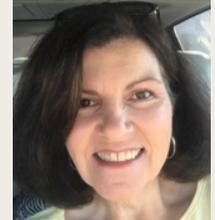




## December 2025

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### Executive Director's Update



As the Christmas season approaches, our hearts naturally turn to gratitude and reflection. This time of year reminds us of the power of generosity, kindness, and community—the same values at the heart of the Christmas story. In that story, we see light breaking through darkness, hope born in humble circumstances, and the transformational power of love. Each of these themes speaks deeply to the work we do together every day. Much like the shepherds who gathered in faith and wonder, our community has gathered around a shared mission to end family homelessness by bringing comfort, dignity, and opportunity to those who need it most.

This year, your support has led us forward. Because of your generosity, families have found stability in moving from shelter into their own homes, children have discovered the peace that comes from that stability, and neighbors have felt the strength of community. Every donation, volunteer hour, and word of encouragement has been a gift.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we all remember that the spirit of that first night—humility, hope, and love—lives on in every caring gesture and every act of service. On behalf of our board, staff, and all those whose lives you've touched, thank you for being such an important part of Family Promise of Shenandoah County's story.

Wishing you peace, joy, and renewed hope this Christmas and in the year ahead.

*Kelly*

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."*

Luke 2:14

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Case Manager's Corner  
*Holly*



December 6th is our 3rd annual breakfast with Santa. Our graduate families are excited to return, and our current families are equally eager to join in the fun. This special event brings past and present families—and our staff—together to share the love and joy of the holiday season.

Santa will be joining us, and nothing compares to the delight on the children's faces when they get a special moment with him to share their Christmas wish.. Guests will enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, decorate festive cookies, and listen to a story that reminds us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

Families will leave with happy—and perhaps a little sticky—children, and our hope is that they carry the warmth, joy, and spirit of Christmas with them throughout the season.

Pictures to follow in next month's newsletter.



**As we approach the holiday season, we continue to need support and help from our community. We would like to provide our guest and graduate families with food boxes for Christmas. As many of our families are not able to or wish not to prepare a traditional meal for these holidays, we are suggesting the following for those who are able to help:**

- Frozen “family size” lasagna (e.g. Stouffers, store brand)
- Frozen “family size” turkey/dressing (e.g. Stouffers, store brand)
- Frozen “family size” macaroni and cheese (e.g. Stouffers, store brand)
- Frozen pies (e.g. Mrs. Smith’s, Marie Callendar, store brand)
  - Instant mashed potatoes
  - Stove Top dressing
  - gravy (jar or packets)
- “Slice and bake” cookies (e.g. Pillsbury, Nestle) (you may also wish to include a can of frosting and sprinkles)
- Bag of seasonal candy

**Items may be brought to the Family Center during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday: 9 am-5 pm; Friday: 9 am-4 pm).**

**Christmas collection deadline: December 17, 2025**



**SHENTEL EMPLOYEES  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION & HELP!**



*Let's get acquainted .....*

**Chris Elbon  
Board Member**

Hello, my name is Chris Elbon. I am a Shenandoah County native being born and raised in Strasburg, VA and have lived for the past 53 years. I was a 1990 graduate of Strasburg High School.

Through my High School years, I worked at Cardinal Electrical Supply in Stephens City. In 1994, I was hired at Green Bay Packaging, Inc where I have been employed for the past 31 years. During my employment there, I have been in a supervisory role and many process improvement positions. Nine years ago, I was moved into the Maintenance Superintendent position of this facility where I oversee the daily maintenance of the machinery and facility, maintaining upkeep and budget within the maintenance department. During my time at Green Bay Packaging, I have taken many leadership training classes including a Leadership Inspired Certificate Program.

I am a member of Strasburg Christian Church where I serve as a Deacon and fill in as a lay speaker in our church as well as several other churches within the county. Before joining Strasburg Christian Church, I was a member of Mt. Olive United Methodist Church where I served in many roles such as PPM Chair and Chair of the Administrative Board.

I have been married to my wife Lawana for 24 years and we have 2 daughters Jackie (23) who is a paralegal and Maira (18) is a CNA and is enrolled at LRCC pursuing her RN nursing certification. We also have 3 crazy labrador retrievers (Murphy, Hazel, and Walter) that keep us busy.



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