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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

Executive Director's Update



While reading through a morning devotional, I learned that the story of Peter is sometimes referred to as "the Gospel of the Second Chance." (If you need a refresher, Peter denied Jesus three times before the Crucifixion) Later, when the women came to the tomb and found the stone rolled away, the angel said, "But go, tell His disciples and Peter, that He is going before you to Galilee." Peter was given a second chance.

Second chances are a fundamental part of life. The opportunity to start over after a mistake or failure is important for redemption and hope. Opportunities to correct our missteps make growth possible.

Second chances restore hope to those who feel defeated or defined by their past. This hope is essential for rebuilding self-worth and dignity. Granting a second chance is closely tied to forgiveness. It requires empathy. It requires a love that fosters compassion.

No one succeeds alone. Support from friends and family is often what leads one to success. But when you don't have a personal support system you may face continued challenges. Finding someone to believe in you can be the difference between continued strife and meaningful change. For our families, that someone is Family Promise of Shenandoah County.

At Family Promise, we believe in each family. When asked if we ever give families a second chance, we can confidently reply, "Yes, we do!" Second chances are not just acts of kindness; they are essential for personal redemption, progress, and success. By embracing the value of second chances, we create relationships through which learning and progress are possible for everyone.

The value of second chances may be best articulated through the words of a former guest, "Thanks for believing in me. You were the first one ever." Powerful words. Perhaps Peter felt the same when Jesus gave him a second chance.

Wishing you peace,
Kelly

In this
newsletter:

Latest news, and more.

Keep Reading!

Add to your calendar:

- August 1 Annual Golf Tournament
- November 15 Annual Turkey Trot
- December 2 Giving Tuesday



Case Manager's Corner

Would you recognize a person or family experiencing homelessness in Shenandoah County? What do you picture when you think about homelessness? It's different here than in a city. People are not sleeping on the streets and in parks. Here, a person or family could be doubled up with friends or family, living in their car, moving from one person's house to another (couch surfing), or staying in a motel that someone else has funded.

Many of the families working full time are struggling to make ends meet. Sick children, car problems, and no support system often cause them to miss work. Missing work causes job loss. Many families are just one flat tire away from becoming homeless.

Recently, two families have been brought into our shelter program. Both were doubled up with family and had been asked to leave. As soon as the families moved into shelter I could see the adults visibly relax and breathe a sigh of relief. The children were busy exploring, running from room to room. One little girl exclaimed, "I love it here!" This is what Family Promise is all about. Every child deserves a home.



~Holly

May, 2025 Cost for Services provided

Service	Amount	Families	Children
utilities	\$472.00	1	2
rent	\$3,525.00	4	10
move in	\$0.00	0	0
motels	\$0.00	0	0
child care	\$0.00	0	0
other	\$0.00	0	0
shelter	\$5,781.00	3	10
food	\$650.00	15	27
Total	\$10,428.00	23	49



Thanks to the following for hosting events to benefit Family Promise of Shenandoah County:

Maurertown Brethren Church

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren
and

Lebanon Lutheran Church

Your community support is very much appreciated!!



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

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tournament and in tournament program.**



Sponsor entry deadline
July 12, 2025

Let's get acquainted

Katherine Morrison
Vice President



Katherine Morrison is the vice president of the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Shenandoah County.

She spent her professional career leading nonprofit organizations in the Washington DC area until she and her husband John retired to Woodstock in 2015. In addition to Family Promise, Katherine also is active with Emmanuel Episcopal Church, the Shenandoah County Democratic Committee and the Community Foundation of Shenandoah County.

These roles reflect her lifelong commitment to care and justice for all.



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