



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

Hello, Supporters and Friends:

As I was thinking of what to write as an introduction to this newsletter, one word came to mind--**Overwhelmed**.

I'm writing about October in the middle of November, so it seems like an appropriate word, right?

In the non-profit world, and in life in general, feelings of overwhelm can come from both positive and negative aspects.

October was filled to the brim with so many great things--our shelter resident has achieved so much (Page 2); we've hired a wonderful new staff member (Page 3); the Empty Bowl is coming up, albeit rapidly (Pages 5-7); its Bell Ringing Season (Page 2); and conversely, some not so great things, like the highlight on Page 4.

Gratefully, the not so great things do not outnumber the truly great things.

Thank you for your patience, for sharing in our joy, and helping us carry the load that can sometimes feel too overwhelming--

Katie



Katie Furneisen
Executive Director

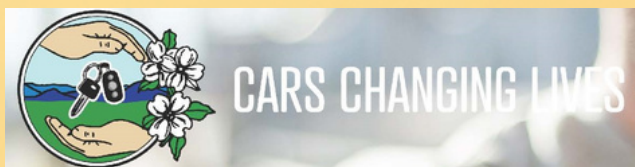
Housing Stability & Community Partnership Funds

Sibert's House Project



There were some minor hiccups with our shelter residents new unit, but as this newsletter hits your inbox, they are happily residing in their new home!

We would also like to send a **BIG THANK YOU** to Cars Changing Lives, who were able to help our resident access a much needed vehicle this month.

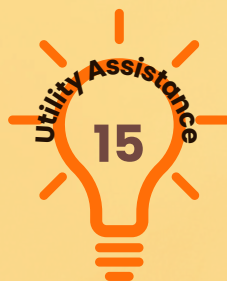


BJ Stout-Ritter
Housing Stability Counselor

\$15,731.15

In Financial Assistance provided to **32** Shenandoah County Residents in both Utility & Rent/Mortgage Assistance.

Fiscal year 2025
(July 2024-June 2025)



OCTOBER 2024 Households Served



Red Kettle Season is Upon us!

Did you know 90% of funds collected in the annual Red Kettle campaign in Shenandoah County from Mid-November through Christmas by the Shenandoah County Salvation Army Service Unit are administered by Shenandoah Alliance in support of utility, rent and mortgage assistance for county residents.

Want to sign up to ring a bell? Reach out to Scott Currie at: sscurrie@yahoo.com

Partner Organizations & Private Grants:

Woodstock Ministerial Association
Strasburg Local Relief
Maurertown Brethren Church
Wakeman's Grove
St. John's Bosco
Edinburg Ministerial Association
New Market Presbyterian Church
St. Mary's Church of the Pine
Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative
Shenandoah Community Foundation

Salvation Army Funds:

Funds from Shenandoah County Salvation Army Service unit to administer the funds collected in the Red Kettles for utility/rent/mortgage assistance to Shenandoah County residents.

Use the QR Code to
Make a Donation to the
Virtual Kettle Year Round!



Centralized Housing Intake: OCTOBER

1121 Total Strength Based Client Interactions

64 Households Referred to Community Organizations for Assistance

SAY HELLO TO BECKY



Becky Thorpe
Centralized Housing
Intake Coordinator

Becky is our new Centralized Housing Intake Coordinator that will join alongside our partners at Mercy House in managing the coordinated entry line for those experiencing a housing crisis. She comes to us with 26 years of experience with the Head Start Program. Walk-ins are available at Page One every other Tuesday from 8:30AM-11:00AM and our office at 135 South Main Street, Second Floor, Woodstock, by appointment.



If you know someone who is experiencing a housing crisis, please have them call Centralized Housing Intake at 540-271-1701 to complete an eligibility screening.



Learn about the CHI Program here: continuumofcare513.com

217
Housing Calls

0
Calls for
Housing &
Utility

19
Resource
Connections

46
Utility Calls

This month SAS completed 282 unique phone calls, broken down to the left by category.

This is a 26% decrease in calls from September

Housing Corner



Megan Bly
Certified Housing Counselor

World Homeless Day

October 10th

We celebrated, or should I say, brought awareness to the importance of providing safe and livable conditions for people who are experiencing homelessness. Many of the consumers we serve have high barriers and will be forced to live in less than desirable housing units. Recently, I completed a housing inspection at a unit that the landlord said I could "look at any time." There were countless things wrong with this unit that would deem it unsafe for habitation but the most alarming thing was the amount of mold in this unit. We show you these pictures because we want it to be impactful. These are units that some people will be forced to live in because of the amount of barriers that are put in place to keep people out of housing. This unit failed every mark, and it was reported to the local authorities of this town. It is completely unsafe and uninhabitable.

