

e-Newsletter
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Program at a Glance

2020 YTD Statistics

12 Guest Families

5 Families
Transitional Housing

11 Families Forward

139 Families
Housing Stabilization

6 HUMI Families



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Message from Sherry

Welcome to November! And the time change....and social distancing....and wearing masks! What a year this has been! We just celebrated National Family Promise Week. I hope you saw our videos and thank-you's. Let me say thanks again for your ongoing support.

We are beginning to see the downside of the pandemic....calls for assistance are on the rise. We are still open and we are still assisting families with shelter, food and other financial needs.

I am happy to report that we were able to help two families move into housing the last week of October (through our HUMI Grant)! If you would like more information about HUMI, just ask!

We continue to adjust and adapt our services so we can meet the needs of as many families as we can. If you have any questions about our current programs, please contact me. **THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO! The families are always so grateful for everything!**

Sherry Arey, Executive Director



2019 Statistics

16

Families Served

51

Individuals Served

25

Adults Served

26

Children Served

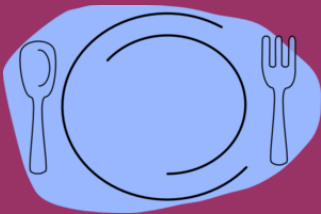
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Children 5 & Under



5,212

Meals Provided



2,606

Safe Nights



9,500+

Volunteer Hours



Case Manager's Corner

Happy 2nd Birthday to the FPSC Transitional Housing Program! The TH program was started in November 2018 through a generous donation. We currently have a house with two apartments in Woodstock and an apartment in New Market. So far, five families have been able to benefit from the program; three of whom are still housed.

To move into this program, the family needs to have “graduated” from our shelter program. The family can stay in Transitional Housing for up to two years. This allows the family to continue getting case management support via rental subsidy and life skills coaching (budgeting, good tenancy, problem solving and communication, educational and career planning) as well as setting and achieving goals. In addition to paying rent, the agreement also requires the family to save money every month that will be given to them as they leave the program. This way they have a nice ‘nest egg’ when they move out of the TH program.

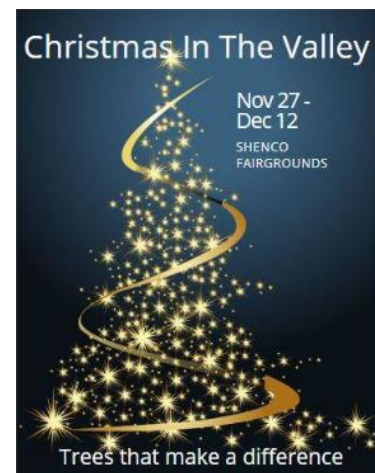
The staff at FPSC looks forward to adding more TH units in the future! Check out what [Ed Wilkins](#) (our first landlord) and [Rudy](#) (our second family in transitional housing) have to say.

I stay in contact with many of our graduate families and recently received some awesome news from two families. The first family graduated in January 2018 and are still living in the same house. The oldest daughter has graduated from high school and is currently working as a CNA at a local assisted living facility, and the next oldest daughter is a senior in high school and has plans to become a kindergarten teacher. The second family was in the program at the end of 2018, and the mother has recently completed her training as a Registered Medical Assistant. She is in the process of applying for jobs in this field.

Diane Wittreich



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Check us out during Christmas in the Valley!

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HUMI Update from Kelly

October has been a busy month! Through HUMI (Help Us Move In), two more families have moved into their own apartments!

Our first family was forced to leave the majority of their belongings behind when they had to leave their home unexpectedly. While we worked with them to find housing, FPSC paid for the single mom and her two school-age children to stay in a motel. The mom works full time, but was financially unable to support the costs related to moving into a new home. HUMI covered their security deposit and first month's rent. Through generous donations, we were able to furnish beds, a dresser, and linens for the family. They also received items to stock their kitchen and bathroom. They are currently in need of living room furniture and a dining table and chairs.

Our second family has one school-age child and faced eviction due to COVID-19. One parent was diagnosed with the virus and struggled to recover. She had just started a full-time job but was unable to work due to her illness. The other parent stayed home to care for their child and assist with virtual learning. Everyone is now well and heading back to work and school! However, because they were unable to pay their rent for several months they were facing eviction. HUMI kept them housed! We assisted them in finding an affordable apartment and covered their security deposit and first month's rent. FPSC also stocked their kitchen through our Meal Kit donations.

The gratitude expressed by both families was beyond measure. One of the mothers said, "I haven't slept through the night in months. Last night I got in bed and felt like a huge weight had been lifted. I just can't say thank you enough!"

These success stories could only have happened through the HUMI Community Match grant and your generous donations to our new Meal Kit program (see attached list of needs). Your donations will continue to enable FPSC to help homeless families with children get and remain housed!

Kelly Storey



FPSC Champions

Thank you so much for all the ways you have supported us this last year!! It has definitely not been business as usual, and our fundraising efforts have fallen short. **If you are looking for new & different ways to help us right now**, here are some suggestions:

- Donate items for [Meal Kits](#).
- Shop [Color Street nails](#) (Alice Bauserman) – they make great Christmas gifts! 20% of sales will be donated to FPSC (see attached flyer).
- **Double the impact of your donation** by checking to see if your employer has a matching gifts program. We have recently received matching gifts from Shentel Foundation and Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative.
- Make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution** to FPSC and lower the tax impact of a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA. Check with your broker or investment banker for details.

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Brethren

Buttonwood Lodge/
Camp Caroline Furnace

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Adventist Church

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Church

St. John's United
Methodist Church

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Challenge

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Church

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Brethren

Wakemans Grove Church
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**Thank You to All
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Prize Winners – Bowling at Mountain View Lanes

Team Raising the Most Money: Leland Family

Team With the Most Creative Setting: Strasburg Christian Church

Everyone who gave up their bed for one night and sent donations and photos will receive a t-shirt designed by 9-year old “Sweet & Petite.” Many thanks to this very artistic young lady!



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