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Food Competition Raises Money for Homeless Families

Metro church congregations compete with comfort food to support families experiencing homelessness.

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines will hold the 6th annual Comfort Food Cook-Off fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 11 at West Des Moines Christian Church. The public is invited to sample various homemade comfort foods prepared by area church congregations to raise money for Iowa families experiencing homelessness.

Family Promise of Greater Des Moines is a nonprofit organization focused on keeping homeless families intact during difficult times so they can achieve stable housing and income.

Celebrity judges include co-host Jackie Schmillen from CW Iowa Live, and on-air talent Taylor and Jen from LIFE 107.1 FM radio. KCCI News Channel 8 morning anchor Rheya Spigner will emcee the event.

For the admission price of \$15 for adults and \$5 for children, attendees receive servings of various dishes prepared by church congregations that host Family Promise of Greater Des Moines families experiencing homelessness throughout the year.

Judges taste and select the winning dish and congregation that receives the 2018 Pot Trophy. The People's Choice award will go to the dish with the most monetary donations given by attendees.

The casual event will be held from 5-7 p.m. at 4501 Mills Civic Parkway in West Des Moines. Tickets may be purchased online at www.familypromisedm.org, by calling (515) 277-7051, or at the door.

Seating is limited so advanced ticket purchase is suggested.

All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Greater Des Moines and the families experiencing homelessness that they support. FPGD collaborates with a network of 14 faith-based congregations which provide clean and safe overnight shelter and nutritious meals for one week every three months. Guest families are able to stay up to 90 days in the program. During the day, guests stay at the Day Center at Westminster Presbyterian Church, where they can take showers, clean laundry and receive support and guidance in their employment and housing searches.

For more information about Family Promise of Greater Des Moines, visit FamilyPromiseDM.org.

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