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NEWSLETTER

FAMILY PROMISE OF
SHENANDOAH COUNTY



A note from our Executive Director

In every community, neighbors make a difference. They are the people who notice when someone needs a helping hand, offer encouragement, or simply remind us that no one has to face a difficult time alone.

Fred Rogers once said, "Imagine what our real neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person." Those simple acts of kindness can be especially meaningful for families experiencing housing instability. A caring conversation, a referral to local resources, or a willingness to help can create a path toward hope and stability.

When we refer someone to another organization after realizing we cannot meet their needs, we create a positive domino effect among neighbors helping neighbors. That connection may lead to the right resources, support, and opportunities for stability while strengthening collaboration across our community. Even when we cannot assist directly, a thoughtful referral helps ensure that no one is left without a path forward.

Thank you for being the kind of neighbor who cares, listens, and takes action. Together, we are making every day a "beautiful day in our neighborhood."

Wishing you peace,
Kelly

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keeping families together"*

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Case Manager's Corner

Being neighborly often shows up in small, meaningful acts of kindness. This happens frequently with our sheltered families. These moments are a reminder that one simple act of kindness goes a long way in making someone feel connected, and that is just the first ripple in success. Here are just a few moments in the past that are perfect examples of neighborly kindness in our families' day-to-day lives.

One of our families is preparing to move from shelter into permanent affordable housing. When the owner of the shelter unit learned she was leaving, he made a point of saying that he wanted to stop by before she moved. He told her he would miss her and had truly enjoyed getting to know her.

At another shelter unit, the families staying there often discover thoughtful gifts outside their door from a neighbor - baked goods, paper towels, and toys for the children.

One of our board members provided transportation for a sheltered father so he could attend training for his new job. Once his training was complete, transportation was provided by the company when training was over, and he began his job.

Most recently, the children living in an upstairs unit left some of their favorite snacks for the children downstairs. At just 2 and 3 years old, they are already learning what it means to be good neighbors and show kindness to others.

These gestures may seem simple, but they help families feel welcomed, supported, and connected. When families feel the support from the community, they are more likely to feel confident and engaged, leading to success in our program.

~ Holly



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

7th Annual Golf Tournament

Our 7th Annual Golf Tournament took place on Friday, July 31st, and Mother Nature couldn't have provided a more perfect day! The tournament went off without a hitch, filled with wonderful conversations, plenty of smiles, and a whole lot of community spirit.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported this annual event. Your generosity and enthusiasm help make it such a success year after year. We had a total of 21 teams. All group photos are available on Facebook. However, if you were a team at the event and would like your photo emailed to you because you do not have access to Facebook, please reach out to Jennifermatias@shenandoahfamilypromise.org, and I can get it to you.

A heartfelt thank you to our board members for stepping up and dedicating their time, energy, and talents to keeping the tournament running smoothly. Your commitment does not go unnoticed. Our events are successful because of the incredible community we've built right here—and that community starts with you.

A very special thank you to our *amazing* sponsors for helping make it all possible. Your generosity and continued support mean so much to us, and we are grateful to have you in our corner.

We are thrilled to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we raised \$18,000! These funds will go back into our programs and make a meaningful difference in supporting our mission and the individuals and families we serve.

Mark your calendars for next July for our 8th Annual Golf Tournament!

National Night Out - August 4

Family Promise was thrilled to be part of National Night Out this year! We enjoyed connecting with our community at our table, sharing goodies and information about the work we do. With an estimated 1,000 people in attendance, it was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and meet some new friends along the way. What an absolute joy to be part of such a well-loved community event and to connect with so many local families. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello and learn more about Family Promise. We are grateful for opportunities like this to build neighborly connections and celebrate the community we are so proud to be a part of!

Coming Up



SAVE THE DATE
November 21st starting at 9am
Shenandoah County Park
Mauertown, VA

OUR STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KELLY STOREY
CASE MANAGER HOLLY TAFF
OUTREACH COORDINATOR JENNIFER DUFNER
OFFICE MANAGER DONNA CRABILL

Family Promise of Shenandoah County has been
named the 2025 Nonprofit of the Year!



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July 2026: COST OF SERVICES

JULY 2026			
service	amount	families	children
utilities	\$1,241.15	2	3
rent	\$3,417.00	4	6
move in	\$1,926.00	1	2
motels	\$0.00		
child care	\$0.00		
other	\$50.00	2	4
shelter	\$3,450.82	4	7
food	\$383.05	17	36
Total	\$10,468.02	30	58