



“Bringing Families Home. . .  
Keeping Families Together”

e-Newsletter  
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## Program at a Glance

### 2021 YTD Statistics

**15 Guest Families**

**14 Families  
Scattered Shelter**

**17 Families Forward**

**367 Services  
Housing Stabilization**

**24 HUMI/Diversion  
Families**

**369  
Children  
Served**



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## A CHILD'S FUTURE BEGINS AT HOME

Imagine being homeless at Christmas. While many of us are rushing around buying gifts and trimming the tree, dozens of families in Shenandoah County face a scene that is not so festive. Whether being recently evicted, sleeping in cars, or temporarily doubling up with family members, many homeless families face Christmas Day as just another day without the basic necessities of food or shelter.

During the past two months we have seen an increase in calls for assistance; thirty-seven in November alone! Housing and utility assistance have been met through grants and our partnership with Shenandoah Alliance and Response. Families requesting fuel assistance are unable to get to work, school and appointments due to the increase in fuel prices. This has led us to an increase in gas cards from \$25 to \$40. We buy ten per month and have regularly exhausted our supply. Requests for food are filled daily via our HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) food pantry. Nine families also receive twice monthly food box deliveries, while more than a dozen families received Thanksgiving food boxes complete with turkey and all of the fixings! Each of these needs has been met by the generosity and kindness of our community.



### 2020 Statistics

**13 Guest Families**

**5 Families  
Transitional  
Housing**

**11 Families  
Forward**

**181 Services  
Housing  
Stabilization**

**14 HUMI Families**

**145  
Children  
Served**



Through your continued generosity and support of our Scattered Sites Shelter Model, nine Shenandoah County Families will experience the joy we all are privileged to experience this holiday season. Fourteen children will wake up on Christmas morning in a warm home, with their family, food, and gifts from Santa.

At FPSC we appreciate any contribution to help us serve homeless families and help them find joy in the holiday season. If you are able to this year, please consider donating to our organization so we can help our guests have an enjoyable holiday season. We so appreciate all the donations we have already received!



*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
O come and behold Him,  
born the King of Angels  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord*



WELCOME TO THE WORLD

**Carter**

Born: 10/31/21, 9:30 am  
Weight: 7 lbs., 7 oz.  
Length: 20 inches

**PROUD PARENTS: IAN & MIKAYLA**

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## MEMORIAL Bobbie Morrison Funkhouser 1967-2021



Thank you to the family and friends of Bobbie Funkhouser for your generous outpouring of love and support totaling almost \$3,000. Our deepest sympathy to the Funkhouser family.



## Blast from the Past

Libby Rocco recently sent us this note and photos. "As Keith and I were leaving a restaurant after dinner, the bus boy said to Keith 'I think I know you two. I remember you from Family Promise.' It was Carlos from the first family we hosted. We all hugged and cried and it was just wonderful to see what a fine, young man he has become. He is a sophomore in high school and is trying out for the basketball team. I can't put into words how nice it was to reconnect with him. Carlos is the one in the middle in both pics!



## 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  
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Church

Valley Pike Church of the  
Brethren

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## Special Opportunity To Support FPSC With Tax Advantages For You:

If you are over 70½ years of age, the tax laws allow you to donate all or part of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to a church or charity and you won't have to pay any taxes on the amount you give. A Qualifying Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to donate up to \$100,000 per year directly to your church or qualified charity from your IRA and exclude it from your income, and thus your tax liability. The donation has to go directly from your IRA to your church or charity and cannot come to you and then be given. It must go directly. The money or stocks must be drawn directly from an IRA and must go directly from the IRA institution (Schwab, Fidelity, etc) to the church or charity. You, the account holder, should never touch the money.

**Example:** Jane is an active and generous 73 year old who gives to her favorite charity regularly. After retiring a few years back, she has a substantial nest egg in her IRA. The Required Minimum Distribution from her IRA (the minimum amount the government requires her to withdraw and pay taxes on this year) is \$30,000. Jane will use \$20,000 toward her living expenses but wants to donate the rest. She will send the funds directly from her individual IRA to the charity to make her donation. Since the funds go directly from her IRA to the church, it never hits her bank account and therefore it is not included in her annual adjusted gross income, thus giving her a nice charitable deduction and she is able to advance Jesus' work as well. If you have questions, speak to your financial advisor or tax consultant.



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### Your church can support us by:

- Praying for our families, staff & board members
- Providing financial support: budget line-item, guest needs fund, shelter units (scattered shelter sites & motel stays)
- Collecting items for [Welcome Home Kits](#)