



“Bringing Families Home. . .

Keeping Families Together”

e-Newsletter
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A CHILD’S FUTURE BEGINS AT HOME

In early February, the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development released their annual Point-in-Time Count detailing the number of people who are homeless on any given night in America. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Point-in-Time Counts were difficult to complete, so 40% of unsheltered Americans went unreported. This year’s report focused only on those experiencing sheltered homelessness; defined as spending the night in emergency shelters or in transitional/temporary housing.

Nationally the number of families experiencing homelessness was reported to have fallen by 15%. Contributing factors to this decrease may have included economic impact payments and the eviction moratorium. The report also graciously acknowledged the efforts of homeless response systems and providers.

In direct contrast to the national findings, Family Promise of Shenandoah County saw a marked increase in the number of families seeking assistance. The number of families served through our Transitional Housing/Scattered Sites Program increased by 61%. Families who were helped to either maintain housing or move into an affordable home increased by 121%. And finally, the number of children served by all of our stabilization services increased from 145 to 458. That is an increase of 215% ! As you can see, children are the very heart of Family Promise.



Partner Churches

All Soul's Anglican Church

Antioch Church

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 Lutheran Parish

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 – New Market

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church – Woodstock

New Market Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Oak Level Church

Our Lady of the Shenandoah Catholic Church

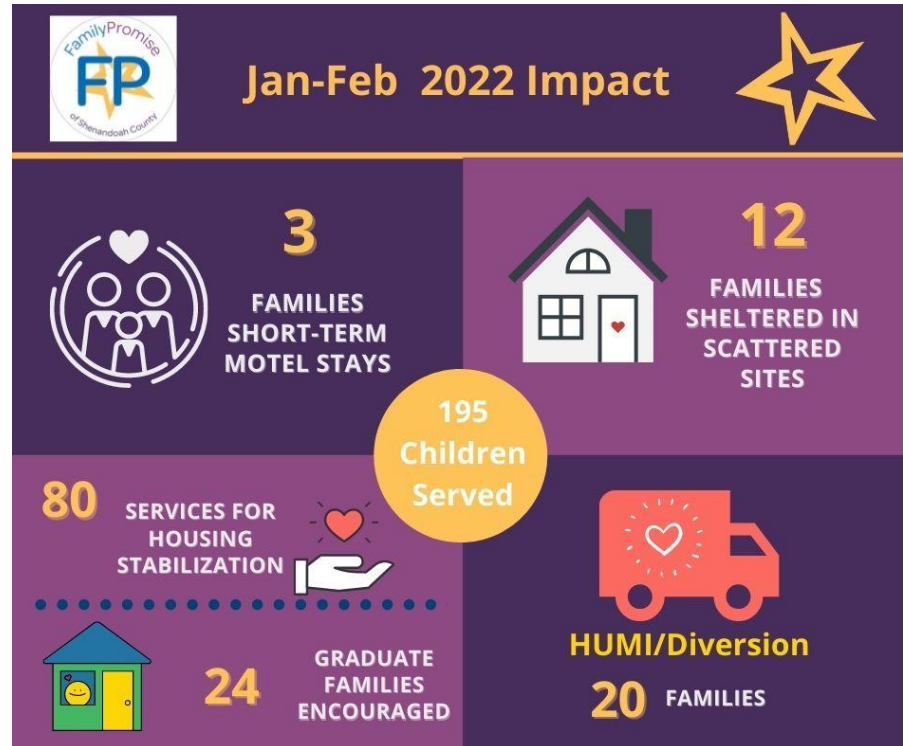
Reasoning Tree Church

Reformation Lutheran Church

Round Hill Church of the Brethren

In 2022 we will be increasing our Stabilization efforts. Family Promise of Shenandoah County has been awarded a \$10,000 Community Match Grant from Clayton. *Your generous contributions will enable us to continually improve the lives of local children.* Help us end housing insecurity for our community's youngest members.

Proverbs 19:17 - Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



FPSC Welcomes New Intern

My name is Madelyn Baldwin and I am working at FPSC as an intern this semester. Originally from Virginia Beach, VA, I am graduating from James Madison University with my Bachelor's of Social Work in May. I'm also graduating with minors in Family Studies and Dance. After I graduate, I will be going to California this summer to work in Big Sur State Park. Then I plan to move to Raleigh, NC to pursue ministry and nonprofit work.

Partner Churches (cont.)

Shenandoah
Community Fellowship
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. Pau's I UCC
St. Luke's UCC
"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



Family Promise of Shenandoah County
Steak Dinner
April 2, 2022
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Antioch Church

23502 Senedo Rd., Woodstock

CARRY-OUT ONLY

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE ONLY
until March 26th**

Click Image to Purchase Ticket(s)

Need assistance? Call 540-459-4599

Print out receipt & bring with you to pickup meal.

\$25.00 per person

Steak * Baked Potato * Green Beans

Coleslaw * Roll * Cake



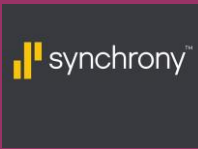
FPSC Receives \$1,000 Grant from The Starbucks Foundation!

This round of Neighborhood Grants focused on supporting organizations that address a critical need in the community and that Starbucks employees are passionate about. During the 2021 holiday season, the foundation received over 11,000 submissions from Starbucks partners across the U.S. and Canada and are proud to recognize and support your organization as one of more than 1,200 nonprofits selected to receive a Neighborhood Grant.

Suzie Meadows, manager of the Woodstock Starbucks nominated Family Promise of Shenandoah County to receive this grant. **Thank you so much Suzie & Starbucks!**

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Congratulations Alex Boudreau



So proud of you, Alex, for being selected to serve on the Guest Advisory Board (GAC) for Family Promise National!

The Family Promise Guest Advisory Council (GAC) is comprised of graduate guests of Affiliates across the country. The GAC is drawn upon for advocacy efforts, public relations, the development of initiatives, and the formation of policy for Affiliates.

March 26, 9 am through April 18, 9 pm

www.shenandoahfamilypromise.org

5th Annual Auction

We are looking for quality items and experiences to include in the auction. Please contact Ellen Bowers at 540-325-9362 or email treorcoco1@yahoo.com

FPSC Receives Clayton FBH Housing Grant

In 2019, Family Promise National launched an innovative initiative to create and strengthen homelessness prevention and stabilization programs across Family Promise's 200 Affiliates. The national nonprofit partnered with Clayton, one of the nation's largest off-site and on-site home builders. Clayton and Family Promise agreed that the underlying causes of homelessness, including the affordable housing crisis, needed to be urgently addressed. The new initiative sparked program growth and capacity building across the Family Promise network.

In February, FPSC was awarded a \$10,000 grant through this initiative. *We need to raise an additional \$10,000 of community matching funds.* Thank you Family Promise National & Clayton!



PROUD 2021 IMPACT GRANT RECIPIENT

United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley

