

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT SANCTUARY FAMILIES**

### **First United Methodist Church of Germantown**

**Medical-** offers guidance and support to the families in receiving medical care. This is particularly necessary for Suyapa Reyes and her children. People familiar with medical care and sorting out appointments are really needed here,

**Translation-** bilingual people who would be willing to be called upon to help translate, as well as companionship for the Reyes family

**Shopping/groceries** - the families may need groceries or items purchased for them. There is money for reimbursement and support-

**Transportation-** this is a daily task getting the children back and forth to Houston School in Mt Airy. Though there are some established volunteers, Wednesdays are open. Also- should school close early or some emergency arises, the 3 children may need to be picked up. Transport to and from medical appointments is needed too.

**Laundry-** until the washer and dryer are installed at FUMCOG there will be a need to do laundry periodically for the families

**Social Activity-** because the adults can not leave the building, we want to offer companionship, recreation, and fellowship to the families- depending on what they might wish for- for instance, Christine will have a 16th birthday and we would like to have a party for her on October 21. Anyone willing to help out there?

**Donations-** many people have offered to donate items, money or help- this area will work on determining what families really want and need and how to acquire those things.

**Events-** plan for potluck dinners with the families, fund-raising events for the community.

**Companionship-** there may be times when having someone in the building is necessary to assure the safety of the families. Need persons willing to either stay over or just be in the building. as needed.

Thank you for your concern, support, and responses. You can email this to me at [celestezappala@yahoo.com](mailto:celestezappala@yahoo.com) or look for the Sanctuary Table in Pilling Hall on Sunday.