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## A Child's Future Begins at Home

How do you respond to hardship? Do you consider yourself to be resilient? Perhaps like Katy Perry you “Roar” in the face of adversity. Maybe you are more of an Elton John fan and can exhaustedly relate to the lyrics of “I’m Still Standing.”

Resilience is defined as: *The capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.* It is the ability to withstand adversity and bounce back from difficult life events. Resilience is what gives people the emotional strength to cope with trauma, adversity, and hardship.

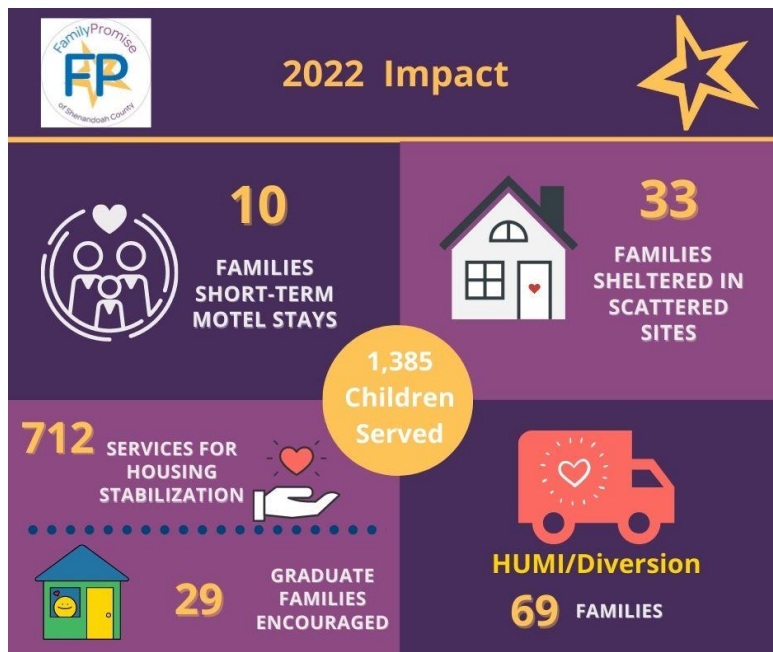
Our largest guest family is a true picture of resilience. Their youngest of five, was born last summer with a multitude of health concerns. He has spent more of his young life in the hospital than at home with his parents and siblings. Emergency Room visits, surgeries, oxygen and feeding tubes have colored his days.

Regular trips to Fairfax during hospital stays and surgical procedures, monitoring oxygen levels, and caring for a feeding tube at home have become everyday life for his parents. Adapting to the changes necessary for his wellbeing are labors of love. Attempting to maintain a routine for the other children, his father goes to work, and mom cares for him at home, while his four siblings attend school.

Led by the smallest among them, the family has demonstrated true resilience. During hospital stays the nurses commented on how amazing it was to see his happiness despite the many challenges he faced. Daily travel to Fairfax is costly. There were times the family could only talk to him via Facetime. When he heard his mother’s voice he got so excited they often had to make the call short so as to not over stimulate him. He could feel her love long distance.

Being resilient does not mean a person doesn't experience stress, emotional upheaval, and suffering. For this family their love and faith guided resilience, and in turn provided them the strength to work through this time of adversity for their family.

***Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.***



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St. Jacobs Lutheran Church  
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 St. Johns UCC – Hamburg  
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