

Newsletter
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Program at a Glance

2020 YTD Statistics

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Guest Families

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Families
Transitional Housing
Program

11

Families
After-Care Program



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Message from Sherry

February is the border between winter and spring. (Terri Guillemets) And it can be a lot of winter in February! I do monitor the forecasts carefully and will place the families in a local motel for the night when necessary to keep the families safe, the van driver safe, and the volunteers safe.

FPSC will soon have some videos to post on our Facebook page and on our website thanks to Diane Pence, Outreach Coordinator, and Alfio Vasta, student at Ithaca College. These videos will feature current and previous guests, board members, coordinators, pastors, and other FPSC supporters. The videos tell the FPSC story from each person's viewpoint and in their own words – some powerful testimonies of the impact FPSC and volunteers have. Stay tuned!

*Sherry Arey
Executive Director*



2019 Statistics

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Families Served

51

Individuals Served

25

Adults Served

27

Children Served

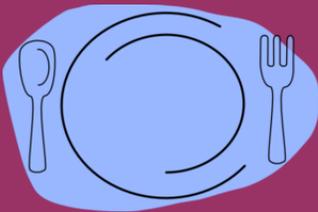
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Children 5 & Under



5,212

Meals Provided



2,606

Safe Nights



9,500+

Volunteer Hours



Case Manager's Corner

Good News! FPSC now has 3 Transitional Housing (TH) units! We helped Maranda and her daughter, Amy, move into their 2 BR apartment recently and it is now completely furnished!



While families are in the TH program, I provide additional case management services and life skills. One program they participate in is the *Keys to Good Tenancy Program* (KGTP). This provides families with the knowledge and skills to be good tenants. They receive a certificate of completion which can be given to their new landlord to show they can be a good neighbor and tenant.

Three families are currently participating in KGTP – one in the Shelter Program and two in TH. *The Keys to Good Tenancy Program* is divided into 8 modules:

- Setting Goals
- Finding a Place to Rent
- Understanding Your Lease
- Moving Day
- Household Budgeting
- Cleaning, Organizing, and Maintenance
- Being A Good Neighbor
- Renter's Rights

Although the information is the same, there is some difference in how quickly a family can progress through the modules, each may take up to 45 minutes (depending on the amount of discussion). The current family in the Shelter Program is working through the modules with the goal of being completed prior to moving into their apartment. A family in the TH program will have different goals and the program can be extended out for a longer period of time.

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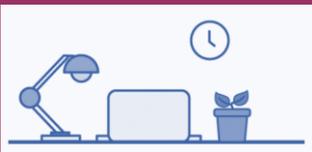
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The 2020 Family Promise Steak Dinner & Silent Auction is coming up on March 28. Don't miss this exciting event and the chance to have some fun while supporting Family Promise! Tickets are on sale now at Antioch Church, Monday-Friday, 9AM-5PM. *Also be watching for the office to send out a link where you soon will be able to purchase tickets or sponsor the event online.* For more info please call 540-333-1976.

To keep our Silent Auction exciting we are looking for quality items to include. Unique articles, collectibles, experiences, and vacations are desired as well as top quality baked goods for our sweets table. Talk to your friends, family, church, or business and see what amazing ideas you can come up with. The committee also asks that each church which supports Family Promise consider putting together a theme basket as they are always a hit with the bidders.

No matter what you do - eat, donate, sponsor, or volunteer - FPSC thanks you from the bottom of our hearts for your support! If you are interested in helping volunteer at the event please contact Becky at 333-1976.



Public Transit Update

The Shen. Co. Board of Supervisors voted 6-0 to approve supporting the submittal of the Public Transit grant by the NSVRC. This means the County will support funding their portion of the grant once we receive it from the State. The grant will be submitted by the end of the month. Grants are awarded in June/July this year. This is such great news for those in need of public transit in our county!



Laundry Detergent
13 Gal. Kitchen Trash Bags
Lysol Disinfectant Spray
Hand Sanitizer (10 oz size)
Air Freshener
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Leaf Blower w/ Long Extension Cord

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
Methodist Church

New Market Seventh-Day
Adventist Church

St. John Bosco Catholic
Church

St. John's United
Methodist Church

Shenandoah Valley Teen
Challenge

Shrine Mont

Strasburg Assembly of God

Strasburg Christian
Church

Valley Pike Church of the
Brethren

Wakemans Grove Church
of the Brethren



Save the Dates



- **Steak Dinner & Silent Auction, Mar. 28, 2020**
- **Barn Dance & BBQ, May 31, 2020**
- **2nd Annual Golf Tournament, Oct. 10, 2020**
- **Cardboard City, Fall 2020, date TBD**

The Growing Tree School

Many thanks to Nancy Ritenour, Suzanne Clarke, and The Growing Tree School for supporting Family Promise of Shenandoah County. During Advent they collected food items for the center. Each day on their Advent Calendar they had a specific item for students to bring in: Cereal, peanut butter, etc. Suzanne Clarke said, "As we anticipated Jesus birth and his gift to us we wanted to share gifts with those less fortunate."

The Growing Tree School has been serving the greater Woodstock, Virginia community since the fall of 2012 as a continuation of The Community Christian School which was located on Rt. 11 near Maurertown, Virginia. The mission of The Growing Tree School is to raise students up in a religious, academic and exploratory atmosphere permeated in the teachings of Jesus, making disciples to obey the voice of God. The school has approximately 40 students from pre-school (3 years old) through 5th grade.

They say, "It is a great privilege to serve those who serve others!"



God will equip me for works of service.

Thanks for the service you provide to our families!