

FAMILY PROMISE
OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY
NEWSLETTER

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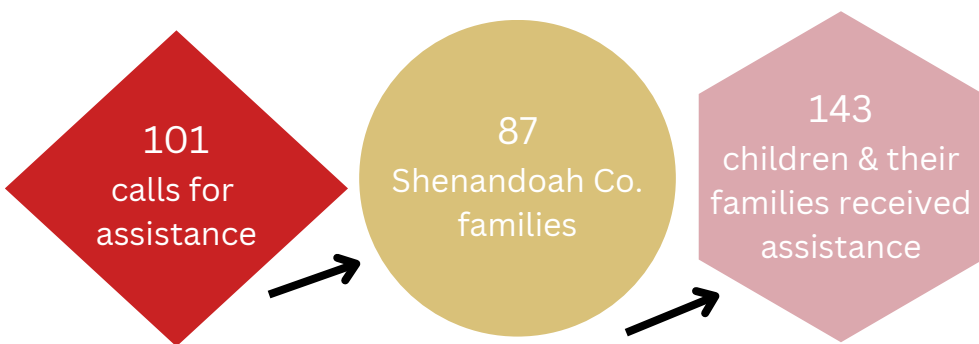
In the innocent world of my elementary school years, Valentine's Day was a delightful ritual of childhood. In early February, an entire art class was dedicated to meticulously decorating shoeboxes with cut-out hearts and paper doilies. These works of art lined the classroom windowsill awaiting valentines from classmates. The excitement would build as I spent an entire evening at the kitchen table selecting the perfect tiny Valentine for each classmate. It was a time when friendship and simple gestures of kindness were celebrated with the uninhibited love and joy children so easily share.

Love is not just a feeling, but something we actively choose to express. This Valentine's Day, let's rethink our definition of love. Reach out to those facing challenges. Slip the man with the sign at Walmart a twenty. Let's show that compassion knows no boundaries.

*And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13*

Wishing you peace,
Kelly

January News:



WISH LIST

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags (small boxes)
- Dish Liquid
- Laundry Detergent (small bottles/pods)
- Dryer Sheets
- Toilet Bowl cleaner
- Spray All-purpose Cleaner
- Hand Soap





Case Manager Spotlight

***“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.”
-Dalai Lama***

With Valentine’s Day right around the corner I’ve been thinking a lot about compassion, love, and kindness. In working and talking with our families, despite their many struggles, there is a multitude of compassion, kindness, and love for each other. The children are happy, loved, and well cared for. They show much kindness and compassion to me and the others at Family Promise.

In 2024 we were able to provide emergency shelter for 24 families. I’m blessed to be able to meet with these families weekly providing case management in the following areas: budgeting, improvement of employment, finding childcare, working with the Department of Social Services to access benefits, and working with landlords and property managers to secure stable, permanent housing.

The landlords show compassion, love, and kindness by generously offering their properties to us at an affordable price. Because of this we are able to provide non-congregate shelter to families giving them the privacy they need to relax for a bit, and to work on finding permanent housing.

~ Holly

***“What we all have in common is an appreciation of kindness and compassion; all the religions have this. Love. We all lean towards love.”
- Richard Gere***



Annual Steak Dinner Fundraiser

March 15 4-7:00 p.m.

Woodstock Moose



TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

call 540-459-4599 or stop by the Family Center
(Presale only...tickets will not be available at the door)



Special thanks
to our “scattered site” partners:
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We are currently collecting reusable grocery bags for our food pantry. New or gently used are both appreciated.