



"Bringing Families Home. . .
Keeping Families Housed"

e-Newsletter
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Program at a Glance

2020 YTD Statistics

5

Guest Families

4

Families
Transitional Housing

11

Families Forward

98

Families
Housing Stabilization



Message from Sherry

Family Promise of Shenandoah County is still open and still serving families with children! However, current services are now more about keeping families housed (diverting homelessness and stabilizing housing) and meeting immediate basic needs such as food, gas and utilities. We continue to monitor all the moving pieces of this pandemic and are working hard to get a better understanding of options for our program.

Many of you have reached out and asked how you can help during this time. Thank you for the monetary donations and in-kind donations of gas and grocery gift cards and food items!

Volunteer opportunities will remain paused until it is safe for us to engage with each other once again. I miss all our volunteers and hope to see you all soon!

I appreciate your support as FPSC works to be a good community partner and prioritizes the safety and health of our families, volunteers, and staff. The outpouring of love and support from this amazing community has been incredible, and with this support we have been able to continue serving families during this crisis! Thank you for standing with our resilient families and children.

Family Promise of Shenandoah County will continue to work with families during these unprecedented times and we could not do this work without you. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me directly or call me at the Family Center.

Sherry Arey, Executive Director

2019 Statistics

16

Families Served

51

Individuals Served

25

Adults Served

26

Children Served

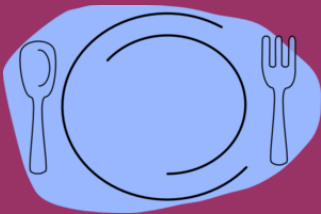
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Children 5 & Under



5,212

Meals Provided



If

2,606

Safe Nights



9,500+

Volunteer Hours



Case Manager's Corner

Update on Transitional Housing Families

Amanda successfully completed her coursework to become a Clinical Medical Assistant and took the certification exam on July 8th. She can now officially add CCMA to her name. Last year she became a Certified Phlebotomist Technician. She has applied for several positions in the medical field, and I will update after she accepts a new position. Congratulations Amanda!!!

Amanda has also completed the paperwork for Maverick to be evaluated through the SCPS Prechool Program, and they have an appointment next week. And speaking of the SCPS Preschool Program, Cameron has been accepted and completed his evaluations to go to Head Start in the fall! Yes, our little toddlers, Maverick (turned 3 in March) and Cameron (turned 3 in December), are growing up and looking forward to going to school!!

Diane Wittreich



We have had some unique donations in the past, but this is truly one of a kind! Big L Tire in Harrisonburg donated over 400 tires (not in pairs and odd sizes) which are being sold by a third party for us! Many thanks to Big L and our reseller!!



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Spotlight on the Board

Jerry Copp

Jerry joined the FPSC Board of Directors in September 2019. He retired in 2014 from VDOT, where he was employed as the Edinburg Residency Administrator as well as other positions, after 50 years of service. Jerry and his wife, Jean, are members of Saumsville Christian Church (an FPSC support church). Jerry is an enthusiastic supporter of Family Promise. He has spent many hours volunteering, including acting as



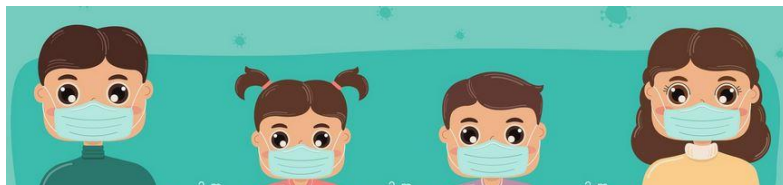
overnight host! Jerry has also met with a number of churches and community groups to educate them about the Family Promise program and encourage members to volunteer. Recently Jerry began serving on FPSC's "Help Us Move In" (HUMI) committee.

Jerry says he first heard about FPSC through speakers at his church. Their members had a lot of concerns, but all of their questions were answered and they served as a host church for a couple of years. He is amazed at all the good work Sherry and her staff do; and since becoming a board member, he has learned more about what goes on behind the scenes and how FPSC coordinates with so many other community agencies. Most of all, he is pleased to see how FPSC has developed a wrap-around approach to homelessness: Prevention, shelter, and rehousing through the transitional housing program and assistance with finding permanent housing.

HUMI Update from Kelly

We currently have funds available through our HUMI (Help Us Move In) grant program to assist families facing eviction, foreclosure, or termination of utility services. If you know of a family in need of assistance, please have them call or email me at the Family Center: 540-459-4599 or kellystorey@shenandoahfamilypromise.org

We will assess each situation and do whatever we can to help families stay safe and stay housed!



Host Churches & Organizations

All Souls Anglican Church/
Community Mission
Church of the Brethren

Antioch Church of the
Brethren

Buttonwood Lodge/
Camp Caroline Furnace

Lebanon Lutheran Church

Mt. Hermon United
Methodist Church

New Market Seventh-Day
Adventist Church

St. John Bosco Catholic
Church

St. John's United
Methodist Church

Shenandoah Valley Teen
Challenge

Shrine Mont

Strasburg Assembly of God

Strasburg Christian
Church

Valley Pike Church of the
Brethren

Wakemans Grove Church
of the Brethren



Plans for Reopening the Family Shelter Program

Reopening will require adherence to established physical distancing and health/safety protocols. Families will be accepted into the program on a limited basis. Families will be housed overnight at a motel in Woodstock and transported to the Family Center for case management services. If a family member tests positive during this time, the family will remain at the motel and meals will be dropped off as needed. Once the family is cleared by a doctor, they can then return to the Family Center. We are also looking for static sites such as camps, B&B's, etc. to house families as an alternative to the motel.

The rotational part of the shelter program will not resume until **all** of the congregations are ready and feel safe enough to provide overnight shelter again and are able to abide by the mandate for the number of people allowed in gatherings.

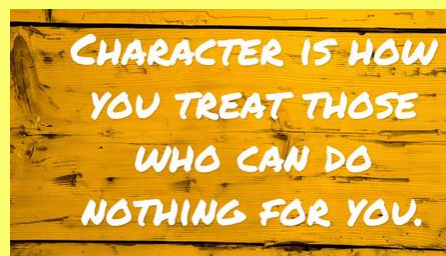
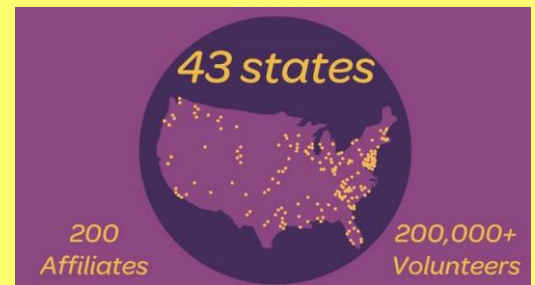
Congregations can help out with meals, cards to local restaurants, or gift cards to grocery stores if the families prefer to prepare their own meals.

Staff members will monitor their health and self-quarantine at home until it is appropriate to return to work. Cleaning/disinfecting protocols will be followed at the Family Center. All those entering the Family Center are required to wear a mask.



Claas Ehlers
@ClaasEhlers

Continue to be amazed by the work of @fpnational Affiliates serving families, engaging volunteers, navigating constant changes. They mobilize community and they are community. Thank you.



CHARACTER IS HOW
YOU TREAT THOSE
WHO CAN DO
NOTHING FOR YOU.

COMING SOON TO WOODSTOCK!



Virtual Event Instead of Cardboard City
Late September
Watch for More Details!!!!