



“Bringing Families Home. . .  
Keeping Families Together”

e-Newsletter  
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### A CHILD’S FUTURE BEGINS AT HOME

Coretta Scott King once said, *"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."* Looking back at 2021 there is no doubt that truer words have never been spoken. Calls for assistance reached an all-time high this December and our community demonstrated overwhelming compassion.

While we have not sheltered families in churches since the onset of the Pandemic, the support from the faith community continues to bless our guests. Donations of food, move-in kits for kitchens and baths, funds for guest needs, and ongoing prayers strengthen our bond with community churches.

We have also been blessed by the financial support of many citizens and organizations. Relationships formed with local businesses demonstrate the value of involving the community in our mission. As we get to know members of the business community it puts a face on both them and us.

Brenda at **Woodstock Village** has worked tirelessly helping to ensure our guests get and remain in affordable housing. She shows grace to tenants who may be struggling and encourages them to contact FPSC. This year five of our families have found affordable, secure housing there.

**Wiles Service and Repair** has worked on many of our guests’ vehicles. From basic service and inspection to what might equate to automotive CPR, all work has been performed at reasonable cost. Brian and his staff regularly make time for us, stand behind their work, and treat our guests with courtesy.



## 2021 Partner Churches

All Soul's Anglican Church

Antioch Church of the Brethren

Christ United Church of Christ

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Woodstock

Columbia Furnace Church of the Brethren

Columbia Furnace United Methodist Church

Community Mission Church of the Brethren

Edinburg Christian Church

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

First Baptist Church of Woodstock

First Church of Columbia Furnace

Grace United Church of Christ

Lebanon Lutheran Church

Maurertown Brethren Church

Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church

Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church – Woodstock

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church – New Market

New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Oak Level Church

Our Lady of the Shenandoah Catholic Church

Reasoning Tree Church

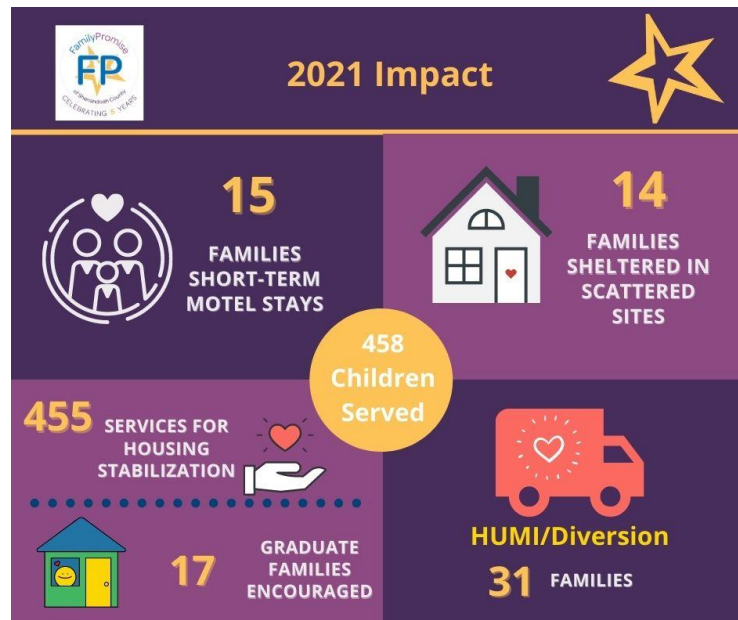
Reformation Lutheran Church

Round Hill Church of the Brethren

Susie is the manager of the **Woodstock Starbucks**. Since the store's opening she has reached out to us seeking ways they might assist in our mission to end food insecurity for families. On our behalf, she secured a \$4000 grant from the Starbucks corporate office, placed a Christmas tree in the Starbucks lobby where patrons could donate wish list items, and coordinated donations of Starbucks food donations to our food pantry three times a week.

Having a supportive community reminds us that we are a part of something greater than ourselves. It provides the opportunities to connect, educate, and to reach for our goals. And, of course, it reminds us that we are blessed beyond measure to live and work in a community where we share a mission to assist others.

*“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much” – Helen Keller*



## More Community Support!



Thanks and congratulations go to the 2019-2021 **Leadership Shenandoah County** class! LSC inspires, develops, engages and connects diverse leaders to one another, across sectors and experience. The Leadership program increases leaders' knowledge and perspectives on key local and regional issues, and provides an environment for challenging and strategic conversations. This year's LSC class selected FPSC as their class project and collected gifts for the children in our program. FPSC's outreach coordinator - Diane Pence - was a member of the class. Thank you to the **Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce** and their sponsors for offering this valuable program!

St. Andrews Episcopal Church

St. John United Methodist Church

St. John Bosco Catholic Church

St. Johns United Methodist Church

St. Johns UCC Hamburg

St. Luke Brethren Church

St. Luke's United Church of Christ "County Line"

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Strasburg Assembly of God

Strasburg Christian Church

Strasburg Presbyterian Church

Strasburg United Methodist Church

Trinity United Church of Christ

Valley Central Church

Valley Pike Church of the Brethren

Virginia Hills Church of Woodstock

Wakemans Grove Church of the Brethren

Walkers Chapel Church

Waterbrook Brethren Church

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

Woodstock Christian Church

Woodstock Presbyterian Church

Woodstock United Methodist Church

Zion Christian Church

Zion Lutheran Church - Mt. Jackson

Thank you to **Shenandoah Valley Academy** for sponsoring a pillow drive for FPSC. What a pillow fight we could have!!!!



**Anytime Fitness – Woodstock** sponsored The Ugly Sweater 5K to benefit FPSC at Maurertown Park on December 26<sup>th</sup>.



- ♥ Many individuals:
  - Provided Food
  - Adopted Families for Christmas
  - Donated Welcome Kits
- ♥ **Strasburg United Methodist Church** - Welcome Kits.
- ♥ **Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church** – Christmas Supplies for Families
- ♥ **New Market Seventh Day Adventist Church** – Welcome Kits
- ♥ **St. John Bosco Catholic Church** – Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Dinner baskets
- ♥ **Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority** – Office Kits
- ♥ **Spring Valley Farms VA LLC** – 50 lbs. of beef

**SO MUCH MORE – WE ARE OVERWHELMED BY YOUR GENEROSITY!!!!**

## Corporate Sponsors

### Premium



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## Longaberger Basket Auction

Jan. 17, 9 am - Jan. 31, 9 pm



Great news!!!! FPSC is offering you a "BONUS" Silent Auction in January.

This is a **first** for Family Promise of Shenandoah County. Here is your opportunity to purchase a **Longaberger Basket**. As you may know, these are hard to find and very popular. They are known for their uniqueness and quality. Every one is different.

Invite your friends to see the baskets, or have a basket party! Great time for winter fun! We are currently building the [auction site](#) so check back often to see what has been added.



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