



“Bringing Families Home. . .
Keeping Families Together”

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A Child’s Future Begins at Home

The earliest month of Spring at Family Promise has been relatively quiet. We have continued to provide case management for the ten families living in our Scattered Sites, taken calls for food and supplies, and considered requests for utility or rental assistance. However, as tax refunds arrive, families living check to check are afforded just a bit more time to get caught up on past due bills and rent. As a result, the number of families knocking on our door for immediate shelter seems to decline slightly at this time each year. Things become just a bit quieter than usual.

As doers we are not always comfortable with “down” time. We are problem solvers, teachers, and helpers. We feel the need to search for answers and right wrongs, to help the less fortunate achieve a lifestyle that is sustainable, and end housing insecurity for children. How can we achieve this if we aren’t insanely busy?

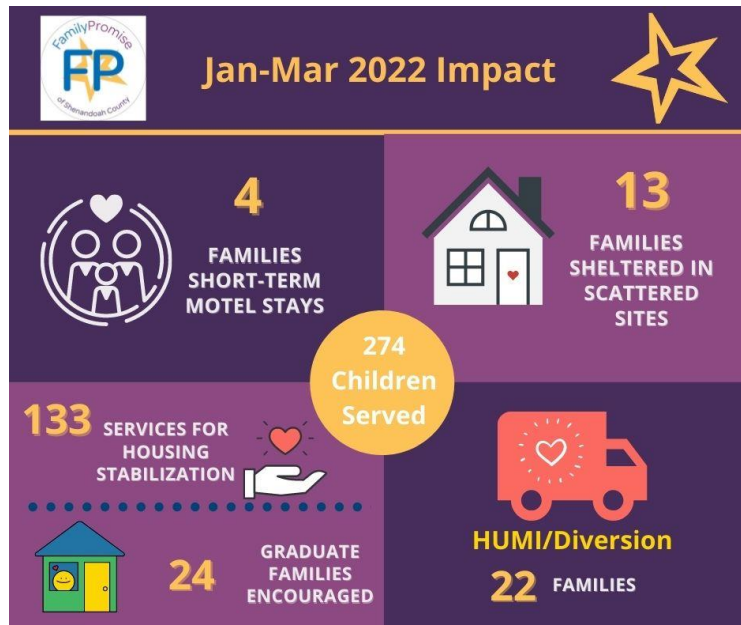
Jesus calmed the Sea of Galilee with the words, “Quiet! Be Still!” We can take that same directive as a blessing on our calmer days here at the Family Center. It is during this time we must take a moment to reflect on the healing power of quiet. We must let God into the moment with us thanking him for a time to refuel and listen. Listen with thoughtful attention to the voice of God as he directs us on our mission. Listen as we focus on his plan for Family Promise of Shenandoah County.



Partner Churches

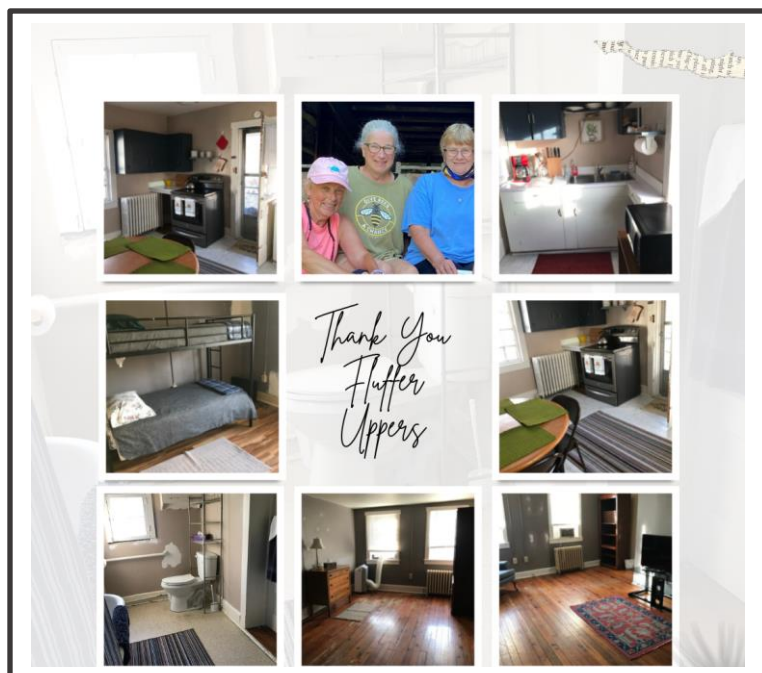
All Soul's Anglican Church
 Antioch Church
 Christ United Church of Christ
 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Woodstock
 Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren
 Columbia Furnace United Methodist Church
 Community Mission Church of the Brethren
 Conicville-Hamburg Charge UCC
 Edinburg Lutheran 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
 Oak Level Church
 Our Lady of the Shenandoah Catholic Church
 Reasoning Tree Church
 Reformation Lutheran Church
 Round Hill Church of the Brethren

During these moments of quiet we reach out for his guidance with the words found in I Samuel 3:9 - *“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”*



“Fluffer Uppers” Provide Special Welcome

This team of ladies (Patty, Mary & Kim) adds special touches of home to our new scattered shelter sites and freshen up others when one family moves out and another moves in. So many of our guests have commented on how much that little extra means to them. Thank you!



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

Scattered Sites Shelter Program

The Scattered Sites Shelter Program came into being in March 2020 when the COVID pandemic closed our Family Center. Thankfully, we were already working with two private landlords and had three apartments used as Transitional Housing. Over the last two years we have expanded to twelve scattered sites (six apartments and six houses) located in Woodstock, Edinburg, New Market, and Maurertown, rented to us by private landlords as well as churches. Due to the expansion of this program, we have added a second case manager.

Experience has shown that families settle in, find jobs and childcare, get enrolled in local schools and feel more secure using the scattered shelter model. This means that we are working with twelve families in scattered sites as well as additional families who have either graduated from the program or who are receiving assistance through HUMI or our stabilization/prevention services at any given time. We are very excited about this growth, but the case load is more than our current case manager, Diane Wittreich, can handle alone.

Holly Taff joined the staff in March as Case Manager for the Scattered Sites Shelter Program. Holly is a native of western Pennsylvania who moved to Shenandoah County in 1989 for a teaching job. She met and married her husband, Sam, here; and together they have three children. Holly retired from Shenandoah County Public schools in 2019 after 30 years of service! She taught at all three elementary schools in the county and says her true love is teaching 1st grade! After working at a local winery for several years, she heard about the job opening at FPSC. Holly says she is excited to be part of the mission of helping families experiencing homelessness and low-income families maintain their independence. She looks forward to the challenges and heard that this was a great place to work!



Bake Sale to Benefit FPSC

April 16th
8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Woodstock Walgreens Parking Lot

Please stop by and buy some great baked goods!

If you would like to donate any baked goods please email Trevorcoco1@yahoo.com



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March 26, 9 am
through
April 18, 9 pm



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Check out all the great auction items at:

<http://e.givesmart.com/events/pTP>

Congratulations Alex

So proud of you, Alex, for being selected to serve on the Guest Advisory Board (GAC) for Family Promise National! The Family Promise Guest Advisory Council (GAC) is comprised of graduate guests of Affiliates across the country. The GAC is drawn upon for advocacy efforts, public relations, the development of initiatives, and the formation of policy for Affiliates.



Alex Boudreau



FPSC 3rd Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, August 13th
Bryce Resort



Shotgun Start at Noon
4 Person Scramble
\$100 per golfer
\$400 per four-man team
SAVE THE DATE!



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