New Referrals

19

Calls this Month

206

Rental Assistance by Grant Funded
Projects in the month of October

\$3,333.35



§ 8.01-226.12. Duty of landlord and managing agent with respect to visible mold.

E. If visible evidence of mold occurs within the dwelling unit, the landlord or managing agent with the maintenance responsibilities shall, exercising ordinary care, perform mold remediation in accordance with professional standards.

Empty Bowl Highlights



Soups:

Blue Wing Frog: Potato-GF
Swover Creek: Mushroom Barley
Spring House: Tomato Basil-GF &
Vegan
Happenings: Cheeseburger
Triplett: Taco



Breads:

Swover Creek Farm
Karen Fansler-Ryan
Walmart



Potters:

Kary Haun
Sarah Kohrs
Miranda Long, Small Town Clay
Barbarah Robertson
George Van Dyke
Chuck Brome, Limeton Pottery
Gail King, Millcreek Pottery
Woodturners of the Virginias



Dessert Auction:

Sweet Potato Pie
Coconut Cream Pie
Peanut Butter Fudge
Cheese Cake
Chocolate Almond Bark
Cupcake Bouquet
& Maybe MORE!!

Silent Auction Items from:

Julie Reeves * Woodturners of the Virginia's * Mike Sorge * Scott Schlosser
* Ray Patterson * Tom Coker * Small Town Clay / Miranda Long *
Bryan Baker * St. Paul – Jerome Sewing Circle * Sharon Isralow * Vicki
McClinton * Susie Wilburn * Wildbirds Unlimited of Winchester *The
Buttercup * Plow & Hearth * Sherrie Rittenour * Rockingham Coop –
Strasburg * Queen Street Diner * Bev Butterfield – Fieldsmith Home Arts
Matt Shaffer * Judy Rhodes * Janet Buddington * Rt. 11 Potato Chips * Bryce
Resort * Flour & Water * Italian Touch – Mt. Jackson * Muse Vineyards *
Travelers Treasures – Joy Nault * Mountain Heritage Bar & Grill *Blue
Shepherd Spirits & Blues Dog Bowl * Las Trancas Restaurant * Helen Jean
Smith * Craig Furneisen * Ken Lutz Tree Service * Moo Manor Farm –
Dennis Morris * Bakers Pork – Steve Baker * Shenandoah Second Wind –
Kenn Nilsen * Dottie Brown * Yoder's Market * Latitudes Fair Trade of
Staunton * Mill Street Grill – Staunton * Wolf Gap Vineyard * Bean's
Barbecue * Mowery's Orchard * Mainstreet Teaze & Tweeze – Christy
Stottlemeyer * Inspired Fusion * The Winery at Kindred Pointe * Restorative
Getaways LLC * Ann Heap... & Lots of "Friends of SAS"!!



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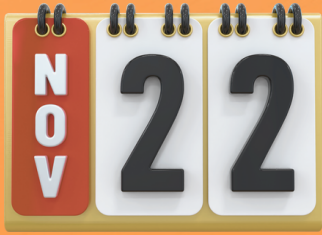
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SAVE THE DATE



The 33rd Annual Empty Bowl Soup Supper will take place from 5:30pm-7:30pm on Friday, November 22nd.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE:

<https://donorbox.org/events/693372>



November

NOVEMBER 4TH: SAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NOVEMBER 4TH: CoC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7TH: HMIS REFRESHER TRAINING
NOVEMBER 7TH: MEETING WITH FAMILY PROMISE
NOVEMBER 7TH: REALTOR NETWORK MEETING
NOVEMBER 11TH: OFFICE CLOSED
NOVEMBER 12TH: PACA MEETING
NOVEMBER 13TH-15TH: VIRGINIA GOVERNOR HOUSING CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 13TH: COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM MEETING
NOVEMBER 14TH: CoC CENTRALIZED HOUSING INTAKE MEETING
NOVEMBER 14TH: SAS BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 15TH: WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM
NOVEMBER 19TH: CoC COMPLIANCE AND EVALUATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19TH: CoC MEDIA AND ADVOCACY MEETING
NOVEMBER 22ND: 33RD ANNUAL EMPTY BOWL SOUP SUPPER
NOVEMBER 28TH-29TH: OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

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