Race Day Event Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th

(Rain date April 27th)

8:30AM – Team Check-In and Inspection*
located in the parking lot at Wells Fargo Bank.

*Failure to report for bed inspection prior to race time will result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.

10:00AM – Parade of beds and judging along Main Street followed by:

- Adult race heats
- Youth race heats
- Award ceremony

What is Family Promise of York County?

Family Promise of York County is a local not-for-profit organization that provides meals, shelter, support services, and life skills training for homeless families through coordination with area churches, social service agencies, and volunteers.

Family Promise Programs

IHN

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) program utilizes local churches to provide overnight shelter and meals for homeless families with minor children. Families use the day center facility to seek employment, bathe, do laundry, as well as receive intensive case management, and life skills training from professional staff.

FRESH START

The Fresh Start program began in 2010 as a result of the City of Rock Hill providing a duplex to Family Promise. This duplex is used to house homeless couples or families without minor children. They are provided all the same services as those in the IHN program.
What is the Bed Race?

This is a unique fund raising event benefiting Family Promise of York County. Teams build themed beds on wheels, and then race (using manpower only) against other teams for awards and prizes. Each team consists of five members to run the race – one rider & four runners to push the bed. Beds will race in heats, two at a time. When each race heat starts, the rider must put on their “pajamas” which must consist of a top and bottoms before getting on the bed and heading off. The race course is a straight run on Main St. from Hampton Street to the finish line at Wells Fargo Bank.

Adult Division
All members must be 18 years of age or older. Bed riders must be at least 100 lbs.

Youth Division
All members must be between the ages of 12 –18 (18 year olds can race either as a youth or as an adult.) Riders must be at least 80 lbs.

Bed Construction Guidelines & Team Rules

Racing Team
- Racing Teams shall consist of one rider and four runners/pushers.
- At the start of the race, the rider must put on their “pajamas,” which must consist of a top and bottoms, before getting on the bed and heading off.
- All four pushers must be in contact with the bed at all times while racing.

Bed Design
- Bed must be at least 3 feet by 6 feet in area (for safety reasons, it cannot be a frame mounted on bicycles).
- Must have box spring or mattress (no air mattress).
- Push bars (handles) are allowed, but may not extend more than 16 inches away from the bed frame. No sharp or jagged edges allowed.
- Beds must have four wheels (4 inch minimum). All four wheels must have contact with the ground at all times. All wheels must be load-bearing but do not have to be the same size.
- No motorized or mechanical means of motion. Steering mechanisms may be used.

Safety
- Adult riders must wear a helmet with chin strap.
- All Youth Team Members must wear helmets with chin straps. Elbow and knee pads are strongly recommended.
- Bed riders must sit or lay flat on the bed.
- Runners must wear close-toed shoes.
- Every team member MUST have a release waiver signed. Parent or legal guardian must sign for youth.
- Failure to report for bed inspection prior to race time will result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.
- Teams are not to interfere or impede the progress of an opposing team.
- This is a drug and alcohol-free event.
- Teams must remove bed and all pieces after the race.

Teams will compete in these categories

- Fastest Bed – Overall fastest times
- Judge’s Favorite – Most creative design / Best Theme
- People’s Choice—Most money raised

Judging

Fastest Bed - Will be awarded to the team with the overall fastest race time in each division (including the rider putting on their pajamas).

Judge’s Favorite — Will be awarded to the team with the most creative design/theme in each division. This category will be judged by a panel during the parade of beds before the racing begins. Judges can be influenced by crowd response so bring lots of friends to cheer on your team!!

People’s Choice – Will be awarded to the team in each division that raises the most money for Family Promise. Teams are encouraged to collect donations prior to race day that will be turned in at registration. Spectators will have the opportunity to purchase tickets ($1 each) or use cash to “vote” for their favorite entry before and during the parade of beds. Tickets and cash will be collected by each team in a pillow case provided by Family Promise. Donations collected prior to the race will be combined with race day “votes” to determine the winner.

The decisions of the race officials are final.

Come See Me Parade: Family Promise is entering the bed race in the parade. We would like for as many of the bed entries to join us in the parade as possible. This will be a great opportunity to test out your bed, show off your hard work, and promote the race. The parade is Saturday April 13th at 11am.