

Help Needed for Wilkes Family Homeless After Saturday Night House Fire

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A Wilkes family with two small children lost everything in a fire Saturday night, a fire call that included a search of the residence while still on fire. Neighbors spotted the fire at the Adams Street home, and fearing that a disabled man might still be inside, Wilkes Rescue was called along with Mountain View firemen. It turned out no one was at home at the time of the fire, and the family returned to find their home destroyed by the blaze. The cause was still under investigation late last night, but an oxygen tank might have contributed to the intensity. The father, 27, his two daughters, ages 3 and 5, and the grandfather, 50, were left with only the clothes on their backs, according to the chaplain for the Mountain View Department. Red Cross was called to the scene to begin helping the family, and anyone who would like to help the family should call the Wilkes-Alleghany Red Cross office at 336.838.4563