



“Bringing Families Home. . .  
Keeping Families Together”

e-Newsletter  
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### A Child’s Future Begins at Home

#### *An Invisible String*

Working their way through our program, guest families move from intensive case management during the shelter and stability phases, to sustainable housing and independence. As they reach that phase of self-sustainability we are like proud parents stepping back basking in their progress. But with that comes a small sense of melancholy knowing we won’t see them as often and they won’t “need” us quite as much.

The children’s book *The Invisible String* tells us that people who love each other are always connected by a very special string. . . Even though you can’t see it with your eyes, you can feel it with your heart and know that you are always connected to everyone you love. This sentiment perfectly describes the connection felt between us and our guest families.

An invisible string also connects us to our community. We feel that connection when community members and organizations stop by and make donations of much needed items. Or when a recent caller read the Woodstock electronic billboard and called us to ask what our organization did. He later stopped by for a visit and told us he had set up a monthly donation for our mission. These are but two examples of the hundreds of connections that have helped us provide assistance to over 1,000 Shenandoah County children so far this year.



## 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

And finally, this invisible string connects us to the other Family Promise affiliates across the country. The recent devastation caused by Hurricane Ian has been felt by our colleagues at Florida's three affiliates. Homes have been left damaged or uninhabitable. Our national office has started a hurricane [relief fund](#) which can be found by clicking the words "relief fund" above. All donations will go directly to affiliates impacted by Ian.

We are all connected by an invisible string. Even though it is invisible, you can feel it with your heart.

## Family Promise Week Celebration

We had our Family Promise Week Celebration this past Sunday afternoon at the Riffe Barn. At the reception we had a chance to recognize many individuals and organizations who are connected to FPSC followed by a barn dance & picnic. We were happy to see so many guests, former guests, community partners, and individual supporters. Thanks to Nelson & Jama Wakeman for providing the music and calling the dances!!

### *Landlords*

Darlene Wilkins  
St. John Bosco Catholic Church  
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church  
Linda Gingerich  
Blue & Orange Properties, LLC

James & Yvonne Frazier  
Zion Lutheran Church  
Edinburg Christian Church  
Peggy Smoot  
ERA Valley Realty

### *Community Partners*

Valley Health  
Starbucks  
Wiles Service & Repair

Walmart  
Woodstock Village  
Town of Edinburg

### *Individuals*

Rick Kessler

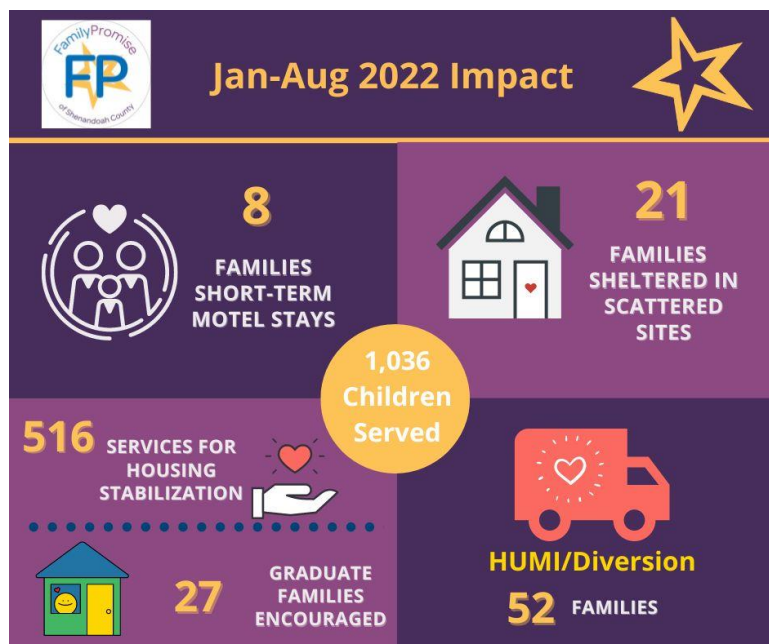
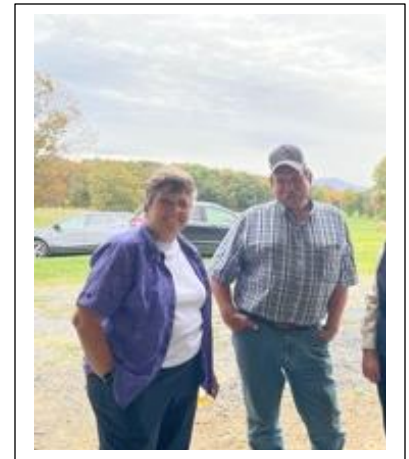
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**Partner Churches  
(cont.)**

- 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



## Corporate Sponsors



Family Promise continues to work with Belk to raise awareness of family homelessness and to raise money for affiliates through charity sale campaigns.

The 2022 spring campaign was a great success, and FPSC received a \$1,000 check through their generosity.

Thank you Belk!

UWNSV awards annual grants through a competitive application process that is completed by community volunteers. This year's grants focused on priority human care needs. FPSC was awarded a grant to support our scattered sites shelter & housing program! Thank you UWNSV!!



PROUD 2022 IMPACT GRANT RECIPIENT

United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley



**Save the Date – November 26<sup>th</sup> – Benefitting FPSC!**

Thanks to a special partnership with **Rubbermaid Commercial Products**, UWNSV offers a monthly sale of returned goods, discontinued products and slightly damaged items. The sale is held in the Belk Parking lot at Apple Blossom Mall in Winchester, VA from **9:00a.m. to 12 noon**. Items are different every month and the proceeds of each month's sale benefits a different local organization.

## Thank You Lantz Construction

Lantz Construction, located in Broadway, started a new community partnership with JMU's football program – each home game features a local agency who sends folks to present the ball at the beginning of the game. The agency "wins" money for every touchdown the Dukes make. Employees nominate agencies and we are excited that FPSC was chosen for the Nov. 26th game – the last game of the season!!

# GO DUKES



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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Shampoo           | Dish Liquid                         |
| Conditioner       | Glass Cleaner                       |
| Body Wash         | Small boxes of 13 gallon trash bags |
| Laundry Detergent | Mops                                |
| Dryer Sheets      | Buckets                             |
| Deodorant         | Paper Towels & Toilet Paper         |