

MAY 2025



Monthly Newsletter

Executive Director's Update

Family Promise of Shenandoah County is making a significant impact in the fight against family homelessness. We have achieved this through the ongoing support of our community. Working with churches, local government agencies, businesses, and community groups enables us to provide not only shelter, but also comprehensive case management in areas such as financial literacy, good tenancy habits, and life/job skills training. These partnerships help families transition from crisis to independence.

Across our community, local nonprofits working together are also making a difference. Every day acts of compassion are sparking real change and restoring hope for those facing housing challenges. When nonprofits and partners align their missions, we can end homelessness for dozens of Shenandoah County families and create lasting community change. By working together, we are not just providing shelter; we are building pathways to stability and hope for families.

Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, one can help the other up. But woe to the one who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Wishing you peace, Kelly





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Case Manager's Corner



Homelessness is not just the absence of shelter, it is the absence of hope. Such was the case when a mom with three children contacted us. She had exhausted all available resources, was willing to put in the work, and make the necessary changes to provide stable housing for her family. The family had several barriers to housing. Along with shelter, we provided case management and support while the mom worked very hard to improve their situation.

Following several months of case management, she submitted her first application for an apartment. She met with the property manager and was told she had a strong chance of approval. Unfortunately, her application was denied, and she became very discouraged. As we continued to meet weekly we set additional goals, and recognized the progress she and her children had made. This renewed her hope.

Shortly thereafter, the property manager reached out to Family Promise. She had appealed the denial and the family was approved! This was wonderful news as the children would not have to change schools and they would be close to extended family.

The collaboration with this property manager is an excellent reminder that not only does it take a village, but also we need to hold on to our trust and faith in our guests.

I was blessed to be there when she signed her lease, and when she saw the apartment for the first time. The pictures below show the joy words cannot express.











CLAYTON HOMES HAS AWARDED US ▲ \$20,000 GRANT TO KEEP SHENANDOAH COUNTY FAMILIES SAFELY HOUSED. IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, THESE FUNDS HAVE HELPED KEEP 13 FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES! WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND NATIONWIDE!

Mark your calendar for our upcoming

6th Annual Golf Tournament for more info, contact 540-459-7629



Friday, August 1, 2025 **Registration: 8 am** Shotgun Start: 9 am **4** Person Scramble



\$100 per golfer / \$400 per four-man team Entry fee includes: Golf | Cart | Snacks | Goodie Bag Player Mulligan Package | Awards Dinner | Contests

"HOLE IN ONE" PRIZES

for all par threes! **Including a new vehicle** for one par three! **Sponsored by Criswell Ford and** Criswell Chrysler/Dodge/Jeep/Ram of Woodstock criswellfordwoodstock.com criswelljeepofwoodstock.com





Gold - \$1000 One Team Entry Two Tee Box Sponsors Social Media Recognition Bonus Mulligan Package 4 x6 Custom Vinyl Banner

Silver - \$500 One Team Entry One Tee Box Sponsor Bonus Mulligan Package 2 x 4 Custom Vinyl Banner

Bronze - \$250 One Golfer One Tee Box Sponsor

Make a Difference - \$500

Sponsor a Contest: Putting | Team Mulligan Longest Drive | Closest to Pin Banner Recognition on Course Social Media Recognition Tee Box Sponsorship 2 x 4 Custom Vinyl Banner

Friends of FPSC - \$100

One Tee Box Sponsor or In Memory of / Honor of Someone **All sponsors recognized at the golf tournament and in tournament program.**

> Sponsor entry deadline July 12, 2025

Ervices at Cost

Service 🗸	🖭 Amount 🗸	Families 🗸	Children 🗸
utilities	\$535.52	2	5
rent	\$3,917.00	4	10
move in	\$846.00	1	1
motels	\$143.36	1	3
child care	\$0.00		
other	\$0.00		
shelter	\$4,984.70	2	5
food	\$618.64	26	38
Total	\$11,045.22	36	62





around the office at <u>fosc....</u>

-Sherry & Barry Arey recently welcomed their first granddaughter;

-Diane Pence (former employee and current Board Member) received her licensure through the Covenant Brethren Church;

-Kelly's eldest son (who lives in Texas) conspired with his brother to arrange an airport pickup totally surprising his parents with an awesome visit!

lets get acquainted

Libby Rocco Board President



Libby Rocco is a Shenandoah County native and a founding member of Family Promise of Shenandoah County.

She is a former educator and owner of Wightman Insurance in Edinburg. She directs three choirs at Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren. Libby and her husband, Keith Rocco, play in Jump Alley Swing Band. She is the proud mother of two sons and grandma to four little ones.

Libby enjoys travel, tennis, gardening, horseback riding and spending time with family and friends.

She is inspired by the passion and dedication of the Family Promise staff which truly impacts the lives of our clients.



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