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NEWSLETTER

FAMILY PROMISE OF
SHENANDOAH COUNTY



Update from our Executive Director



Every day at Family Promise of Shenandoah County, we see the incredible power of community support. It reminds us that we can change the path of someone's life when we come together with purpose.

We felt that sense of community during our recent Steak Dinner Fundraiser. What an incredible evening! We are grateful for our sponsors and the local businesses that donated goods and services. Volunteers, including more than two dozen local high school students, worked together to prepare and serve 500 meals. Every steak served, every raffle ticket purchased, and every piece of peanut butter pie enjoyed helped strengthen our programs serving needy local families.

Thanks to the generosity of our attendees, sponsors, and volunteers, we raised over \$18,000 to support our mission of ending family homelessness in Shenandoah County. Each contribution, big or small, strengthens Family Promise. Because of your continued support, we've been able to keep dozens of families housed and warm, feed over 200 families with 392 children, and provide the case management and ongoing connection that helps families remain stable.

As we look ahead, we invite you to stay engaged — by volunteering, donating, or simply sharing our mission with friends and neighbors. Events like our Annual Steak Dinner prove that community support isn't just about fundraising — it's about connection. Together, we shared great food, great company, and an even greater purpose. Thank you for helping us turn one night into lasting impact.

Wishing you peace,
Kelly

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keeping families together"*

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📅 **SAVE THE DATE: FPSC
Golf Tournament-July 31, 2026**

*Stay tuned for a rebranded
updated website*

Case Manager's Corner



Three years ago, we received a call from Mary. Because of an increase in rent, her family's apartment was no longer affordable. We brought them into shelter, began weekly case management, and started searching for an affordable apartment. Within a couple of months they found a place and have remained stable with minimal assistance from us. We continued to offer support through regular phone calls and visits.

As her children grew more independent, the stairs and the laundry facilities in their apartment proved to be increasingly difficult especially with her special needs child who requires more supervision. Mary reached out to let us know she was considering finding an apartment better suited for the needs of her family.

While this was not an easy decision, she had our support and encouragement every step of the way. When she finally found a new place, she asked if I could join her for the walkthrough. The apartment has a ramp and no steps, three large bedrooms, two bathrooms, and most importantly, a washer and dryer. She and her children will not have to leave the apartment to do laundry.

But the moment that brought her the most joy was seeing the refrigerator, complete with a water and ice dispenser in the door. She was so excited and said this was something she had always wanted.

We are so excited for this new chapter in this family's life and can't wait to see what other amazing opportunities present themselves.

~ Holly

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MEET OUR OUTREACH COORDINATOR

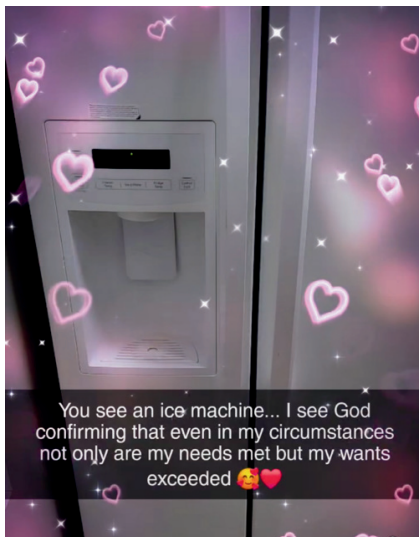
Jennifer Matias Dufner

Hi, I'm Jen. I am a single mom of 3 that has been putting my life back together since last July. I heard of Family Promise here and there since I moved to Shenandoah County in 2018 but never really delved into the mission.

I have been a substitute teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary for three years and loved helping and getting to know the kiddos. I loved it so much I contemplated going back to school to be a school counselor. Last year, I also started another part time job with the Town of Woodstock as the Marketing and Events Coordinator, where I really started to get to know the ins and outs of all the fantastic local businesses, artists and non-profits in the area so again I came across the Family Promise name.

Fast forward to 2025, when I had to really decide on what to do for income to live on but I also wanted to love and believe in what I did for a living. The opportunity at Family Promise dropped in my lap and I jumped on it. Kelly and Holly asked me to come in for an interview and it felt like just getting together with friends. It is such a wonderful fit and I feel like I am meant to be here. The team here is fantastic and the mission also fulfills my passion to help others in a position, like I once myself have been in, that just need guidance and assistance getting back on their feet. The kids are the focus, and in my humble opinion, should be. I believe we make a difference in families' lives.

I am excited to get our social accounts up and active and give the website a fresh look so we can show the world how amazing this organization is and how they can plug in and donate so we can continue to help families in Shenandoah County.



A simple gratitude post by Mary which highlights that the simple things to some have a big impact to others. It really is the little things that can bring joy to you depending on your perspective.

Another Steak Dinner is in the books

Thank you, thank you, thank you to this awesome community for your continued support! Proceeds from our annual steak dinner fundraiser held in early March exceeded \$18,000!



OUR STAFF

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



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First Quarter, 2026: COST OF SERVICES

| SERVICE | Amount | Families | Children | 2026 |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------|
| Utilities | \$6,389.33 | | | |
| Rent | \$5,434.20 | | | |
| Move in | \$0.00 | | | |
| Motels | \$1,908.90 | | | |
| Childcare | \$403.50 | | | |
| Other | \$2,782.06 | | | |
| Shelter | \$12,536.54 | | | |
| Food | \$2,384.76 | | | |
| Total | \$31,839.29 | 87 | 152 | |

1/1-3/31/2026

**Received from a former guest we assisted with a recent utility bill:
 "Thank you so much. I really appreciate all of you guys and everything you have done for us!"**