



“Bringing Families Home. . .
Keeping Families Together”

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A Child’s Future Begins at Home

The Changing Face of Homelessness

In May 2022, Shenandoah County home prices were up 25.9% compared to this same time last year, selling after only 28 days on the market. Prices are up. Demand is up. Inventory is limited due to the rate of sale.

Landlords are seizing the day and selling properties at record speed. Oftentimes these are properties they have owned for decades, housing long-term tenants. Tenants who have faithfully paid what is considered to be “fair market rent” for their home. Tenants who are now suddenly homeless.

In a recent Detroit Free Press article, Mitch Albom writes: *“On any given night in America, a half a million people go homeless, including nearly 60,000 families. Only two out of three homeless people are in shelters. The rest are on the street. And because the street people are the ones the public frequently encounters, misconceptions easily form. You know the stereotype. Substance abusers. Mentally ill. Panhandlers. And with that stereotyping, perhaps because we don’t want to know any better, comes the blame game: they brought it on themselves.”*

No, they did not. Good tenants who have suddenly lost their home are no more at fault than someone who is suddenly laid off from their job. However, unlike



Partner Churches

All Soul's Anglican Church
Antioch Church
Christ United Church of Christ
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Woodstock
Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren
Columbia Furnace United Methodist Church
Community Mission Church of the Brethren
Conicville-Hamburg Charge UCC
Edinburg Lutheran Parish
Edinburg Christian Church
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
First Baptist Church of Woodstock
First Church of Columbia Furnace
Grace United Church of Christ
Lebanon Lutheran Church
Maurertown Brethren Church
Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church
Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church – New Market
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church – Woodstock
New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church
North Mountain Lutheran Parish
Oak Level Church
Our Lady of the Shenandoah Catholic Church
Reasoning Tree Church
Reformation Lutheran Church
Round Hill Church of the Brethren

the employment scenario where jobs are currently plentiful, affordable housing is not. Sudden unemployment is stressful. Sudden homelessness is debilitating.

William and his family called Family Promise after enduring such an experience. They had rented the same home for nearly fifteen years. It was sold and they had thirty days to find something comparable. The problem they encountered was there was nothing comparable. With four children under the age of 7, he and his family were suddenly homeless.

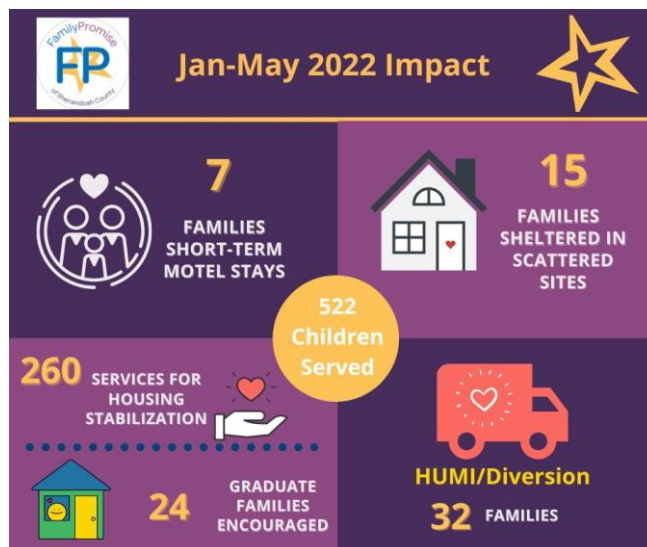
As they desperately searched for a home, they faced a new challenge. They couldn't find a motel that would permit the six of them to share a room! The Hampton Inn in Woodstock was one that would. However, William learned their savings wouldn't go far if they had to stay there any length of time. He told us he found us online, swallowed his pride, and called.

After having an intake interview with a Case Manager, the family was able to move into one of our Scattered Sites. They are currently in the Shelter phase of our program and working diligently with their Case Manager. They have set goals for improvement of employment, budget planning to help rebuild their savings, and assistance in locating affordable housing. They are appreciative of the assistance received and show it through their actions adhering to program guidelines and volunteering to assist us at the Family Center.

As an organization, Family Promise has not been immune to the effects of the current real estate boom. In the past month we have lost three of our Scattered Sites, one house and two apartments. Now we are the ones desperately searching for landlords willing to work with us! If you have available properties, and feel so moved, please contact us. All families currently working with Family Promise receive direct case management and regularly scheduled property inspections. We also guarantee the rent!

Romans 12:13

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”



Partner Churches (cont.)

Saumsville Christian Church
Shenandoah Community Fellowship
St. Andrews Episcopal Church
St. John Bosco Catholic Church
St. Johns United Methodist Church
St. Johns UCC
Hamburg St. Luke Brethren Church
St. Paul's UCC
St. Luke's UCC
"County Line"
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Strasburg Assembly of God
Strasburg Christian Church
Strasburg Presbyterian Church
Strasburg United Methodist Church
Trinity United Church of Christ
Valley Central Church
Valley Pike Church of the Brethren
Virginia Hills Church of Woodstock
Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
Walkers Chapel Church
Waterbrook Brethren Church
Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
Woodstock Christian Church
Woodstock Presbyterian Church
Woodstock United Methodist Church
Zion Christian Church
Zion Lutheran Church - Mt. Jackson



NOTE: TIME 9 AM (CHANGED FROM NOON)

4 Person Scramble

\$100 per golfer

\$400 per four-man team

Entry fee includes:

Golf * Cart * Snacks

Goodie Bag * Golf Tees

Player Mulligan Package

Door Prizes * Awards Dinner

Contests: Putting, Longest Drive, Closest to Pin

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Spotlight on FPSC's Younger Supporters

Elleanna Dalton (left) is working on her Girl Scout Silver Award. She collected supplies and put together hygiene kits for our families.

Eleanor Bauserman (right) asked folks to give her household supplies for her birthday which she donated to Family Promise of Shenandoah County.

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