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NEWSLETTER

FAMILY PROMISE OF
SHENANDOAH COUNTY



A note from our Executive Director

I met Eileen, a young, single mom, about six years ago. Facing homelessness while caring for her infant son was an especially heavy load. Without relatives to turn to, finding a way forward felt insurmountable. A community partner directed her to us, and through Family Promise, she found compassionate support as we walked beside her on her journey toward a more stable future.

For six years, Family Promise has maintained a relationship with Eileen—celebrating the highs, offering encouragement through the lows, and reminding her that she is not alone. That lasting connection reflects what Family Promise means to families: not just help during a crisis, but a community that continues to care.

Getting married this summer marked another meaningful chapter in Eileen's life. One that now includes having a partner with whom she can share her faith along with life's joys and responsibilities. We found our own joy, and added to hers, by attending the wedding and most recently gifting the family of four a donated minivan. This gift meant dependable routines, easier trips to work and school, and greater independence. She told me she didn't even know how cool a "mom van" could be, and this one even had heated seats!! The pictures below show her excitement!

Eileen's journey reflects more than a change in circumstances. It is about gaining confidence, creating steady routines for her children, and having room to imagine—and build—a brighter future. Family Promise has been blessed to be a part of this journey.

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keeping families together"*

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Case Manager's Corner

Happy October!

The weather is cooler, the leaves are changing, the sky is a beautiful blue, and 100%, yes, 100% of our sheltered families have moved into permanent housing. This is made possible by the dedicated efforts of many individuals.

- Our ongoing partnership with Shenandoah Alliance for Shelter.
- The generous support of our wonderful community.
- Property Managers, Amy Mitchell (New Market North), and Taralyn Nicholson who worked so diligently to help our families realize their dream of permanent housing.
- The families putting in the work alongside their Case Manager to make the most of their time in shelter and make their dreams a reality.



WELCOME HOME, EVERYONE!

~ Holly



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

10th Anniversary Celebration



Our 10th Anniversary Celebration will be here before you know it. With the RSVP deadline just a week away, we wanted to share a few more important details to help you plan. We hope this information is helpful as you make your arrangements, and we look forward to celebrating with you!

Tickets: \$50 - Purchase tickets by **October 16**. Purchase them online [here](#) or in person at our office during regular business hours.

October 30th Event Highlights:

- Celebration begins at 6 PM with social time.
 - Each ticket includes a dinner and dessert provided by Jillian's Farmstead Kitchen.
 - Participate in the Silent Cake Auction with a dessert to take home (we won't make you share).
 - Two of our former guests will be sharing their stories.
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Important Information:

- Tickets are required. Please purchase tickets by **October 16**. This is so we can inform Jillian how much food to prepare.
- There are two ways to purchase. Use this [link](#) to order online OR reach out to the office during our office hours to pay in person.
- There are **NO PHYSICAL TICKETS**. Once you purchase tickets, your name will be on our list. We will have that list the evening of the celebration.
- Dinner is included with your ticket.

Sponsorship Opportunities:

If you'd like to become a Sponsor, please reach out to the office. Sponsors will be recognized in all promotional and advertising materials (unless otherwise requested). Sponsorship level information can be found on our website.

3rd Annual Turkey Trot

Registration is trotting along

Registration is trotting along for our 3rd Annual Turkey Trot on November 21st at Shenandoah County Park in Maurertown. All ages are welcome!

Register online [here](#) or stop by our office during regular business hours to register in person.

Register by **November 1st** to receive a [free](#) long-sleeve T-shirt!

- Ages 13 and up: \$35
- Ages 12 and under: \$25

Can't join us at the Park on November 21st? No problem! Consider our virtual option and participate wherever you are.
We will see you on the starting line!



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

OUR STAFF

- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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



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September 2026: COST OF SERVICES

service	amount	families	children
utilities	\$414.71	3	9
rent	\$2,904.00	3	8
move in	\$0.00	0	0
motels	\$0.00	0	0
child care	\$0.00	0	0
other	\$1,275.49	3	4
shelter	\$3,347.15	3	4
food	\$388.04	11	15
Total	\$8,329.39	23	40