



Feed a Family and Expect to be Hugged

Every Domus Pacis respite family that has had the opportunity of a respite stay will attest to the compassionate nature of our community. And our community members who have visited with a family receive a powerful gift of knowing first-hand the huge impact their act of kindness has on a family. So the *Feed-a-family* volunteer opportunity was created to allow more of the Summit County residents this experience by preparing and personally delivering a warm meal to a family, giving and getting hugs. We always need adults/families to be our extra *hugging arms* serving as *Feed-a-family* volunteers delivering either a welcome or mid-week meal for a family to enjoy during their respite stay.

Objective:

- Ensures that every family is warmly embraced by someone other than Domus Pacis staff, someone who understands the importance of hospitality.
- Provides an opportunity for Summit County's locals to be of service in a very individual manner without being required to make a monthly, quarter or annual commitment.
- Comforts our Domus Pacis families knowing that another individual and/or family, is sharing a part of this journey with them.
- Allows a volunteer to feel first hand that their words and connection REALLY matter.

Process:

- Once understanding what is involved to be a *Feed-a-family* volunteer, check the website's [Volunteer Calendar](#) for when and where *Feed-a-family welcoming/mid-week meal* opportunities need to be satisfied.
- As a *Feed-a-family* volunteer you have the responsibility to understand if the family has any food allergies and be able to prepare a meal respecting those guidelines.
- Be comfortable meeting the family; if not, communicate your reluctance and coordinate with staff for another volunteer to make the meal delivery.
- Coordinate with both staff and the family which day and at what time you anticipate making the meal delivery.

