

Newsletter
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Message from Sherry

Welcome to 2020! Family Promise just finished 4 years of serving families who are experiencing homelessness. I continue to be amazed by the resiliency of these families as they work on becoming independent again. I am continually amazed by the outpouring of support our families receive from all of you - often we have a need here at the Center and before we even ask for help, someone calls with the exact thing we needed! We call those times "God moments" and we are so grateful!

I checked the number of volunteer hours we have documented so far for 2019 - 8,885.80 hours! The value of one hour of volunteer time is \$25.43 - that's a value of \$225,965.89. That does not include the value of in-kind donations - furniture, vehicles, household items, supplies, etc.

I am excited to see what happens in 2020 - thank you all for being part of Family Promise of Shenandoah County and for your help in supporting families with children! Happy New Year!

Sherry Arey



Happy
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2019 Statistics

16

Families Served

51

Individuals Served

25

Adults Served

26

Children Served

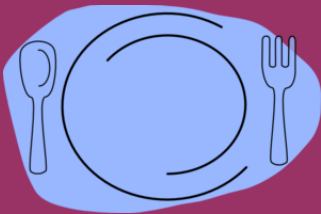
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Children Under 5



5,212

Meals Provided



2,606

Safe Nights



8,885+

Volunteer Hours



Case Manager's Corner

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to what 2020 will bring to our Family Promise affiliate! There are several programs that will be introduced by FP National this year, and I am excited to bring them to our program.

Thank you to everyone who blesses FPSC so we can continue helping our families start over on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

Wishing you many blessings for 2020!

Diane Wittreich

The Man With the Red Cookie Tins

A few days before Christmas a "very nice man" arrived at the Family Center with three red metal cookie tins. He told the volunteer there was one for each guest family. Our volunteer said the tins were very heavy. As it turned out, they were filled with coins! In fact, after one guest cashed her coins in, she had \$169.

The families wanted to thank their benefactor, so we tracked down someone we thought might know where they came from. He reported back, "I was told it was 'From God' to those in need. Please ask them to thank HIM and maybe pass a kindness on. ALL good things come from Him."

What a great reminder to all of us, as we enter a new year, to count our blessings and remember to thank God for them. And thank all of you for "paying it forward" in all you do for FPSC!



Check out how grown up Jaquiel has gotten & what about those dinosaur feet??!!

Wish List

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Cross Necklaces
- Laundry Detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer (10 oz size)
- Air Freshener
- Shower Curtains
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Liquid Hand Soap
- 13 Gal. Trash Bags
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Liquid Cleaner (like Mr. Clean)

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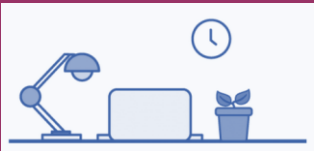
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Select Family Promise of Shenandoah County as your charity.



Super Pantry – Virginia Cooperative Extension

Learn to Eat Healthy & Manage Your Money

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fridays – Jan. 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2020

(Make-Up Dates Feb. 7 & 14, 2020)

Family Promise

781 Spring Parkway, Woodstock

To register, call Kim Costa: 540-665-5699

Buckton Presbyterian Church



Many thanks for the handmade sleeping bags, hats, mittens and toiletry items donated to FPSC! We were able to reach out to some folks who are camping in a couple of locations in Shenandoah County to help them stay a little warmer during this frigid weather.

Interact Club – Central High School



Thanks so much to Interact Club members at Central High School who walked with our Teeny Tiny House in the Christmas Parade and handed out Christmas cards, info about FPSC and candy. They also sponsored a drive at their school to collect toiletries, cleaning supplies and much more for us to use at the center. We appreciate your support!!

Host Churches & Organizations

All Souls Anglican Church/
Community Mission
Church of the Brethren

Antioch Church of the
Brethren

Buttonwood Lodge/
Camp Caroline Furnace

Lebanon Lutheran Church

Mt. Hermon United
Methodist Church

New Market Seventh-Day
Adventist Church

St. John Bosco Catholic
Church

St. John's United
Methodist Church

Shenandoah Valley Teen
Challenge

Shrine Mont

Strasburg Assembly of God

Strasburg Christian
Church

Valley Pike Church of the
Brethren

Wakemans Grove Church
of the Brethren



Save the Dates



- **Steak Dinner & Silent Auction, Mar. 28, 2020**
- **Barn Dance & BBQ – May 31, 2020**
- **2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Oct 10, 2020**
- **Cardboard City, Fall 2020, date TBD**

Welcome Baby!

Here is the latest addition to Alex's family – you can see Sophia is very proud of her baby sister.



4H Clubs Get into the Act

The **Bergton 4-H Club** exercised their “power as young people” earlier this Fall by providing hygiene kits to Family Promise. Their leader is Vickie Keplinger Fink. These kits were shared with those who are camping outdoors. Many thanks for helping people experiencing homelessness.



The **Cabin Hill 4-H Club** bakes cookies each year for community helpers who work 24 hours shifts – firemen, rescue squad members, police dispatchers, etc. They baked over 20 dozen cookies and brought a box to Family Promise. Thank you for thinking of us!

Their leader, Brandi Dysart, was our intern this past summer. Congratulations to Brandi for completing her B.S. Degree in Human Services with a minor in Special Ed at Old Dominion University!

As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year. (David Grayson) Thanks for giving our guests a little bit of Christmas all through the year!