

Cardboard Box City FAQs

Friday, October 1st – October 2nd, 2010

Event starts Friday, 5:30 p.m. (registration begins 5 p.m.). – Event concludes Saturday, 7:00 a.m.

How do I sign up?

You can either: 1) mail your donations and completed pledge form to Family Promise, or 2) bring them to the event.

Do I have to bring my own box?

Nope! Our generous event sponsors have donated boxes for the event.

What can I bring to the event?

Remain mindful of the decisions a homeless person has to make, and please limit yourself to the following items: Sleeping bag or pad, tarp, pillow, warm clothes. You may bring medications and essential toiletries, but please refrain from bringing outside food, entertainment items, or other non-essential objects.

The following items are *not allowed*: Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, beverages in glass bottles, weapons of any kind, personal electronic devices such as MP3 players or video games. Cell phones are permitted.

Is it safe for me to send my children?

The park area will be closed to the general public, and only open to event participants. Additionally, ESI will be providing professional security staffing for our event.

We do require a minimum of one adult chaperone for every five participants under the age of 18.

If I'm chaperoning a youth group, do I still need to pay for my admission?

We appreciate every donation that we receive. However, if the \$75 admission is an insurmountable barrier preventing an adult from chaperoning a group of young people who have raised all the required pledges, we can waive the adult's admission fee on a case-by-case basis.

Is this a youth event only?

Absolutely not! We invite people of all ages to participate in Cardboard Box City. We do encourage families to participate together.

What if it rains?

Just as the homeless do, we will cope with the weather we are given. Unless there is a safety risk to participants, the event will continue, rain or shine.

Do I have to sleep in the park?

While sleeping in a cardboard box can provide a valuable lesson in empathy, we understand that for health or personal reasons, you may not be able to. You may still participate as a "Virtual Resident" (raise funds but stay at home). Virtual Residents are warmly welcomed to the evening concert and meal.

How are we going to spend our time while we're there?

The evening entertainment will include live music, speakers on the topic of homelessness, and a light meal. There will also be periods of unstructured time for groups to lead their own activities if desired.

How can I raise \$75?

You have three options: 1) donate the money directly, 2) collect pledges (to receive a pledge form by e-mail, contact us at info@familypromisereno.com), or 3) organize a fundraiser event. If you plan to attend with a group, you may pool your energy and creativity and put on an event such as a car wash, bake sale, or anything your imagination and resources allow.