

Conversation Starters

Guests are going through one of the most difficult times in their lives. Meeting new volunteers almost every day, many get tired of talking about their situation and explaining their lives over and over. How can volunteers make warm, welcoming dinner conversations and find connections when most of the usual starter topics are off the table – where you work, where you live, etc.? Family Promise has come up with alternatives that hosts can use to start conversations that make guests feel welcome and loved.

- What kinds of activities did you like to do as a kid?
- Who is the funniest person you know and why?
- What is your all-time favorite meal to eat or to cook?
- If you could have an hour for recess every day, how would you spend it?
- What is one thing you do each week that you'd want someone to do for you?
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
- If you could be a famous person for week, who would you be?
- If you could have one dream come true, what would it be?
- What is your favorite book or movie and why?
- What is your least favorite chore?
- What is your greatest talent or ability?
- What are two things you would do if you were president?
- What was the best birthday you ever had?
- What is your favorite joke?
- Who is your best friend, and what do you like about that person?
- If you could have a super power, what would it be and why?
- What is the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you or you have done for someone else?