



Cardboard Box City 2017

Event FAQ

What are the event details?

Cardboard Box City is Saturday, September 23, 2017 at Bogert Park pavilion from 4:30 p.m. through 7 a.m. the following morning.

What is the cost?

Each attendee is encouraged to raise \$100 for Cardboard Box City. We suggest taking an envelope and collecting cash donations from neighbors, friends, fellow congregation members, etc. You may also ask friends and family to make pledges, and collect them individually.

How many people attend Cardboard Box City?

Historically, Cardboard Box City has attracted 100-150 participants annually.

What happens at the event?

Cardboard Box City has plenty to offer all age groups. Attendees will have the chance to show off their cardboard box creations, win prizes, and enjoy the pizza party. There will also be a DJ, dancing, and other fun activities. Most attendees stay overnight inside of their cardboard boxes.

What are some new things happening at Cardboard Box City this year?

This year, we will have our new homelessness awareness game, *The Game of Life in Bozeman!* We are also having a contest for the best house slogan. Winner takes home an awesome prize! Last year's winning slogan was "*Children deserve a safe and stable home full of love.*"

What should I bring to be prepared for inclement weather?

Make sure to bring a heavy jacket, and a rain jacket. Gloves, hats, scarves, and heavy socks are encouraged. If you have hand warmers, bring them!

Will there be security at this event?

Yes, Family Promise contracts with a local security company to keep you safe and monitor the area.

Will dinner be provided the evening of Saturday, September 23rd?

Yes! A pizza party and other food items will be provided for all attendees. Come hungry!

Will breakfast be provided the morning of Sunday, September 24th?

Yes! A simple breakfast will be provided.

Do participants really sleep outside?

Yes! This event is meant to be fun and educational. Though decorating a cardboard box for prizes is fun and exciting, the reality is that many people must use cardboard to shelter themselves from the elements, and without a year-round homeless shelter, people facing homelessness are forced to sleep outside—even when it's cold out. Cardboard Box City gives participants a chance to live in the shoes of someone who is without a home, and sleep as they would—outside.

How can I contribute as a volunteer?

We will need volunteers to help with event setup and tear-down, folks to help run yard games, and general assistance throughout the evening. Event setup will be Saturday from 3-4:30 p.m. and tear-down will be Sunday morning from 6-7 a.m. Contact Christine at 406-582-7388 or carmstrong@familypromisegv.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Sponsorship FAQ**My company would like to become a Cardboard Box City sponsor. What do I do from here?**

Contact Christine at 406-582-7388 or carmstrong@familypromisegv.org.

My company would like to provide an in-kind donation. How can I do this?

In-kind donations such as food, drinks, items for entertainment, t-shirts, and prize items are welcome and always appreciated! Contact Christine at 406-582-7388 or carmstrong@familypromisegv.org to discuss needed in-kind donation items.

My company would like to send representatives to attend a portion of the event. How do we arrange this?

We openly welcome Sponsors to attend the event, watch the Parade of Boxes, and participate in educational activities. Please contact Christine or Kevin at the Family Promise office to make arrangements ahead of time.

If one of your employees would like to bring their child(ren) and stay the night, we ask that family to set a fundraising goal of \$50 per child for the event.