Hope for the Journey Home is a ministry of hospitality. It is our mission to provide a site, volunteers, and a safe, clean, comfortable place for newly homeless families in the local area to spend the night.

Time Commitment
- Plan to arrive by 8:00 PM and stay until 9:15 AM. Park in the main church lot. Hope for the Journey Home staff will greet you and orient you to the shelter.

Responsibilities
- Greet the families and be available to talk with adult guests if they wish to converse.
- Be a model for shelter rules and remind families of the shelter rules when needed.
- Encourage bedtime routine—help children to slowly stop their activities, facilitate the basement pick-up, and begin getting ready for bed.
- Guideline for bedtime is 9:00 PM on weekdays and 10:00 PM on weekends.
- Secure the facility for the evening. Make sure the doors are locked, extraneous lights are off, and kitchen area is tidy.
- Sleep in the designated volunteer area. You will need to bring your own bedding with you, such as sheets or a sleeping bag, and a pillow.
- Provide a wake-up call for families around 7:00 AM (depending on when school busses and transportation is scheduled) on weekdays and 7:30 AM on weekends.
- Prepare and serve continental breakfast weekdays; full breakfast from IHOP arrives around 7:30 on weekends. Tidy up kitchen facilities and eating area after use.
- Weekdays, families will depart the shelter between 6:45 and 9:00 for St. Andrew's Church or for school.
- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY refer to the handbook at the shelter that has emergency numbers and instructions.
- Check in the keys from the guests as guests leave for the day.
- Mon – Fri, secure the facility for the day – make sure the doors are locked (you can go out the back door), site is tidy, and lights are off.

Qualifications
- A friendly, caring attitude
- Reliability – our shelter program is primarily run by volunteers
- Energy and a love of children
- Respect and understanding for parents
- A training session will be provided for Hope for the Journey Home volunteers.

For when I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink I was a stranger and you invited me in.”
Matthew 25:35

PLEASE notify your congregation’s volunteer coordinator ASAP if you have an emergency that prevents you from fulfilling your shift!!