will be available at Cardboard City.

