



"Bringing Families Home. . .
Keeping Families Housed"

e-Newsletter
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Program at a Glance

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Message from Sherry

Hello to all our cherished members of the FPSC community! I hope all of you are well as we continue to find our way through this pandemic. FPSC is open and all staff are back in the office on a daily basis.

We are and have been supporting families in a variety of ways - providing: nights in a hotel, household items to families moving into permanent housing, gift cards for food, food from our small food pantry and emotional support to our families in transitional housing and graduate families. **Thanks for your continued generosity!** We are anticipating an increase in calls in July as the eviction moratorium expired June 28 and courts could resume hearing eviction cases on June 29. **I ask that you keep families and FPSC staff in your prayers as we work together to address these needs.**

We have not re-opened the rotation portion of our program yet due to COVID-19 restrictions - **we are exploring other options to provide shelter for families who are homeless.** If you have any thoughts or ideas about a static site - a place FPSC could use to shelter 3-5 families - please contact me. Together we will do the job we do best - help families who are the most vulnerable in our community. I am so grateful for your support!

Sherry Arey, Executive Director

2019 Statistics

16

Families Served

51

Individuals Served

25

Adults Served

26

Children Served

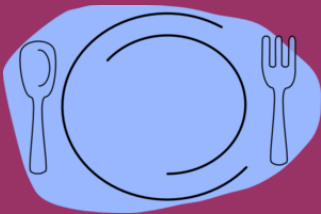
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Children 5 & Under



5,212

Meals Provided



2,606

Safe Nights



9,500+

Volunteer Hours



Case Manager's Corner

As we move into the second half of 2020, I continue to work with the four families in Transitional Housing (TH) providing assistance where needed. Everyone is still working, and I am assisting them with their weekly and monthly budgeting skills. With the recent donations of ground hamburger and chicken, all of the TH families are able to prepare a variety of main courses for their families. Ashley and Caitlin pass meal ideas to each other to use the hamburger—sloppy joes, goulash, meatball subs, and tacos are a few of the main courses they have made! We have given the hamburger and chicken to five of our graduate families as well!

The number of calls coming into the center are still low - we have received 12 calls as of June 25th. FPSC has been able to provide motel nights for five families (five adults and seven children) for a total of 13 nights. One call from the Winchester area needed assistance with furniture and another family needed assistance in making the car payment for the month of June.

Diane Wittreich

Where's the Beef?

What does 1100 lbs of beef look like? That is what was recently donated to FPSC. Meat has been given to graduate and transitional housing families and others in need. We have also shared with Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter, Response, Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center, Community School and Learning Center, St. John Bosco Outreach Ministry, and Luther Crest. **Many thanks to our generous donor!**



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Family Promise of Shenandoah County was awarded its first Homeless No More Challenge Match Grant on May 1, 2020. The goal of this Help Us Move In (HUMI) grant is to keep families in sustainable housing. Eligible families may receive funds to prevent eviction, pay security deposits, and for rental or mortgage assistance. Creation of program forms and local guidelines is currently underway. We have raised the initial \$10,000 to receive the HUMI grant and have received donations and pledges to meet the additional \$20,000 challenge for the 2020-2021 year. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

A Working Group has been established to ensure compliance with program operation guidelines and to assist in community fundraising efforts. The following individuals will meet quarterly:

Sherry Arey, FPSC Executive Director
Kelly Storey, FPSC Associate Director and HUMI Coordinator
Diane Pence, FPSC Outreach Coordinator
Donna Crabill, FPSC Administrative Assistant
Jerry Copp, FPSC Board Member
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Please stay tuned for more information as we engage in this amazing community supported effort!

And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:10-11



Our thanks to Crescent Cities Charities for their grant towards matching funds for HUMI!



Many thanks to all who participated in our first-ever online auction. It was a successful fundraiser and we've had lots of positive feedback about the format!

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

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Adventist Church

St. John Bosco Catholic
Church

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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



CoBank Matches SVEC Operation Roundup Grant

Many thanks to CoBank for their recent grant supporting FPSC!

CoBank recognizes that its customers often know best where funding can most effectively be provided to benefit their communities. Since Sharing Success was established in 2012, CoBank and its customers have together contributed more than \$44 million to groups such as volunteer fire departments, local schools and hunger relief programs. As a customer of CoBank, Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative, through the Operation Round Up Committee, selected FPSC to receive matching funds.

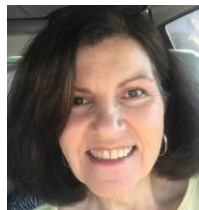
This is the second year we have been selected by SVEC Operation Roundup and CoBank.



Welcome Kelly Storey

Kelly Storey has been hired as our new associate director and HUMI coordinator. She grew up in Connellsville, PA, just south of Pittsburgh and graduated from Connellsville Area Senior High School. Her education includes California University of Pennsylvania, (Bachelor's degree in Special Education), Shenandoah University (Master's degree in Reading), and the University of Virginia (Administration and Supervision.) Kelly began her teaching career at the Toms Brook School as a special education teacher and after thirty-five years with the school system, retired from SCPS as the Supervisor of Federal Programs.

Kelly is a member of the Strasburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), one of our host churches, where she serves on the Pastoral Committee. She and her husband, Bob, live in Strasburg with their sons, Nicholas and David, and their dog Tessie. Kelly is an avid fan of Pittsburgh sports, and loves to read, bake, and entertain family and friends. Please join us in welcoming Kelly!



*Kelly Storey
Associate Director &
HUMI Coordinator*

