

## **Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN)**

Working together with area churches, the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network provides professional case management as well as food, shelter, and transportation for homeless families as they work hard to restore their independence. WIHN is one of the few agencies in the area committed to helping homeless families stay together. It works with a network of 35 churches in Wake County to provide help for immediate and long range needs of homeless families in the area. Churches provide food and fellowship to about 4 to 5 families during a one week stay at the church facilities. Families stay overnight in the church and in the mornings are transported to the WIHN Center in Raleigh for the day where they are provided with day care for their children, transportation, transitional housing assistance, job placement assistance, financial counseling, family crisis counseling and so much more. Families return to the church later in the day where they are hosted with dinner and fellowship.

As part of our commitment as a Host Church, WFPC extends a warm invitation to WIHN guests at a designated week during the year. We provide shelter, food and Christian fellowship. Many of our families come each night to bring food and share supper and friendship with our guests. We also have volunteers from our church that sign up to stay overnight on specific evenings and others that drive our guests to and from the WIHN Center in Raleigh.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our church family to celebrate with other families as they journey toward independence. It also allows us to do God's work by showing hospitality to the stranger in need.

Hosting dates are identified through WIHN and are often in the spring and/or summer.

### **HOW WE CAN HELP:**

- Contact Mission & Outreach Elder at WFPC to inquire about participating on WIHN planning / coordination team.
- Sign up to help with one of the specific tasks during hosting week (providing dinner, participating in evening activities, staying overnight, driving van to and/or from the WIHN Center in Raleigh, setting up / taking down rooms, laundry washing, providing specific supplies).

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Church Office to inquire about obtaining information from Mission & Outreach Elder or WIHN Hosting Week and Sign-up: 919-556-7777